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INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE



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

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Holiday Sale!

December 1 to December 31

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

We have received our **new Gill products** for 2016 and have offered them on sale at 20% off during the Holiday Season. Stop by to check out the foul weather gear, assorted tops for layering/warmth, and sailing gloves.

The remaining 2015 Clothing is also on sale!

Another Gift Idea!



Wouldn't it be great to surf the waters at 20+ knots, on a calm day, and without requiring a boat to tow you or throw a wake? The Wake Jet, by Radinn, is now available. How about wrapping one up to put under your tree this year? I know that I would love one, but the \$20,000 price tag is a bit out of the ballpark in our gift exchange. Go to radinn.com

America's Cup Chicago?

Yes, that right! Qualifying races for the 2017 America's Cup, called the Lois Vuitton America's Cup World Series Chicago, will be held this summer. Navy Pier will serve as event headquarters from June 10–12, 2016. Chicago made history as it is the first time a freshwater lake was chosen to host an America's Cup racing event in their 164-year history. The 2017 America's Cup will be held in Bermuda. It will be great time to take a boat trip to Chicago and watch some amazing racing!

Piper Lofts - Residences

The final plans for the Piper Building are being finished this winter. The plan is to divided the top 2 floors into 3 vacation rentals (small, medium, & large) and to have a smaller restaurant on the ground floor. The residences will first be offered for long-term lease. If you are interested in a long-term lease of one of the waterfront residences, please let me know. It is still early enough in the design period where we are able to alter the design to meet your goals. As for the restaurant, it will be also be leased, so if you know someone in the restaurant business, please let them know about this great opportunity. In the meantime, the Big Red Stop is planning extended hours and a larger menu for next summer!

Marine Traffic App...

If you like to follow commercial traffic on our waterways, marinetraffic.com is a really interesting website which also has mobile apps available. AIS transponders are used to track the vessels. AIS was developed to help ships avoid collisions, as well as assisting port authorities to better control sea traffic. AIS transponders on board vessels include a GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver, which collects position and movement details. It includes also a VHF transmitter, which transmits periodically this information on two VHF channels and make this data available to the public domain. Other vessels or base stations are able to receive this information, process it using special software and display vessels locations on a chart plotter or on a computer. If you are out for a cruise or traveling in congested commercial shipping areas, this is a great App to use.

Cruise Planning App...

The Navionics Boating App helps with planning your cruise by identifying precautions after you have entered your destination. Besides identifying shallow water or other obstructions, it also provides charts, ETA, distances and points of interest. See more at navionics.com

Life on the River...

I had the pleasure of helping deliver two customer boats this fall. The first was a boat coming home to Macatawa for the winter, while the second was headed to Florida to escape our snowy season. These were my first trips on the rivers south of Chicago and the journey was very interesting. I was most surprised by the remoteness of the rivers as the majority of



shoreline was devoid of homes or recreational boating facilities. On this route, the Commercial Traffic (Tugs and Barges) ruled the river! The photo (top left) shows us rising as we go through one of the many locks. Tim (Z-46) was my crew on the southbound trip and my son Ryan joined me on the Northbound trip.

With the completion of these trips, I nearly finished my Great Loop! To fully complete my loop, I still need to navigate Florida's west coast.



an old relic along the Illinois River Shoreline

Dock and Water Level Update

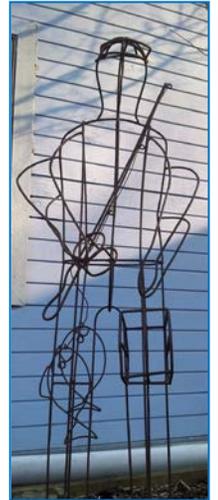
[Click here](#) to take a look at the Government's water level predictions. My estimate is that we will have a similar water level next summer. In my opinion, the current water level is great; not too high, not too low, just right!

100 Barrels of Oil on the Wall...

and that is where the oil will stay as our Solar Panels have generated an equivalent amount of energy from the sun! To date, the system has produced over 85,000 kWh of electricity. By generating electricity from the sun, the equivalent of 89,000 lbs of coal, or 149 barrels of oil were saved!

Fisherman Sculpture?

This metal sculpture of a fisherman was left outside my window this past year, and after asking around, I still haven't identified its benefactor? So, I would like to thank the nice person that left it for me! It is a nice addition to my daily view. It's also a nice reminder that it is time to leave the office and go fishing!



State rears and stocks Muskellunge throughout Michigan

(Article by AARON BOEHM)

The Department of Natural Resources recently stocked 27,449 muskellunge fingerlings into 17 water bodies located throughout the state, in an effort to further enhance Michigan's world-class fisheries. Michigan is home to two strains of naturally producing muskellunge: Great Lakes and Northern. The DNR has reared muskellunge in its hatcheries since the 1950s. While the hatchery program initially focused on the northern muskellunge strain, it has shifted focus in recent years to the Great Lakes strain, as it is native to Michigan and widely distributed in water bodies throughout the Lower Peninsula and eastern region of the Upper Peninsula. "We're making great headway in our efforts to increase muskellunge fishing opportunities for anglers," said DNR fisheries biologist Matt Hughes, who oversees the rearing program at Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery. "With time and experience, we've stabilized and increased production so more and more water bodies can be stocked." For more information on the DNR's fish-stocking efforts, check out the [Fish Stocking Database](#).

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BAM is BACK and Hard at Work!

BAM creates a voice for Michigan's boaters to express their views on regulatory issues that impact the boating lifestyle. For a \$32 yearly membership, BAM members enjoy access to stories, news, photo essays, quarterly e-newsletters and the beautiful "ON THE LAKE" magazine. When you join BAM, you not only support the health of your local waterways, but you also reap great benefits for your life on the water. Members also enjoy access to exclusive offers, discounts and fantastic events. For more information on supporting Michigan Boating and learning about the benefits and discounts available to you, go to: onthelake.org

For a free copy of On The Lake, stop by the our Shipstore. The following are a few of the issues that BAM and the MBIA (Michigan Boating Industries Association) are working on:

Gov. Rick Snyder Signs \$1.2-billion road funding package - helps boating infrastructure? Because of the hike in fuel taxes, additional funds will be coming to the Michigan Waterways Fund which funds boating infrastructure throughout the state including launch sites and state marinas. The funds come through what is called the Traditional Funding Formula which MBIA fought to keep in place over the past several years of road funding talks. The additional funding will be approximately \$3.7 million in 2017 and then about \$5 million in 2018 and beyond.

TICOM sends letter to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau urging No Nuclear Waste near Lake Huron: MBIA belongs to the Tourism Industry Coalition of Michigan (TICOM) and supported the recent signing of a congratulatory letter to new Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The letter also included a request to stop Ontario Power Generation's plans to create a nuclear waste depository less than 1 mile from Lake Huron. Six U.S. Senators and 26 U.S. Representatives, from a number of Great Lakes states have also written to the new Canadian prime minister urging him to block plans for this underground storage facility in Ontario. This issue continues to loom despite a long list of resolutions from across the country and from all levels of government and industry groups.

MBIA (Michigan Boating Industry Association) and BAM join many groups watching the growing list of threats to the Great Lakes: Net Pen Aquaculture, Microbeads, Wind Turbines, Asian Carp, Algae Blooms, Nuclear Waste and Enbridge Oil Lines are some of the major threats that many water dependent industries, including boating and fishing industries, are watching and weighing in on to assure our state's leadership does not drop the ball. You are encouraged to contact legislators to express your concerns regarding any of these issues.

Group presents to Michigan Waterways Commission indicating Enbridge Line 5 is high risk and not needed: At the October Michigan Waterways Commission meeting in Rogers City, a group called FLOW from Traverse City presented a report which concludes the current use of Line 5 for the transport of crude oil poses a high level of risk and imminent high magnitude of harm to the Great Lakes and surrounding states. Line 5, which runs through the Straits of Mackinaw down to Sarnia, is the only underwater line in the system. FLOW outlined why Line 5 is not needed showing alternative routes currently in place which run through Chicago to reach Sarnia. A new film, called Pipeline Watch, about Enbridge's Line 5 under the Straits of Mackinac was just debuted at an event several commission staff attended this week. The film does a nice job of summarizing the issue and highlighting the concerns that have been expressed over the last few years; it is also relatively short (about 20 minutes). You can watch it [here](#). For more information from FLOW go to www.flowforwater.org.



The DEQ recently announced Michigan's draft plan to reduce phosphorus inputs to Lake Erie by 40 percent: Gov. Rick Snyder, in June, signed the Western Basin of Lake Erie Collaborative Agreement with Premier Kathleen Wynne of Ontario and Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor of Ohio, agreeing to work to achieve a 40 percent total load reduction in the amount of phosphorus entering Lake Erie by 2025.

From Holland Yacht Sales...

With the 2016 boating season approaching it certainly looks like it should be a fine season. A few of the positives include deep water and lower fuel costs. The marine industry as a whole seems to be rebounding nicely according to recent boat show activity. Attendance was up and sales activity followed suit. It has also been fun to see all the new models that manufacturers are introducing as well as exciting new gear. Of local interest, S2 Yachts (Tiara and Pursuit), had a very strong Fort Lauderdale Show with sales up almost 30% over 2014. With the improving economy people are ready to enjoy life again and what better way to do it than in a boat!

As I expected, it is getting hard to find good clean brokerage boats. With the reduced production during the recessionary years there are not the number of boats available that we are accustomed to seeing. My brokerage list is smaller than usual but I still have several excellent listings on both the power and sailboat sides. If you have any interest in making a change please stop by my office at the Eldean Shipstore.

Best regards,
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Dog Park = Doggie Bliss

"Tails N Trails" is a Saugatuck Township Dog Park. To get there from the marina, turn right on 32nd Street, go to 64th Street, turn right and continue for 6.1 miles to Blue Star Highway, turn left and pass over I196 to 63rd Street, turn right on 63rd and go 1.3 miles to 134th Street, turn right and it is .2 miles to "Tails N Trails Dog Park". The township is looking for dog lovers to help support the park. If you would like to contribute with time or money visit saugatucktownship.org/parks/default.html for more information.

Boating Safety...



Every year, the USCG receives funding from the Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund to spend for recreational boating safety program coordination and related projects. According to Examiner.com, in 2014, \$75,153 of its \$5.5 million went to the production of a website dedicated to boating safety information, recalls, statistics, regulations. Check it out at uscgboating.org



My niece & nephews look very happy (and safe) in their life vests!

Great Lake Cruising Club

The Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC) is a phenomenal resource for you! Besides having a wealth of hands-on information and contacts in & on the Great Lakes, the GLCC also has classes. Webinars and classroom learning are offered on a variety of subjects. There are two webinars on their current calendar: Safety for Cruising Couples (Dec. 16) and Great Lakes Cruising in 26' or less (Feb. 29). Go to glcclub.com for more information.

Free Gym Memberships!

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

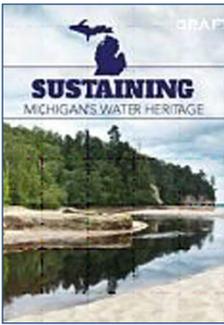
Shipyard "Side" Launches...

I know that many of you enjoy watching our Launch Cam during the haulout and launch seasons. If you do, then check out the launching of large ships on this video. If you have never seen a ship being launched on its side, you might be surprised:

<http://biggeekdad.com/2011/06/shipyard-side-launches/>

New plan lays out 30-year strategy for managing Michigan water:

A long-awaited planning document meant to guide Michigan's water usage and management policies for the next 30 years is out in draft form. The 160-page report titled "Sustaining Michigan's Water Heritage," includes dozens of recommendations for protecting and improving the state's water health paired with timelines and performance measurements. It was developed by the state



Office of the Great Lakes. The document is organized around goals and outcomes like restoring aquatic ecosystems, creating vibrant waterfronts, supporting recreation, investing in infrastructure and building governance tools to support long-term stewardship. It contains 62 recommendations. To read the strategy and learn more about how it was developed, visit michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3313-354123--,00.html.

Sailboat Race Results:

Chicago-Mack (division results): Sufficient Reason 6th, Roxy 3rd, Swiftsure 8th, Juliana 10th, Sin Duda 10th, Utah 3rd, Willie J 11th, Shorthanded 15th, Heartbreaker 6th, Talaria 2nd, il Mostro 9th, Windquest 7th but 1st over!

Tuesdays: Utah 1st & Sufficient Reason 2nd

Commodores Cup: Utah took 2nd!

Queens Cup: Shorthanded 2nd, Roxy 2nd, Talaria 2nd, Shillelagh 10th, Sufficient Reason 5th, Willie J 6th, Utah 7th, Swiftsure 14th.

Winter Storage & Repair...

From Matt Eldean: Earlier this month the team at Holland Propeller performed an underwater gear inspection on the vessels inside our storage buildings. This inspection was complimentary and offered to update the boat owner on the current visual condition of not only the propellers, but also the underwater gear pertaining to each vessel.

We have found, over the years, that propellers are far too often left out-of-sight and out-of-mind on many boats. The condition and accuracy of a propeller will have a large impact on how your boat performs and handles in the water. An accurate 'Prop Scan' propeller with the correct section form and pitch will always out-perform a standard propeller. You will receive fuel savings, increased boat speed, reduced vibration, correct engine RPM and correct engine loading.

Holland Propeller is offering to scan & evaluate your propeller Free of charge using our Prop Scan inspection system. We will also provide you with computer generated reports on your propellers.

Potentially save 10% to 30% off your annual fuel bill. If this is something that may be of interest to you, please contact Matt Eldean (matt@eldean.com) to arrange to have your propellers scanned.

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.

Please contact Matt Eldean with any of your service needs or questions

Introducing **DAYSAIL, USA!!**

DAYSAIL USA!! will launch in January 2016 and will have two Harbor 20 daysailers and one Harbor 25 daysailer available for sale, demo sails, and racing in Holland, MI starting June 2016.

Whether your goal is to compete against world champs or sail with your family, the Harbor line of daysailers are the perfect boats for a nice day on the water.

I am extremely pleased to have reached an agreement with Eldean Shipyard to host and service our boats, and I look forward to meeting both sailors and non-sailors on the docks throughout the summer.

Please look for DAYSAILUSA.COM after the holidays where we will announce details for scheduling a sail plus contact info for our offices in West Michigan and South Florida. Our site will also feature tools & tips for building a successful One Design fleet. See you next year!

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CHICAGO'S *il MOSTRO* SETS PORT HURON MAC ELAPSED TIME RECORD

il MOSTRO winters at Eldean Shipyard in Macatawa as it prepares for the Race Season.
(This article is from the [Lake Michigan Sale Racing Federation](#) newsletter)

More than 5,000 people gathered on the grounds of Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel to celebrate the fast finish of Bayview Yacht Club's Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race, which started Saturday, July 18, from Port Huron, Michigan. Out of 250 registered boats, 244 started, seven boats did not finish, making the total count for boats completing the race 237.



According to Chairman Peter Wenzler, who sailed aboard Bill Alcott's (St. Clair Shores, Mich.) 65 footer *Equation*, a "white squall" hit the fleet shortly after the start, making a whole lot of wind out of what started as a light downwind breeze. While some spinnakers became streamers at the tops of masts, others were locked and loaded or temporarily switched out for easier-to-handle headsails before the wind calmed and then elevated again to a more sustainable and "for the most part wonderful" 22 knots over flat, waveless water.

The Orma 60 trimaran *Areté* (12:53:51) crossed first, the Volvo 70 *il Mostro* (13:30:54) crossed second, and the 86 foot *Windquest* then followed (the largest boat in the fleet, 15:08:18). All of them sailed the 259 nm Cove Island Course for faster, bigger boats, enjoying a strong beat home in 18-22 knots, after rounding the turning mark at Cove Island. Smaller boats sailed the 204 nm Shore Course, with the bulk of that fleet finishing mid-morning on Monday after reaching in a solid 20-25 knots. "From 5:45 to 8:00 a.m., there was a cannon going off every few seconds, as they came in fast and furious," said Wenzler.

The big winner was *il Mostro*, owned by Peter Thornton and his son Christopher Thornton (Bay Harbor, Mich.) She not only topped Class A but also took Division I and Overall honors.

On Monday, the elder Thornton was enjoying sunset on his boat in Mackinac Harbor, reflecting on his team's victory and thinking about how "life is good," a recurrent theme that seems omnipresent from start to finish at this 91-year-old event, keeping it relevant in the sport of yacht racing each year. "There was a lot of carnage in the beginning, and we were dodging boats left and right ... and with all the spectators ... it was something to see," said Thornton. "But that's where I think we got jettisoned and pulled ahead. In the first 30 minutes of the race, we just fired through there with a J4 (storm jib) up. Our nemesis, *Windquest*, they are great competitors and beat us in Chicago (in the Chicago to Mackinac Race), but we weren't going to allow them to do it twice."



Thornton said the wind lightened at times, mostly when the fleet encountered fog banks, but for the most part, it was in the upper teens, enabling *il Mostro* to establish a new elapsed time Cove Island Course record for monohulls of 23:39:54. "On Sunday, we were tacking to the finish from noon on. If we had been able to keep reaching like we had been earlier, we probably would have shaved a couple of hours off that. Our race was near perfect, and my hat's off to my team. It is my most memorable Bayview Mackinac Race of all time."

Thornton added that *il Mostro*, which finished second in the 2008-2009 Volvo Ocean Race, lives up to its thoroughbred reputation in conditions like it encountered here. "When it gets a breeze, there's nothing faster; anything 11 knots or over, it just takes off. It's a pleasure to drive – the most exciting yacht I've ever owned."

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Simply
inspirational

Someone's in the kitchen with Pat

By Mary Lu Laffey

Pat Eldean can certainly find her way around a kitchen.

For nearly 30 years, it was the galley at Piper's Restaurant as the owner and general manager of Holland's legendary, waterfront dining spot. It closed in August.

It was preceded by the Sandpiper and, for a small window of time, a home-based school called "Cooking with a Flair."

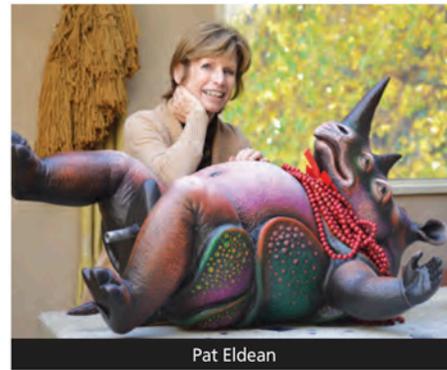
Sitting at a high top communal table at the restaurant, Pat reminisced about the wonderful goings-on in the front and the back of the Piper house. Especially during the holidays.



While dining at the Piper was a holiday tradition for many, many area residents, the restaurant was never open on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve or Christmas. "Those days and Sunday are all about family," Pat said. With all of the meals that she and her dedicated staff shared with customers, it was easy for diners to feel as welcome as family.

More than a thousand wedding receptions and rehearsal dinners were celebrated under her watch. Business deals, New Year's Eve celebrations and birthdays made their mark. There's been live music, art classes and activities too many to mention.

"I was in business when prime rib and a baked potato was considered special," she smiled. "The volume we required never allowed us to become



Pat Eldean

farm-to-table. Although, we served whatever was in season and lately from local growers."

While the palates of diners drove Piper's menu, the chef was able to be more creative with weekend specials, offering variety in dishes or approach. Which is something she plans to do in her own kitchen.

Food staples at Pat's home provide an eclectic pantry -- garlic, shallots, quality vinegars, sea salts, dried seasonings, EVOO, grains and pasta.

Favorite food magazines? *Bon Appetit* and *Cook's Illustrated*. The educational approach to recipes in *Illustrated* intrigues her; Pat earned her undergraduate degree in education at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and finished her master's at Northeastern Illinois University.

About wine? In her view, it is harder and harder to make bad wine.

"I appreciate wine whether it is in a bottle, box, Tetra pak, sealed with a screw top or cork." Her favorite grape varieties are Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc.

With the luxury of time, she and her husband Herb will be spending New Year's on holiday — almost the first ever. Destination? Bilbao, Spain.

Traveling more is one of her new year's resolutions.

Her No. 1 resolution is to enjoy her passion for cooking that she hasn't had time to indulge.

Cooking for the two of them and their family — son Wade and daughter Kori, both married with children — is high on her list. It rivals what she calls a perfect evening.

"For me, a perfect evening is one with the girls," Pat said. "At this time of our lives, we laugh a lot and have more fun than before. And we also reminisce." ■





Piper Flan

Flan was the hands down favorite dessert at Piper's. Here's a recipe and instructions on how to make it your own for the holidays.

Preheat oven 275 degrees
8 servings

Assemble:

8 Six-ounce ceramic ramekins
1 High-sided baking dish,
large enough to hold 8 ramekins
Hot water for baking dish
Food thermometer
Cooling rack

Ingredients:

2 cups Heavy cream
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups Half & Half
1 cup Granulated sugar
12 Egg yolks
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Dark rum
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Scrapings from vanilla bean
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Pure vanilla extract

Directions:

In a large saucepan, heat vanilla extract, the vanilla scrapings, Half & Half and heavy cream to 165 degrees.

While the cream mixture is heating, whip yolks with sugar and rum.

Temper yolks with hot cream, strain, fill ramekins and place in baking dish. Fill the baking dish with hot water to create a water bath halfway up the sides of the ramekins.

Bake at 275 degrees for 60 minutes.

Remove ramekins from water bath and cool on rack. Once cool, carefully cut around the sides of each ramekin to loosen flan; turn over onto serving plates.

Yummy!