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December 2024

INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE



**Wishing You and Yours a Healthy Holiday filled
with Joy, Family, and Friends!**

- Thank you for choosing Eldean Shipyard!



Holiday Sale!



December 1 to December 31

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

Most all of our foot-wear, t-shirts, clothing, and Gill foul weather gear is 25 – 40% off during the Holiday Season. Stop by to check out the foul weather gear, boots, sailing gloves, assorted tops for layering/warmth, as well as some Macatawa & Eldean Shipyard themed shirts. Check out the beautifully carved wooden bowls made from trees from our property. There is still time to have the bowls customized with text and drawings!

Shop Local!

Winter Storage & Repair...

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 [Scott](#) or [Heather](#) with any of your service needs or questions.

Harbor View Lofts & Event Center

The Harbor View Event Center is available for your party, wedding, or special event. When you hear people asking about a beautiful event location, please spread the word. Loft #3 is the largest of the 3 units and includes 8 Bedrooms, 5 Bathrooms, 2 Laundry's, 4 decks, and enough room to socialize! [Contact Jessica](#), our Rental Manager, or go to LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com for more information.

More Solar Installations!

In 2024 we activated our most recent electricity generating solar arrays on top of buildings #2 and #4. With these two new installations, we now have solar energy providing power for all of our storage buildings! As electricity is one of the largest costs in providing winter storage, our effort to harness power from the sun is also an effort to control our costs and provide inside, winter boat storage to our customers at a competitive rate.

Photo fun...

Kris Eldean has been sharing a lot of fun and interesting marina photos on Instagram. [Click Here and Follow Us!](#)



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Drysuits for the MBJA!

Eldean Shipyard, along with donations from many supporters, helped the MBJA provide 6 drysuits to High School Sailors this fall which allowed them to practice and enter regattas that they would not have been able to participate in without the drysuits. If you have young sailors, the MBJA is an excellent organization to get involved in. Or, if you want to help to provide these services to others (like more drysuits), you can make a donation to the MBJA. More program info is available by watching this [YouTube video](#) or going to <https://mbja.org/>

Donate to the Weather Buoy!

As you consider charities worthy of sharing in your blessings this Holiday Season, please keep in mind our Port Sheldon Buoy. We've now formed a sole-purpose 501(c)(3) charity for the Buoy, making your gift tax-deductible.

The Buoy is a complex piece of equipment stationed in a very unforgiving environment, so it is not a surprise that this buoy is expensive to deploy and maintain. This year we've experienced some costly sensor failures, creating a ***budget shortfall***.

It is hard to imagine boating on Lake Michigan without the information provided by the buoy. The Port Sheldon Buoy depends solely on community support - no federal or state money is available. ***Without your support, we have no buoy.***

So, as you make your plans for end-of-year giving, please consider a donation to the charity that keeps our buoy on station.

Send your gift to:
The Lake Michigan Safety Association
320 N 120th Ave, Ste 150
Holland, MI 49424

If you have any questions, please contact Brad Stephenson at (330) 495-9555 or brad.stephenson32@gmail.com or Bill Sikkel at (616) 836-7504 or bsikkel@sikkellaw.com.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Brad Stephenson
President, Holland Steelheaders

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Harbor View Loft #1—Lease Available!



The long-term lease holders at Harbor View Loft #1 have purchased a lake house and will no longer be leasing this waterfront condo. This has been their vacation home on the water since our remodel 8 years ago .If you are interested in leasing HV#1 please [let me know](#). If it is not re-leased by Feb. 1st, it will be made available for weekly rental this summer. If you are interested in a weekly rental, please let [Jessica](#) know.

Vacation Rentals Promotion!

Any Current Eldean Shipyard Slip or Storage customer will receive 25% off any new lodging reservation & stay before 5/15/25. Do you need a place to stay while you work on your boat while in storage or maybe you just want to get away for few days and look at the water or possible ice flows?

Go to LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com to check-out our accommodations. Jessica is our Vacation Rental Manager at the marina. It's not too early to be thinking about next summer's plans, so please contact with [Jessica](#) if you would like to check our availability.



Holland Yacht Sales

Beautiful 28' Pearson Triton with Trailer

"IOTA" is a 28' Pearson Triton manufactured in 1962, hull #302, inboard Atomic 4 gas engine. Seller is her third owner, acquired in 1996 from a marine broker on Lake Michigan. Custom Triad trailer from Milford, CT built in 1996. Since then, IOTA has resided in Colorado. She has lived life as a fresh water boat. We had her for 28 blissful years and are selling her after her sailor passed away. He took spectacular care of her and she is now ready for her next chapter.

IOTA underwent a professional refit performed by Tim Lackey during the winter of 2007-2008, which included re-bedding hardware, paint, new teak and mahogany exterior wood, and complete overhaul of topsides to restore deck core integrity. See full documentation of refit here:

<https://lackeysailing.com/archived/iota/iota.htm>



IOTA is available for \$19,000 USD

Included are: original cockpit canopy (red and gray) as well as new custom fit dodger, brand new standing rigging in the box, dinghy, additional wooden cover for companionway, solar charger, new cushions, anchor windlass, auto pilot, wood table for cabin and cockpit, one-burner propane stove, Bose audio, North Sails, used only in summers for six years

If you're in the market for a boat or are thinking of selling your present boat please give me a call or stop by my office in the Ships Store.

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WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

My estimate for next year is that the water will be down 4 inches compared to 2024. To see the water data from the USACE:

[-Options for all Great Lakes](#)

Free Great Loop Memberships!

We are seeing more and more "loopers" come through the marina on their cruise through the Great Lakes. Some of the boats stop and winter store with us before they head south again in the spring. This is an amazing journey that takes one through very remote river locations as well as large cities on the shores. I've made about 98% of the loop in a few different trips, only to have missed the west coast of Florida.

Eldean Shipyard has again sponsored the America Great Loop Cruisers Association (AGLCA), and with our sponsorship I have 20 free memberships that I can give out to any of our interested slip or storage customers. Please let [me know](#) if you would like one.

The Great Lakes' Most Unwanted: New GLANSIS StoryMap Highlights Top 10 Aquatic Invaders (from MBIA)

Aquatic invasive species are a big deal for a few reasons — they can harm the environment, cost us a lot of money, and can even be a risk to our health.

There are nearly 200 introduced aquatic plants, fish, invertebrates, and microorganisms present in the Great Lakes, but which of these species are worst for the ecosystems around them? A new ArcGIS [StoryMap](#) built by the [Great Lakes Aquatic Nonindigenous Species Information System](#) (GLANSIS) team provides an interactive guide to the top 10 most damaging aquatic invasive species (AIS) in the region. This StoryMap builds on a recent GLANSIS publication in the Journal of Great Lakes Research, and serves as a multimedia introduction to some of the most notorious AIS in the region for educators and students alike.

Continue to [full article here](#).

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