

ELDEANews

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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 2014!

Thank you for choosing Eldean Shipyard!



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BIG Tax News!

**TRADING UP FOR
PERSONAL TAX RELIEF**





NEW BOAT VALUE **TRADE-IN VALUE** **TAX SAVINGS**
VALUE **VALUE** **\$\$\$**

BUYERS WILL ONLY PAY TAX ON THE VALUE OF THE VESSEL THEY ARE BUYING MINUS THE VALUE OF THEIR TRADE-IN

EXAMPLE	NEW BOAT VALUE	TRADE-IN VALUE	NEW TAXABLE VALUE	TAX SAVINGS!
	\$100,000	- \$45,000	= \$55,000	= \$2,700

Personal tax savings also available on recreational vehicles and automobiles

Sales Tax on the Difference - Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law bills that will reduce taxes for people who trade-in a car, boat, or RV when purchasing a new or used model - thus boosting Michigan's economy while maintaining fiscal responsibility. The bills, commonly called "sales tax on the difference" (STOD) will also benefit Michigan's boat dealers, consumers and marine industry. The image example above shows that there is a significant tax savings of \$2700 when trading in a \$45,000 boat on a new/used boat from a boat dealer. The savings should fill up the fuel tank a few times! For a guide to frequently asked questions/answers on the new law, [click here](#).

Holiday Sale!

December 1 to January 15 (Excludes new 2014 stock)

Free Stuff – Assorted leftover parts & stuff
 Gill apparel and accessories 30% off
 Sebago Shoes 30% off
 Eliza B sandals 50% off
 Clothing, Hats, Bags and Towels up to 30% off
 Clearance items are 50% off original price
 Buy 3 cleaning products and receive 10% off

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

New Gear!

This Garmin Quatix watch looks amazing! If I had a compatible Garmin GPS system on my boat, I'd be wearing one of these on my wrist. Besides being able to steer the boat from my watch while I'm catching a huge salmon, should I fall overboard while netting the fish, the watch would automatically help steer the boat back to me! How cool is that! Practical Sailor did a full review of the watch and was quite impressed with all of its many functions. They point out that Racing Sailors will particularly appreciate all the *handy* tools. [Click here for the full article](#).



Photo Contest...

Power & Motoryacht Magazine is having a photo contest and wants to see images of you out and about enjoying time on the water with family and friends – *Because, at the end of the day, that's what it's all about!* Enter your photo in their Snapshot contest by emailing your photo to inbox@pmymag.com. Your special boating memory could be in their next issue.



It's a Great Day for a Sail! Dan & Linda (D-38)

If you have a great photo to share with us, tag Eldean Shipyard on Facebook or send the photo to wade@eldean.com.

Winter Storage & Repair...

All the boats are put away safe and sound and the buildings are completely filled! The haulout crew worked hard, often 10+ hours a day, retrieving the boats from the slip, hauling out then washing the bottom, loading onto the cradle and moving the boat into its resting place. Everything went smoothly and the weather *mostly* cooperated. One thing that facilitates the process is having exceptional equipment that is well maintained and ready to roll, and our lifts from Marine Travelift fit that bill. These lifts perform exceptionally and each spring Marine Travelift, located in Wisconsin, sends its team over to properly maintain the lifts and insure that they are ready for another year. Of course, not every marina has their lifts factory maintained, but we think your boat is worth it!

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 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.

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.

The Usual & Important Stuff...

Your 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!

Weather Buoy Bliss...

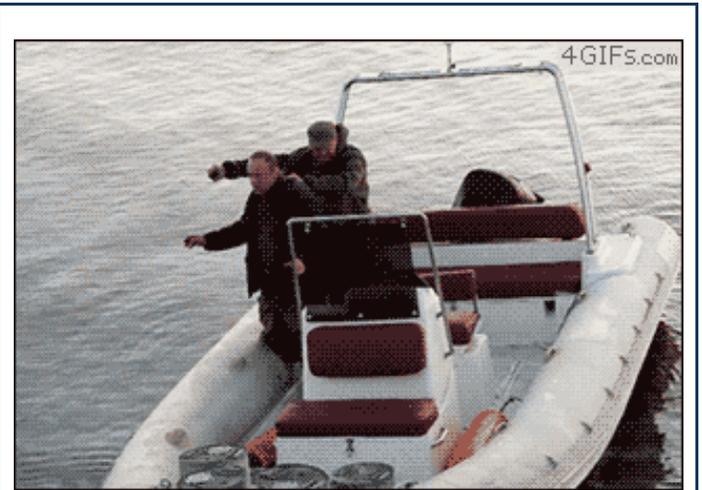
This new and extremely useful boating tool is a real-time weather buoy equipped with a slew of state-of-the-art sensors and technology. It was deployed for in 2013 for the second year in a row and it is currently funded seasonally through 2015. The buoy offers a lot of great



data that is useful to most boaters, whether you are sailing, fishing, tubing, or just going for a boat ride. [Read the entire 2013 buoy update here.](#)

Should you forget where to find the buoy info, for quick reference, I have included the buoy link and other useful weather

information and webcams at www.eldean.com/weather.



I'm sure that many of us have heard that the easiest way to catch fish is to drop dynamite in the water and just wait for the fish to float to the surface. This imagery conjures up all kinds of images and ideas when I was a kid. Just about everyone regards this advice as a crude joke and a bit of urban legend, however, there are a few fisherman that take the advice seriously. Perhaps this is one of the things you envisioned? [Check out this short fishing video.](#)

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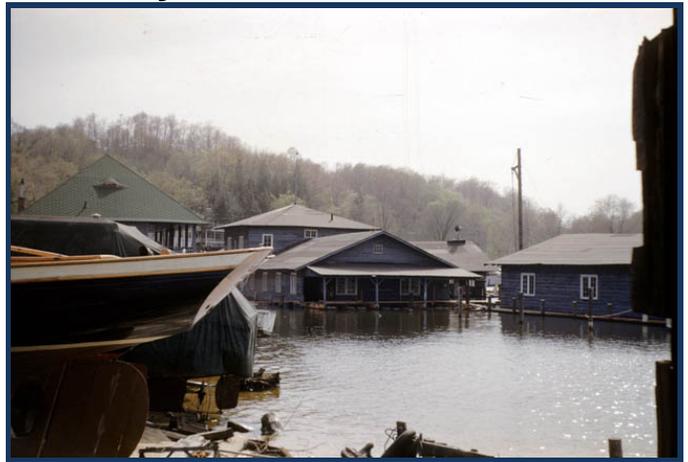


Some interesting news from NOAA, on October 22 it was announced that as of April 18, 2014 it will no longer print traditional paper charts. The decision to stop production is based on several factors, including the declining demand for lithographic charts, the increasing use of digital and electronic charts, and federal budget realities. NOAA will continue to create and maintain other forms of nautical charts, including the increasingly popular Print on Demand (POD) charts, updated paper charts available from NOAA-certified printers. NOAA electronic navigational charts (NOAA ENC®) and raster navigational charts (NOAA RNC®), used in a variety of electronic charting systems, are also updated weekly and are available for free download from the Coast Survey website. NOAA will also announce a new product full-scale PDF (Portable Digital Format) nautical charts, available for free download on a trial basis on line.

Looking back at 2013 it was a very positive year for brokerage sales, many fine boats found new homes. Hopefully this trend will continue for the upcoming season. If you have the need for some boating excitement in January (23rd-26th) be sure to **stop by the Strictly Sail Boat Show at Navy Pier. Holland Yacht Sales and Eldean Shipyard will share a booth near the center of the Show (booth 389).**

Have a great Holiday Season,
Henry DeJong
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The Way It Was...



This photo from the archives is dated 1947 and shows a couple of the large buildings and boathouse that were built over the water in Macatawa at our predecessor's Jesiek Brothers Shipyard.



More seasonally appropriate is this 60's era photo of the commercial fishing boats that would fish Lake Michigan. They were docked near our current A-dock area.

L.E.D 3.0

You might recall that I have written about LED lights and that the shipyard tested some different bulbs trying to find a solution to help maintain/decrease costs and be a cleaner and greener marina. Well, Success! I finally found a good bulb on my 3rd year of testing. As a result, all of our dock lights with this type of bulb were switched to LED's. At the end of the summer we had only 1 dead bulb. Normally, because of the harsh marine environment the regular dock lights would need to be replaced at least once every year, if not two or three times! Now, if these LED's will only last the 20 years as advertised, we will really have something to talk about!

Free Gym Memberships!

Don't forget, we've partnered with Back to Fitness to offer you a free gym membership when you are a slip customer – [Click for Details](#).

Piper News and Specials...



Piper Holiday Bonus Certificates



For each \$100 in gift cards you purchase at one time from November 19 through December 31, 2013, we'll give you a bonus...

A Free \$20 Certificate

...for you to use between January 2 and April 30, 2014.
Ask your server for details.

Holiday BONUS Certificates!

For each \$100 in gift cards you purchase at one time from now through December 31, 2013, we'll give you a bonus:

-A FREE \$20 DINING CERTIFICATE for you to use between January 2 and April 30, 2014. Ask your server or hostess for details.

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“Project Clarity” – Get On Board!

(This is a reprint from August, but it's important!)

There's a BIG project on the horizon that will help transform Lake Macatawa into a healthier, cleaner, and clearer lake. It's called Project Clarity and it's a mostly privately funded initiative being headed up by the Macatawa Greenway and the Outdoor Discovery Center. The goal is to reduce the sediment, nutrient, and bacterial pollution in Lake Macatawa by 70% through wetlands restoration and mitigation techniques. Can you picture a clear Lake Mac and looking down and seeing the bottom?

This project will have obvious direct impacts for boaters and others who enjoy swimming and recreation in Lake Mac. As a boater and steward of the lake, we all should think about helping make this initiative a reality. One way to start is by [reading more about the program](#) and spreading the word. Another is by making a donation. Back in August, the Outdoor Discover Center hosted an evening at Windmill Island in support of Project Clarity. This evening introduced the new Macatawa Watershed video and include updates on restoration projects, funding and the cleanup initiative. Follow [this link](#) for more information on the event and Project Clarity.

For a few years now, Eldean Shipyard & Piper Restaurant have been helping to support the Macatawa Greenway and the Outdoor Discovery Center. Pictured below is the new Trailhead Kiosk which was sponsored by the Piper and installed earlier this year. The Kiosk is on the Greenway trail near Adams & 104th street where the trail enters Ridgepoint Church property.



Macatawa Greenway Trailhead Kiosk
Sponsored by Piper Restaurant