



ELDEAN News

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INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE

Labor Day Luau Sign Up!

Please sign up to attend the Labor Day party on Sunday, Sept. 4th. The last page of the newsletter provides all the details you need.

If you play an instrument, bring it to the party and you can play a song or two along with the one-man band. Last year Fred Gorr joined in with his accordion and Trudy Fetters played along with her spoons. Go ahead, show-off your skills. The Eldeans are a non-musical clan, so we are depending on you!

The Big Red Classic...

The fishing tournament was a lot of fun again this year. Eldean Shipyard was a proud sponsor, and Eldean Fishing Team had a great time getting together and fishing. We didn't catch as many fish as we would have liked, but we had a great time trying. The biggest salmon caught in the tournament was 27 lbs and the proud angler won \$1600 for this prize fish.

The Chicago Mac...

This years Chicago Mackinac race was unfortunately headlined with tragedy, as winds over 70 mph hit and several boats were literally racing for their lives. One boat capsized, drowning 2 of its racers. Boats nearby came to their aid and helped save the lives of the rest of the crew.

A few race teams out of Eldean Shipyard finished very well despite the tragic circumstances. Congratulations are in order for "Sufficient Reason" and "Roxy" from Z-Dock, "Willie J" from C-dock, and "Windquest" from E-Dock. Winter Storage Customers "Drumbeat", "TRUE", "Tyrant", "Zephyr", "Challenge", and "Sin Duda" also did very well. Congratulations!

The Canada's Cup is coming!

MBYC will be hosting the prestigious Canada's cup later this month. Perhaps you have already seen the boats out practicing? These are highly competitive Farr 40 racing yachts and crewmembers (many are professional racers) and it would be worth a boat ride to go out and watch. The races will be held on Lake Michigan, a mile or two off shore.



If you are interested in following the race closely and learning about tactics and 'Match Racing', MBYC will be hosting a nightly debrief where a video of the day's race will be shown and discussed (all shipyard boaters are invited).

Take a look at this [SailWorld.com](http://www.sailworld.com) article or go to <http://www.canadacup2011.us/> for more information. MBYC is also looking for volunteers to help out. Any interested volunteers should contact David Sligh at david@midwestpallet.com.

Winter Storage Season is Coming...

Like it or not, the summer is coming to an end. Even if you try to get the most of it and stay in the water well into October, the time will come to haul out and store for the winter. So, if you haven't already, please send us a check for \$500 to reserve your space for winter storage. If you have any questions related to storage or repair work this winter, please call or email Matt Eldean, matt@eldean.com

From our Service Department...

Ultra low sulfur diesel fuel, now required by the EPA to be sold by virtually all marinas, contains less than 15 parts per million (a 90% reduction) of sulfur and is better for the environment. However, it can cause a multitude of fuel related problems and requires more than just a biocide that only prevents bacteria.

Ultra low sulfur diesel fuel quickly becomes unstable and contains a high moisture content that leads to corrosion, sludge and plugged fuel filters.

More importantly, the sulfur in high sulfur diesel fuel lubricated the fuel injectors and fuel pump. The lack of lubrication can cause expensive premature failure of injectors and fuel pumps unless the ultra low sulfur diesel is treated with a lubricity improver.

-Jerry Nessenson, president of Valvtect Petroleum, states, "To offset the multiple problems that can be caused by ultra low sulfur diesel fuel, boaters have been forced to use several products. This has been a confusing, inconvenient and expensive process. ValvTect's BioGuard Plus 6 contains BioGuard micro-biocide and six other additional components, including a lubricity improver, all compatible and in the correct ratios, to provide boaters with the best protection at the lowest cost."

Diesel sold at our fuel dock is premixed with Valvtect BioGuard, so adding another additive is not necessary. However, if you have filled up your tank at a fuel dock without Valvtect BioGuard, it is probably a good idea to mix some in yourself. Stop by the Shipstore for your Valvtect products.

A dockline tip...

This a tip from PMY Magazine: "Stiff Docklines can be a pain to handle, much less to wrap around a cleat and tie off. But there's an easy way to bring them back from their rigor mortis stage. After washing the lines in mild detergent and rinsing them thoroughly with fresh water, I soak the lines in fabric softener overnight. You'd be amazed at how they come back to life. If your lines are too big for a five-gallon bucket, try using a cooler."

Tiny Treasures, an advocates adventure...

Fellow boater Mary McKinney Schmidt (E-31) is an environmentalist that is actively advocating to protect Lake Michigan and all of the life along its shores. Her most recent project is described by the following: "A woman in her mid-fifties packs her car with hiking shoes, a hodgepodge of camping gear, and a bicycle and sets off alone to explore the eastern coastline of Lake Michigan. A former executive accustomed to five star hotels, she transitions to the rugged, often hilarious life of one surviving spring in campgrounds stretching from the Indiana Dunes to Sleeping Bear. Always with her, poking their colorful faces through the drab remnants of winter, are wildflowers. Listen, laugh, and see through the lens of her cameras, how these tiny treasures influence her life."

From this project, Mary has created a book, note cards, and flashcards that catalogue the wildflowers and invasive species that she photographed along her journey. The book is for sale in our Shipstore and visit <http://www.tinytreasurestore.com/> for her other products and more information.

Congratulations Newlyweds!



Several of you watched as Ken and Valerie (Z-20) were married on the lawn outside the Piper Restaurant. It was a beautiful night and ceremony in Macatawa. Congratulations Ken and Val, and we wish you many happy years to come!

The Vander Leek Hospice Cup...

This year's Vander Leek Cup, benefiting Hospice, will be held at MBYC on Saturday, August 20. Contact MBYC for Details or [click here](#).

The Clean & Green Marina Corner...

Please check for water leaks where you connect your hose. In the event that the leak/problem is with your hose or your connection at the boat, please try to correct your leaks or come to us for assistance. If the leak is originating at our spigot, just let us know so that we can have it repaired. Stopping water leaks obviously saves water, but it also saves money as well; a win-win situation!

Submit your photos...

With such great camera technology in our hands, all of us have become amateur photographers. Next time you take a remarkable photo of a boating event, a sunset, a flower at the marina, or a fun picnic, please email them to Wade@eldean.com or drop off a disk at the Shipstore. Photos will be shared in the newsletter and on Facebook so your dock neighbors and friends can share in the fun. Or, if you upload your photos to Facebook, just tag Eldean Shipyard in the photo.



- News from the Piper -



September Hours

Piper will be open throughout Labor Day weekend opening each night at 5:00 p.m. Starting September 11 & 12, Piper is closed on Sundays and Mondays until Memorial Day Weekend 2012. And remember, Piper is open **YEAR ROUND**, so come visit us after the boating season has concluded!

Happy Hour

Happy hour extends through the end of September. Happy hour is from 5:00 to 6:00 on any night we are open except Saturday evenings. Sunset hour is the last half hour of dinner service. Come enjoy a snack—When sitting in the bar area, all starters are priced at 50%--as well as \$3.00 draft beers and house wine. Spend some quality time with your dock mates.

Party Time-“As Simple As it Gets”

The Piper staff makes banquets, weddings, and rehearsal dinners stress free. The Piper can help you plan Christmas and holiday parties from 10 to 135 with just one phone call. You plan the guest list, and Piper will create a memorable event for you and your guests. Plan your special get-together now while you have a wide selection of dates.

Gracias, Merci, Thank You

Was there someone special on your dock this summer that was an awesome neighbor who retied your boat during a storm, loaned you tools, or rescued your drowning pet?

- A Piper Gift Card is a great way to say **Thank You**. Gift cards are available in any amount.

Piper Email List

Starting in October, look for coupons in our e-mail newsletters. Sign up to be on our e-mail list at PiperRestaurant.com or fill in your e-mail address on one of our comment cards when you come in for dinner. The coupons provide another great reason to meet friends at the Piper -enjoy a great value too! Also, for a great value, plan on meeting on Friday nights when the Piper presents four featured bottles of wines for \$15.00 each.

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Season Finale



Labor Day Luau, AKA: “Pork Fest” ***Sunday, September 4th***

Yes we will be there and will bring:
(Check one Item)

- If your group is large (4+), please bring
a proper proportion of food.

_____ *Appetizer*

_____ *Salad*

_____ *Dessert*

Number of Guests:

_____ *Porkers*

_____ *Chicken*

_____ *Total at \$5.00 = _____*

Name: _____

Featuring:

- **Pork Barbeque**
- **Corn on the Cob and Other Stuff**
- **Chicken available for Non-Porkers**
- **HOT DOGS for Kids**

Music and Beer begin at 5PM

Appetizers Start at 5:30pm, Pig Out 6:00pm

Sign-up in the SHIPSTORE

-or-

Fill out the coupon and mail it with your check to:

**Eldean Pork Fest
2223 S. Shore Dr.
Macatawa, MI 49434**

Or drop it off at the Ship's Store

Reservations by Aug. 28th

To avoid last minute confusion and/or the possibility of running out of food, **no reservations after Aug 28th**. -All payments to the Ship's Store by 5pm Sunday, August 28th. All non-paid reservations are cancelled at 5PM Saturday, Sept 3rd.