



# ELDEAN News

August 2013

**INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE**

## ***Sufficient Reason is the Best!***

A BIG round of applause is well deserved by Z-Dock's own Sufficient Reason (Z-10)! Mitch Padnos, Tracy Brand and crew finished 1<sup>st</sup> Overall (corrected time) in this year's Mac Race. This was Mitch's 37th race and 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row that Sufficient reason won their division.

The 105<sup>th</sup> Race to Mackinac went well this year for many of the other local racers. In the Trophy division, Windquest beat out Il Mostro for line honors – getting some payback for last year's finish when Il Mostro took 1<sup>st</sup> and Windquest 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both of these racing machines underwent much hard work and preparation while inside our buildings this winter.

The crew from Juliana (Z-46) included not only the owners Tim and Julie, but also these fellow Z-dock sailers: the father and son crews of Zach and Dave (Z-6) and Frank and Frank (Z-44).



The Z-Dock Crew from Juliana

Also, please congratulate Drumbeat, Still Messin', Tripwire, Challenge, Willie J, Roxie (3<sup>rd</sup> in Cruising 1), Heartbreaker Experience, Shorthanded, Tyrant, Zephyr, Renegade, 18 Degrees, and the other boats sailing out of Eldean Shipyard, MBYC and Lake Macatawa!

## **Labor Day Luau Sign Up!**



Please sign up to attend our Labor Day party on Sunday, Sept. 1st. The last page of the newsletter provides all the details you need.

## ***The Service Department...***

If you have questions on your winter storage work order forms just ask Matt or Roger. If you are not certain what type of maintenance is required to prepare your boat for 2014, we are available to help you. As Always, if you let us know what you need before Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, we can guarantee that it will be done in time for launch (*please allow a little extra time for major refits*).

## ***Water Levels...***

Wow, what a difference a year can make! Ok, levels this year are about what they were last year, but the big difference is that they were projected to be about a foot lower this year and instead, the levels rebounded nicely this spring. [Click here to see the current lake level chart.](#)

Because of the water level improvement, some of the docks that we lowered are now in need of a couple of steps. If you have requested a lower dock and have changed your mind, please let me know. Also, if your dock was lowered and you would prefer a higher dock, we probably have another slip available with a higher dock that you could move to – just let me know.

ABC News, WZZM 13 visited Eldean Shipyard for our opinions on the low water levels. Rubin (E-31) and I were interviewed. [Click here to see the news video and story.](#)

## ***SS Badger Sails through 2014...***

If you haven't ridden aboard the SS Badger Car Ferry, your time is running out! It's a fun and direct way to travel from Ludington to Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The ship is the last American coal-fired ferryboat and it will have to change its fuel source or be forced into extinction after the 2014 season. For more information see this [article](#) or go to [www.ssbadger.com](http://www.ssbadger.com)

## ***Free Gym Memberships for YOU!***

Most boaters are pretty fit, as staying active outdoors is a key ingredient to a healthy lifestyle. However, staying fit requires a bit of work and often a few trips to the health club each week are just what the Doctor ordered.



[www.backtofitnessmindandbody.com](http://www.backtofitnessmindandbody.com)

We have partnered with the owners of "***Back To Fitness***" to offer **FREE memberships** to our Slip Customers! Interested boaters will receive a free "Full Access Membership" at Back to Fitness. This is \$29.95/month value. For registration, you will need to present your pool key at *Back To Fitness* and pay a onetime \$25 registration fee. A yearly \$29.99 enhancement fee is your only other obligation.

The gym is located in the Baker Lofts on 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Holland. The owners, Dan and Rhea, are fellow boaters from A-Dock. Included in this membership:

- All Free Weights
- All Weight and Cardio Machines
- Fitness Center access 24hrs/day, 7 days a week!
- Free Personal Training Consultation.
- Lockers/Showers/Towels
- Hot tub and Sauna
- Free Group Fitness and underwater treadmill.

## ***Pure Michigan... Absolutely!***



Located at US 31 and 16 Street, Holland

## ***The Usual & Important Stuff...***

If you haven't sent in your *winter storage deposit* of \$500, please do so immediately, as our storage space is filling up!

**If you would prefer a different slip for 2014**, just let me know and I'll see what I can do. Often, I won't know next summer's slip availability until January, however, I prioritize requests by the date it is received, so just send me an [email](#).

Please let us know in the shipstore if you are taking your boat on a cruise or ***if your boat will be out of your slip for more than 48 hours***. While you are gone, the slip becomes available for visiting boaters.

***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!

**Please shutoff water at your spigot when it is not in use.** Most of the water leaks that are observed (making boards wet & slippery while also wasting water) are generally caused by a loose hose connection and the spigot being left on.

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## News from -



So far this year the brokerage sales have been very strong with many of my listing finding new homes. Hopefully this is a positive indicator for an improving economy.

***Just a couple of quick helpful hints in dealing with Michigan watercraft titles and the display of registration numbers:*** First, when you receive your Michigan title in the mail from the State of Michigan be sure to look it over very carefully before you put it away. Make certain that the hull number is correct and matches what is on the back of the boat. It is much easier to have it corrected now than when you are selling your boat. Secondly, the proper way to display your MC numbers is to leave a space between the MC and the four digit number, plus a space between the four digit number and the last two letters. Lastly, the registration sticker must follow the number; it should be forward of the number on the starboard side and aft on the port side (many boats have this wrong).

Have a great season. If I can be of any help please stop by or give me a call – 616.335.3144

Best regards,

Henry DeJong - [Holland Yacht Sales](#)

## ***Weather Buoy...***

Approximately 2 miles off Port Sheldon is a weather buoy monitoring lake and weather conditions and collecting data. Fisherman, Sailors, Boaters, Surfers, Commercial Vessels, and Beach Goers may all find useful information. The [information is reported on this website](#). This and other helpful weather and webcam links are available on the [Area Weather](#) link of Eldean.com. There is also a great app for iPhones called [‘SurfingLakes’](#) with useful NOAA & NWS info.

## ***The Vander Leek Hospice Cup...***

This year's Vander Leek Cup, benefiting Hospice, will be hosted by the Yacht Basin Marina and start in front of MBYC on Sat. August 11. Contact MBYC or [www.vanderleekcup.com](http://www.vanderleekcup.com) for Details.

## ***The Great Lakes Report...***

Each year, the Office of the Great Lakes prepares the State of the Great Lakes Report, which focuses on Michigan's efforts to improve water quality, best use water resources, fight aquatic invasive species and restore degraded areas. Sections of the report detail efforts to protect and restore Michigan's coastal areas, featuring experts from state and federal resource agencies, Michigan Sea Grant, academia, and the environmental community.

To download a PDF of the 2012 State of the Great Lakes report, [click here](#). For more Great Lakes info, visit the MDEQ's Office of the Great Lakes at <http://www.michigan.gov/deqogl>.

## **The Great Lakes **MOST WANTED!****

More than 180 non-native species have already made a home in the Great Lakes basin, and more could make their way in. Scientists and government officials have their eyes on a watchlist of 53 species that are most likely to become established in the



Great Lakes region if they get in. Take for example: killer shrimp. [For the complete article, click here.](#)

To search for Non-Indigenous species in our area, check out this helpful [index put together by NOAA](#).

## ***Fall is Approaching; Prepare...***

As the fall season brings many nice days on the water, it usually brings a few foul weather days too. We will be walking the docks when the storms blow through and tying and adding dock-lines as required. Please put your extra lines in an easy to find, unlocked location so that we have access to them. [Click Here for more information to help prepare for bad weather.](#)

## ***Holland Farmers Market...***

Info at: [www.hollandfarmersmarket.com](http://www.hollandfarmersmarket.com)

## **“Project Clarity” – Get On Board!**

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. On Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Outdoor Discover Center we will be hosting an evening at Windmill Island in support of Project Clarity. This evening will introduce 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.

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 & 104<sup>th</sup> street where the trail enters Ridgepoint Church property.



Macatawa Greenway Trailhead Kiosk Sponsored by Piper Restaurant

## ***Dock Party Photos...***



Thank you Vicki for sharing your artwork!



So much great food!



It’s a great way for new slip members to meet neighbors!



## - News from the Piper -



### **Impatient? Can't tolerate waiting in a line?**

The Piper can meet your needs because we take RESERVATIONS! Please call several days in advance for groups of 5 or more and groups of all size for Friday and Saturday nights. There is limited reservation space and we do not want to disappoint you. If you are spontaneous, call us 30 min. ahead for groups of 5 or less. We will put your name on the **waiting** list. However, there could still be a wait once you arrive.

### **September to May Hours**

Piper will be open throughout Labor Day weekend opening each night at 5:00 p.m. Starting September 8 & 9, Piper is closed on Sundays and Mondays until Memorial Day Weekend 2014. And remember, Piper is open **YEAR ROUND**, so continue to visit us after the boating season has concluded!

### **Happy Hour**

Happy hour extends through the end of September. Happy Hour is from 5:00 to 6:00 on any night we are open except Saturday evenings. Sunset hour is the last half hour of dinner service. Come enjoy a \$3.00 draft beer or a \$4.00 house wine or selected martinis for \$5.00. Enjoy one or two FREE PIZZA SLICES with your beverage. Spend some quality time with your dock mates.

### **Party Time-"As Simple As it Gets"**

The Piper staff makes banquets, weddings, and rehearsal dinners stress free. The Piper can help you plan Christmas and holiday parties from 10 to 135 with just one phone call. You plan the guest list, and Piper will create a memorable event for you and your guests. Plan your special get-together now while you have a wide selection of dates.

### **Gracias, Merci, Thank You**

Was there someone special on your dock this summer that was an awesome neighbor who retied your boat during a storm, loaned you tools, or rescued your drowning pet?

- A Piper Gift Card is a great way to say **Thank You**. Gift cards are available in any amount.



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# Season Finale



## ***Labor Day Luau, AKA: “Pork Fest”*** ***Sunday, September 1st***

Yes we will be there and will bring:  
(Check one Item)

- If your group is large (4+), please bring a proper proportion of food. Your family and friends are welcome!

\_\_\_\_\_ *Appetizer*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Salad*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Dessert*

***Number of Guests:***

\_\_\_\_\_ *Porkers*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Chicken*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Total at \$5.00 =* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

Featuring:

- **Pork Barbeque**
- **Corn on the Cob and Other Stuff**
- **Grilled Chicken for Non-Porkers**
- **HOT DOGS for Kids**

**Music and Beer begin at 5PM**

**Appetizers Start at 5:30pm, Pig Out 6:00pm**

***Sign-up in the SHIPSTORE***

*-or-*

*Fill out the coupon and mail it with your check to:*

**Eldean Pork Fest  
2223 S. Shore Dr.  
Macatawa, MI 49434**

*Or drop it off at the Ship's Store*

**Reservations by Aug. 25th**

To avoid last minute confusion and/or the possibility of running out of food, **no reservations after Aug 25<sup>th</sup>**. -All payments to the Ship's Store by 5pm Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.