



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. 2nd. The last page of the newsletter provides all the details you need.

Congrats Mac Racers!

The 104th Race to Mackinac went well this year for many of our local racers. Special Congratulations are in order for "Sufficient Reason" who took 1st in their division, Section 3. I asked Mitch, "What made your boat so fast?" His response, "The great bottom we got at Eldean Shipyard!" Thanks Mitch!

Also, please congratulate Windquest, Julianna, True, Tripwire, Challenge (2nd in Section 6), Willie J, Roxie, Heartbreaker (3rd in the Mackinac Cup Division, Tyrant (3rd in Section 2), Zephyr, and the other boats sailing out of Eldean Shipyard, MBYC and Lake Macatawa!



Julianna at the Start (Center)

Tim and Julianna Klaff (Z-46) raced their Beneteau 361, Julianna in the Mac for the first time. The Klaffs had included me in their Facebook group which helped with the crew communicate and allowed interested friends and family to follow along. After the race the Captain and Crew reminisced about the race on Facebook as we all listened in. Kristen wrote one of my favorite posts that gives a great 'stream of consciousness' accounting of the events:

"A few other tidbits: lake water bucket showers sitting on the transom in the doldrums (cold!), Julie washing some rancid laundry off the back with dish soap, sleeping in/around piles of duffles praying for no avalanche, me up the mast 3 times & Tim trying to tell me the halyard was stuck so I couldn't get down, using up the last gallon of water (thankfully we weren't out there another day!), pork roast with mashed potatoes, Tim's gourmet breakfasts, unimaginable boat stink, gorgeous scenery, sail changes in the black of night, pulling on foulies at 2am while still asleep, biting black flies, cheeks that hurt from laughing, raw buttbones from sitting on the nonskid deck, crap strewn everywhere, chart plotting & debating courses, when to jibe, jockeying back & forth with other boats to stay ahead, blisters, stories, seeing the bridge & getting all sappy, watching Mike raise the Sail with Courtney flag, seeing Sleeping Bear Dunes towering & awesome, crystal clear Caribbean-like blue water, tying one on this last night, my parents waiting for us at the marina & cheering our arrival, pre-made pb&j sandwiches because it was too rough to cook, our crazy insane start (Tim can tell this story!), sea shanty songs, lots of lighthouses, praying we don't run aground in the black of night surrounded by reefs & islands while running downwind surfing big waves at top speed, pushing through to stay awake on watch at night, lightning, mass chaos, mayhem, teamwork, pride, friends, laughs (my cheeks still hurt!), bonding....yeah all that stuff & so much more."
- Kristen

Sounds like a lot of fun to me!

The Vander Leek Hospice Cup...

This year's Vander Leek Cup, benefiting Hospice, will be held at MBYC on Sat. August 18. Contact MBYC or www.vanderleekcup.com for Details.

New Weather Buoy...

Approximately 2 miles off Holland Harbor is a new weather buoy monitoring lake and weather conditions and collecting data. Fisherman, Sailors, Boaters, Surfers, Commercial Vessels, and Beach Goers may all find useful information. The [information is reported on this website](#). Also, click here for the [Press Release](#).

Free Gym Memberships for YOU!

Most boaters are pretty fit, as staying active outdoors is a key ingredient to a healthy lifestyle. However, staying fit requires a bit of work and often a few trips to the health club each week are just what the Doctor ordered.



www.backtofitnessmindandbody.com

We have partnered with the owners of “**Back To Fitness**” to offer **FREE memberships** to our Slip Customers! Interested boaters will receive a free “Basic Membership” at Back to Fitness. This is \$29.95/month value. For registration, you will need to present your pool key at *Back To Fitness* and pay a onetime \$25 registration fee. A yearly \$29.99 enhancement fee is your only other obligation.

The gym is located in the Baker Lofts on 24th Street in Holland. The owners, Dan and Rhea, are fellow boaters from A-Dock. Included in this membership is:

- All Free Weights
- All Weight and Cardio Machines
- Fitness Center access 8am-8pm Mon-Fri
- Fitness Center access Sat 10am-4pm
- Free Personal Training Consultation.
- Lockers/Showers/Towels
- Hot tub and Sauna
- Discounted Tanning, Group Fitness and underwater treadmill. (\$5.00each compared to \$10.00)

Members may choose to upgrade their *Basic Membership* to a Full membership for \$10/month. The Full Membership includes:

- 24/7 Access including weekends and Holidays

Plus, Members choice of either:

- 10 Free Group Fitness Classes every month
- 10 Free Tanning session every month
- 10 Free Day Care Passes every month
- 10 Free Buddy passes per year

Fishing Tournaments...

Eldean Shipyard was a proud sponsor of the **Big Red Classic** tournament that took place August 3-5. The Eldean Fishing Team had a great time getting together and fishing. Unfortunately the waves were too big to fish the second day of the tournament. The 8.5 lb Steelhead that our team caught was a just a couple ounces shy of winning the Big Steelhead Award. Maybe next time!

Gold Coast Outfitters are sponsoring their 12th Annual contest on August 25th. This is a one day event. Give them a call at 616-786-9314 or [check them out on-line](#). Team Eldean is in!

Congratulation to E-Dock’s ‘Black Pearl’ who took 1st in the Holland Steelheaders Tournament! Good work Mark & Ted.

The Fishing Report: www.fishingreport.eldean.com

The Service Department...

If you have questions on your winter storage work order forms just ask Matt, Roger, or Angela. If you are not certain what type of maintenance is required to prepare your boat for 2013, we are available to help you. As Always, if you let us know what you need before Jan. 1st, we can guarantee that it will be done in time for launch (*please allow a little extra time for major refits*).

Keys Please?

If we haven’t received a copy of your boat keys, please drop a copy off at the shipstore. We will need the keys if you are storing your boat with us. Further, if your boat is here in the summer, we do need to have access to the boat in the event of an emergency. This system also works out well if you leave your keys at home one weekend!

POWER & MOTORYACHT

As you may have heard, **POWER & MOTORYACHT** magazine featured Eldean Shipyard in their "Pick Your Favorite Yard" for



August. This is a great honor, as the magazine chose our boatyard after receiving rave reviews from a few of our customers. Thanks to all our great employees and customers that

make this possible! It’s a good magazine too, so give them a look... [Click here for a link to the article](#).

As Seen on Facebook...

Many of you have taken some nice photos boating and just hanging out at the marina. Thanks for “tagging” us on Facebook and sharing them with everyone. A few examples appear below, but you can always look to our Facebook Page for more.



A peaceful evening and sunset



Wow! You don't see that every day...



This reminds me of the Corona commercials

Through the Blue...

Friends of one of our boaters are raising awareness of postpartum depression by becoming the first married couple to complete a 50 mile ultra-marathon swim across Lake Michigan this week! It is planned for August 15, 2012. Help us spread the word. Check there website for more information: www.ThroughTheBlue.org

Cell Phone Apps...

There is a great [app for iPhones called 'SurfingLakes'](#) with useful NOAA & NWS info.

Fall is Approaching; Prepare...

As the fall season brings many nice days on the water, it usually brings a few foul weather days too. We will be walking the docks when the storms blow through and tying and adding dock-lines as required. Please put your extra lines in an easy to find, unlocked location so that we have access to them. [Click Here for more information to help prepare for bad weather.](#)



Efren Gonzalez – Artist in Residence July/August

Holland Farmers Market...

www.hollandfarmersmarket.com

The Great Lakes Cruising Club

The Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC), of which Herb Eldean is the Port Captain, has just launched an exciting new internet-based learning initiative for Great Lakes boaters -- the Great Lakes Cruising Club School (GLCCSchool).

Recreational boaters on the five Great Lakes and Great Loop waterways have a fresh resource to enrich their experience: a program of new "webinar" tutorials conducted by knowledgeable boaters discussing their subject in live on-screen presentations with visual aids, and an opportunity for students to interact with the instructor and each other—a virtual classroom. Sessions typically run for 60-90 minutes. Participants only need a computer with speakers and a browser (no special software required), an internet connection and a desire to learn.

The Great Lakes Cruising Club School (GLCCSchool) provides the practical cruising pointers and insight recreational boaters need to cruise the Great Lakes. There are no tests, only information from GLCC-accredited sail and power boaters and other acknowledged experts having first-hand knowledge of their subject. Topics include:

- Getting started cruising the Great Lakes
- Cruising introductions for each of the Great Lakes
- Cruising overviews on regions within each lake, such as Lake Huron's North Channel, Georgian Bay; Lake Superior's Apostle Islands and Isle Royale; or popular waterways like the St. Lawrence, Rideau or Trent-Severn canals
- Great Lakes weather, patterns, and reporting sources
- Negotiating locks: the Welland Canal, Trent-Severn and Sault Ste. Marie
- Celestial Navigation, in cooperation with the U.S. Power Squadron
- Getting the most out of the Great Lakes Cruising Club's 1400 on-line Harbor Descriptions and other GLCC resources

The GLCCSchool is sponsored by the Great Lakes Cruising Club, a non-profit educational and fraternal organization founded in 1934, with a membership exceeding 2500 U. S. and Canadian boaters (www.glclub.com). Registration costs are low because of volunteer involvement and the school's goal of reaching as many Great Lakes cruising boaters as possible. For more information on courses and registration go to www.GLCCSchool.com

Speed limit? Officer, I didn't know...

The following Federal law is one you might want to know about: [§ 162.120 Harbors on Lake Michigan](#)

(a) No vessel greater than 40 feet in length may exceed 8 miles per hour in the harbors of Michigan City, Indiana; St. Joseph, South Haven, Saugatuck, Holland (Lake Macatawa), Grand Haven, Muskegon, White Lake, Pentwater, Ludington, Manistee, Portage Lake (Manistee County), Frankfort, Charlevoix, and Petoskey, Michigan.

(b) No vessel greater than 40 feet in length may exceed 4 miles per hour in the harbors of Menominee, Michigan and Wisconsin; Algoma, Kewaunee, Two Rivers, Manitowac, Sheboygan, Port Washington, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Waukegan, Illinois.

Funny-bone...

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.



"Will you use it to go sailing instead of buying food?" the man asked.

"No, I don't waste time sailing," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on shells for pheasant hunting instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't hunted in 20 years!"

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?"

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking, sailing and hunting."



- News from the Piper -



Impatient? Can't tolerate waiting in a line?

The Piper can meet your needs because we take RESERVATIONS! Please call several days in advance for groups of 5 or more and groups of all size for Friday and Saturday nights. There is limited reservation space and we do not want to disappoint you. If you are spontaneous, call us 30 min. ahead for groups of 5 or less. We will put your name on the **waiting** list. However, there could still be a wait once you arrive.

September to May Hours

Piper will be open throughout Labor Day weekend opening each night at 5:00 p.m. Starting September 9 & 10, 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 \$3.00 draft beer or a \$4.00 house wine or selected martinis for \$5.00 . Enjoy one or two FREE PIZZA SLICES TOO. 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.



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Season Finale



Labor Day Luau, AKA: “Pork Fest” ***Sunday, September 2nd***

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. 26th

To avoid last minute confusion and/or the possibility of running out of food, **no reservations after Aug 26th**. -All payments to the Ship's Store by 5pm Sunday, August 26th.