

# ELDEANews

December 2014

*INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE*



## Happy Holidays!

Wishing you and yours a healthy holiday filled with joy, family, and friends! *-The Eldean Shipyard Crew*

***Thank you for choosing Eldean Shipyard!***



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## Holiday Sale!

December 1 to January 15 (Excludes new 2015 stock)

**Free Stuff** – Assorted leftover parts & stuff

Gill apparel 20% off

Gill accessories 30% off

2014 Sebago Shoes 30% off

2013 Sebago Shoes 50% off

Belts 40% 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.

## Biggest Party Barge Ever!

Did you ever go down to Saugatuck for the Barge Bash in the 80's or 90's (Did you see me there in or '94 or '95)? Maybe while on vacation you've gone out on a boat excursion known affectionately as a "Booze Cruise"? Or maybe you've spent a Saturday afternoon at Spring Lake's "Hanky Panky Bay" or Chicago's "Playpen"? Well, if you have, then maybe you'll want to see this party barge on steroids get funded. It's a 300 x 100 foot barge called Breakwater Chicago. Its concept straddles that of a setting from a tropical island and one from a Las Vegas night club, but it will be anchored in Lake Michigan.



"According to ownership, the vessel would have the capacity to hold 1,000 [to] 2,000 people and would include outdoor party decks, swimming pools, and several taverns serving alcohol to patrons," as well as "DJs, live music, parties and special events," For more info, go their [Kickstarter, crowd funding webpage](#).

## Winter Storage & Repair...

Matt Eldean, who heads up our Service Department says that there are **3 common maintenance items that often are overlooked**: Replacing the seawater pump's impeller, changing the transmission fluid, and testing/changing the coolant. If you are not sure of the last time these things were done, it's probably time to have us check them out.

**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 set 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!

## 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](#).



*Matt & Kellan Eldean Salmon Fishing with Captain TJ (A-29)*

## Interested in a Full or Part-time Job?

If you or someone you know is looking for a full or part-time job, please take a look at our current job openings and give us a call. You can also send your resume directly to [wade@eldean.com](mailto:wade@eldean.com), just let me know which position you are interested in.

<b>Carpenter</b>	A craftsman in skilled in woodworking. Must assist in hauling out and washing boats. One must be able to work well with others, follow directions carefully, and produce high quality workmanship. Full & Part-time options.
<b>Fiberglass Repair Technician</b>	A craftsman in skilled in fiberglass repair. Must assist in hauling out and washing boats. One must be able to work well with others, follow directions carefully, and produce high quality workmanship. Full & Part-time options.
<b>Lawns, Grounds, &amp; Landscaping</b>	To maintain the grounds and marina facilities in an attractive and safe condition, and to maximize curb appeal. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: Mowing, Sprinkler Systems, Gardening, Cleaning, Repair, Painting, etc. Full & Part-time options.
<b>Pool Attendant</b>	Each year, we hire one or two staff to work at our pool area. Drop off your application in January or February to be considered. A qualified applicant will have Life Guard training and certification.
<b>Shipstore and Fuel Dock</b>	Each year, we hire several summer staff to work in our Retail Store and Gas Dock. Drop off your application in January or February to be considered for this position.

## Clean Marina Recertification!

The Michigan Clean Marina Program (CMP) recently announced that Eldean Shipyard has been recertified as a Michigan Clean Marina. It has been recertified for another five-year term through 2019. Forty-two Michigan marinas have obtained and are maintaining this prestigious certification. The clean marina program was initiated to preserve and protect, through voluntary efforts, Michigan's greatest resource, the Great Lakes and its connecting waterways. The certification process begins with a pledge to participate in the program, followed by an online course with an overview of the designation process and a review of best management practices. The facilities then conduct self-evaluations of their environmental practices to determine their strengths and weaknesses. After implementing improvements and reaching a level of competencies, the marina requests a visitation by a CMP consultant to evaluate the facility's environmental stewardship. When the facility reaches established goals, they receive their designation. The Michigan Clean Marina Program is a joint program between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan Boating Industries Association. For more information, visit [www.miseagrant.umich.edu/cmp](http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/cmp) or [www.mbia.org/](http://www.mbia.org/).

## Dock and Water Level Update

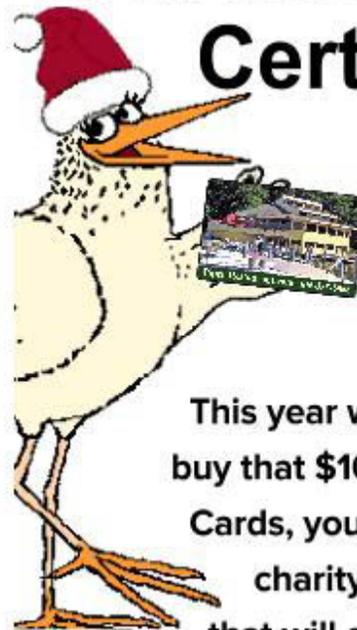
It is now mid December and the water is still up and hasn't really started its annual downward cycle. This means that there is the likelihood of another year with rising water levels. I am estimating/guessing that the water will be 6" to 12" higher next summer. Our effort to raise our low docks this fall has been slowed by high winds, ice, and general scheduling issues. If winter sets in soon and ice covers Lake Macatawa, we'll have to finish raising the docks in the Spring. [Click here](#) to take a look at the Government's water level predictions.

## A Piper Holiday Special

### PIPER HOLIDAY BONUS CERTIFICATES

For each \$100 in gift cards you purchase at one time, from November 18 through December 31, 2014, we'll give you a...

## Bonus \$20 Certificate



... for you to use between January 2 and April 30, 2015



This year whenever you buy that \$100 in Piper Gift Cards, you can vote for a charity of your choice, that will qualify for our "Week of Giving" event.

For details or to buy your gift card go to our website

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