



ELDEAN News

July 2024

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The 2024 Party Schedule - Save these Dates...

Our summer dock-parties will be held on the following dates at one of our picnic areas. More information will be emailed and posted in July.

A, B, & Z Dock, 6:30 pm, Saturday July 27

C, D, E, & R Docks & Buoys, 6:30 pm, Saturday, Aug. 10



The 4th of July & Labor Day Holidays

The Eldeans will be firing up the grills again! Stop by the picnic tables at the playground for grilled salmon, hot dogs, chili-dogs, & sausages on **Thursday**, July 4th & on **Sunday** afternoon of Labor Day Weekend, 12-2pm - Compliments of the Shipyard!

The **Sessions Band** will be playing our 4th of July Party this year from 12-3pm! Session's member Rick Slachta was my Art Teacher in high school at Holland High School for 3 years and Rick was an influential & favorite educator of mine. I'm looking forward to him play at our party!

4th of July Fireworks!



Thursday, July 4th (at Dark)

-At Kollen's Park in Holland

-At Holland's South Pier

You can watch from your boat, from the Playground at the marina, or you can anchor out on the Big Lake or Lake Mac. You will not be allowed to walk out to the private beach.

Bring your friends and Family, Anchor Out and enjoy the Celebration!

A Michigan Clean Marina! Still...

This summer, Eldean Shipyard was again recertified as a Michigan Clean Marina! We were involved early on with the Clean Marina Program and now Michigan is proud to have over 100 Clean Marinas certified in the State.



Dinghy's, Kayaks, & SUPs Oh My...

We have spots available for your toys next to the playground and the dinghy ramp. A SUP spot is \$40, a small dinghy or Kayak is \$100, and larger dinghies are \$150.

Do you need internet Access?

Wi-Fi service is available on a seasonal basis. Check our [Wi-Fi information page](#) for further details:

Subscription Rates:

Summer Season: \$95

For a Seasonal Subscription, please [email](#) or call Wade to set up your Wi-Fi access and we will bill your account. You may also stop by the Shipstore.

If you are going to use the Car Chargers?

Payment for using the car chargers is made through an App. Slip Holders will not be charged the additional \$10 parking fee if you register in advance that you will be using the charger and [provide me](#) with your name and email address. Your information will be added to the charging payment system so that you receive the lower rate. Non-registered boaters and anyone from the public that stops by to use the chargers will pay the higher rate.

We Do Tow Cars :(

Eldean Shipyard DOES NOT provide parking for the Pier, Beach, or Cottages. Your boat parking permit does not allow you to park & go to a cottage or the beach. Cars with permits may be towed if you head to the beach. If you are a slip customer, make sure you have an updated (orange oval) parking sticker.

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VACATION RENTAL PROMOTION

Any Current Eldean Shipyard Slip or Storage customer will receive **25% off any new lodging reservation/stay** before 12/31/24. Do you want to invite your family to visit you in Macatawa or do you need a place to stay while you work on your boat while in storage?

Go to www.LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com to view our accommodations and calendar. Please email Jessica at vrbo@eldean.com to make a reservation.

Pool Rules...

In order to keep a safe, clean, and relaxing pool environment (and follow County/State regulations), there are a few rules that we ask you to follow:

- Your group is to be 5 people maximum
- The boat owner or family member must accompany any guests.
- No Glass Containers Anywhere
- Alcohol is not allowed in the Hot Tubs
- The Hot Tub Areas are for adults and children that are 10 years or older
- No Food/Snacks in the Brick Paver Area

Pool News and Food/Drink Service!

Soon, we hope to open YoChef's Galley at the pool clubhouse and serve food & drinks from this kitchen. We will have to wait-and-see what type of menu that Chef Joseff creates, but I expect to see wraps, paninis, and grilled salmon and fresh fish. The drinks will be a non-alcoholic selection to start, including frozen blended drinks to keep cool. Please remember, as stated above, the food must be eaten at the clubhouse or outside the pool area at our picnic areas (not around/in the pool or on the paver pool deck).

The "Galley"

For you landlubbers, the Galley, is a kitchen on a ship. And for those of you that are not Macatawa historians, the Galley was the restaurant that proceeded my Mom's Sandpiper Restaurant here at the marina. The Galley closed around 1984 and until then, it was my favorite place for grilled ham & cheese, ice-cream cones, and space invaders. I dug up the following article about the Galley and its owner/operator, Margaret Ewing. The first page is shown at right, but for the complete 3-page article from July 1973, [please click here](#).

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JULY 1973

The GALLEY

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It is coincidental in the sale of Jesiek Brother's Shipyard that the purchase was made by two brothers, Herb and Roger Eldean from the two Jesiek brothers, Don and Bill, each pair occupied in carrying on the family named boating business begun years ago by their fathers.

Both fathers are living. Herb Eldean Sr., who created the mooring service in Chicago bearing his name, is in Miami and the senior Jesiek, now 92, who still resides in his house across from the yard.

But the coincidence among people ends there, for there is only one Margaret Ewing. Truly a related aunt of Don, Bill and the late Harold Jesiek, she is "Aunt" Margaret to the many friends who frequent the "Galley."

Margaret has a multitude of friends; the yard employees, the neighbors in Macatawa and the surrounding communities, the local business people, past and present, the kids who come in for penny licorice and the uncounted yachtsmen who come in from all the lake ports.

She runs her restaurant seven days a week each summer as she has for 36 years. She slows down in the winter to only six days of operation and she takes an afternoon off to visit the hairdresser. Margaret's summer helpers are young ladies selected from the local high schools.

Until last year she conducted her winter operations in another location near her home on South Shore Drive, but for simplification leased that to another party, so all her working time is spent now at the boat yard.

Whose Lazer is this?



We've been storing this Lazer for years and believe that it has been abandoned. If it is yours, [please let me know](#). Otherwise, I will find another home for it or take it out for a sail!

My Favorite Boat Parade is back!



From [Colossal](#): “The **Bosch Parade** has returned. Celebrating its tenth edition, visual artists, directors, and choreographers from around the world will pay tribute to the timeless creativity and imagination of Hieronymus Bosch (1450–1516). For four days, spectators along the Netherlands’ Dommel River can experience a procession of 19 floating, paddling, and swimming works of art in the middle of the historic center of ’s-Hertogenbosch. The theatrical and musical art spectacle kicks off on June 20.”

Yes, there were more dead fish this spring.

From MDNR: “An ongoing fish die-off on Lake Macatawa, near Holland in Ottawa County, stems from the virus responsible for causing viral hemorrhagic septicemia, or VHS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recently confirmed. Reports of large numbers of dead and dying fish near the outlet channel of Lake Macatawa began coming in around mid-April through the DNR’s [Eyes in the Field](#) online reporting app. DNR Fisheries Division staff members were dispatched to attempt to collect specimens suitable for analysis by fish health professionals at Michigan State University’s Aquatic Animal Health Lab. Because the fish had been dead for quite a while, most were unsuitable for analysis. One pumpkinseed sunfish from the original investigation was fresh enough to be taken to the lab. While MSU was conducting the analysis, more reports of dead fish came in, so a second attempt was made to collect specimens. This time, seven freshwater drum, also known as sheepshead, were collected and delivered to the lab. Eventually, the pumpkinseed sunfish and six of the seven drum tested positive for the virus.

“The die-off mostly affected freshwater drum, with smaller numbers of gizzard shad and sunfish also being impacted,” said DNR Fisheries Division Assistant Chief Ed Eisch. “The virus that causes VHS is known to have been in the Great Lakes basin since approximately 2005.”

The virus has periodically caused mortality in gizzard shad and muskellunge populations in the Lake St. Clair/Lake Erie/Detroit River system. Given the rising water temperatures, the current outbreak in Lake Macatawa is probably winding down and it is not expected to have any lasting effect on the lake’s fish populations.

While VHS has only been in the region for a short time, it has the potential to cause significant mortality in species important to anglers, so minimizing its spread is critical. Boaters and anglers can play a substantial role in limiting the effects of pathogens such as this virus.

“Disinfecting gear that comes into contact with water, as well as making sure that you clean, drain and dry your boat and trailer between going from one water body to the next is one of the best ways to keep such organisms from spreading across the state,” said Eisch. “Doing so is always a good practice, but especially if you’ve been in Lake Macatawa this spring.”

This virus poses no threat to humans or pets that come into contact with potentially infected water.

Learn more about viral hemorrhagic septicemia and other fish diseases at Michigan.gov/FishHealth.”