



ELDEAN News

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INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE



The entire crew at Eldean Shipyard wishes you
and your family a Merry Christmas, a Happy
Holiday Season & Smooth Sailing in 2012!

Thank you for choosing Eldean Shipyard!



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A special Thank You!

We have many customers that have chosen our marina as their summer home for many, many years. We have a steadfast crew of supporters out there! In fact, a surprising **Sixty-Four of our customers have been slipping their boats with us for at least 10 consecutive years. WOW!** On behalf of the Eldeans and our entire crew, we would like to take this group of "Old Timers" out to dinner! If you fall in this category, please look for a letter from us that will include a Piper gift card. **Thank you!**

The Fog Days of Summer



On Aug. 6th the fog rolled in quickly, making navigation a little tricky. Thank you DeKruyters (C-56) for the photos!

Sayonara to 'Sayonara'...

After 10 years in dry-dock at Eldean Shipyard, Oracle Racing's Sayonara has been shipped back to San Francisco. [The attached article](#) chronicles Larry Ellison's and Sayonara's launch into racing.

Holiday Sale!

December 1 to January 15 (Excludes new 2012 stock)

Gill apparel and accessories 25% off

Crocs are 50% off

Sebago's 35% off

Eliza B sandals 40% off

Clothing, Hats, Bags and Towels up to 35% off

Clearance items are 50% off original price

Stop by the shipstore to shop for this year's Christmas Gifts.

New Gill Products for 2012...



The Gill "Spinnaker" Jacket, also available in White, is both waterproof and breathable. Whether it's for sailing days when you are expecting to get a bit wet or if there is a chill in the air, the Spinnaker is a stylish & high quality solution from Gill, \$195.

Native Lake Trout Discovered...

The DNR made an important discovery when netting fish on Elk Lake near Elk Rapids. Besides being the largest Lake Trout that the DNR had ever netted, it also had some noticeable differences in shape and color. Further research would show that the team discovered a native Trout species that had survived in Elk Lake. Most notably, Elk Lake was separated by a dam from Grand Traverse Bay and the Great Lakes over 100 years ago, and while the fish have survived in Elk Lake, they are no longer present in the Great Lakes. [Check out this article](#) in the Petoskey News to learn how this could lead to returning a native Lake Trout population to the Great Lakes.

Warning E-15 Can Cause Damage!

We've been fortunate to have distributor that can still provide Ethanol-free gas at our fuel dock. The ability for you to keep ethanol out of your boat has certainly relieved a few headaches and kept countless related problems from spoiling your afternoon on the water. A Trade Only Magazine article recently stated: "The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy recently released the results of two studies on the effects of using fuel that is 15 percent ethanol in volume in marine engines, and the reports showed significant problems with outboard, sterndrive and inboard engines, the National Marine Manufacturers Association reported. Results of the reports show severe damage to engine components and an increase in exhaust emissions, reinforcing the recreational boating industry's concern that E15 is not a suitable fuel for marine engines, the NMMA said." For the complete article, [click here](#).

Valvtect introduces an e-Magazine...

We've been huge supporters of Valvtect over the years and very impressed with their fuel products. They are leading the way in formulating additives to mitigate the issues of Ethanol fuel discussed above. If you are interested in finding out more about the intricacies of marine fuel and the Valvtect product line, please check out the Valvtect Electronic Magazine at:

<http://www.nxtbook.com/dino/ValvTectEzine/ValvTectEzine>

Michigan's Park System is rated Best!

I think that we all can admit: We've got it pretty good when comes to recreational opportunities in Michigan. But did you know that we've got it so good that our parks are a driving force behind much of the tourism to Michigan every year and that it supports/creates a bunch of jobs in the state? Well in 2011, the National Recreation and Park Association took notice and recognized Michigan as the Best State Park system in the country! It's no wonder that 22 million people visit our parks every year. For the complete announcement, [click here](#). For more information about our state park system go to:

www.michigan.gov/stateparks

More input needed...

Over the years we have made our facility what it is today by listening to your input. Is there something we are doing wrong? What can we improve? Remember, we listen and try to formulate our policies with your input. Contact me with your suggestions by phone, mail, or email (wade@eldean.com). There is also a comment box located in the shipstore. Let's make 2012 a great year!

Our Service Department...

We are currently scheduling now for work orders to be done on your boats this winter. Don't wait to the last minute to call us or we run the risk of not being able to complete the work before the launch season.

If you are new to our facility, you may not know that we have a complete service and repair department. Our professional staff, with over **250 years of combined experience**, is ready to help. We have technicians that specialize in the following areas: Paint, Varnish, Fiberglass, Gelcoat, Carpentry, Restoration, Sailboat Rigging, Electronics, Engine, Mechanical, Canvas, and Upholstery.

We Guarantee our Work and Craftsmanship.

Our marina technicians take pride in their work and do their best to insure your complete satisfaction. **See what we can do for you!** Please contact [Matt Eldean](#) with any of your service needs or questions.

Check this out...Really!



This is my favorite newsletter for information from around the Great Lakes & about Michigan Boating. [Click here](#), or go to www.h2onotes.com to sign up for "H2O Notes," a free, weekly, on-line newsletter. The newsletter is filled with fun & informational stories.



Piper Holiday Bonus Certificates

For each \$100 in Piper Gift Cards you purchase at one time from Nov. 22 through Dec. 31, 2011, we'll give you a

**FREE \$20
Bonus Certificate**

for you to use between January 3 and April 28, 2012.

You may call in your gift card order, and we'll be happy to send them out either to you or the recipient.

Call 616-335-5866 or FAX your order to 616-335-6797.

Earn Piper Holiday Dollars

Receive a \$5 Piper Holiday Dollar Coupon for each \$40 spent in food and drink while dining at the Piper in December.

**Piper Holiday Dollars are valid
for any dining-in food item
January-March 2012.**

DOUBLE redemption value during January 2012.



New Year's Eve

Simply Dinner!

Enjoy a romantic dinner with a festive atmosphere.

Check our web site for the New Year's Specials.

PiperRestaurant.com 616-335-5866