

# ELDEANews

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**End of Season Dates:** For those late season boaters, this is a reminder that your slip rental goes to Oct. 15th. If you are not storing your boat with us this winter, please make plans to remove your boat by Oct. 15th.

However, Boats/Customers that also Winter Store with us are allowed to remain in the slip until October 31st (as it takes us that long to haul all of the boats out). Boats that are not storing with us that remain in slip after Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> will be charged the daily dockage rate until they are removed.

**Your Boat Keys, Please:** We need to have a spare set of your keys and/or combination to your boat so that we are able to enter the boat and move the boat in the event of an emergency (and be able to drive your boat to the haul-out for storage). Because we had the keys, we were able to save a boat from sinking this summer!

## A Harbor View Lofts Open House!

On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 11-2pm, we will be holding an Open House for Harbor View Lofts #2 (located in the remodeled Piper restaurant building). This 7 bedroom unit was finished in June and has been rented nearly every week since. We have had rave reviews from this summer's guests! Our vacation rentals are great options for bringing your extended family out to your favorite boating location (*Macatawa of Course*)! There is also the possibility of a long term, multi-year lease in Loft #2 or the future Loft #3. Additional information on all of our vacation rentals is available at [LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com](http://LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com)

## WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

Believe it or not, the Army Corps say that Lake Michigan has only gone up 2" from last July to this July. 2" is hard to believe as we have already needed to raise 4 docks this summer to higher heights in order to keep your feet dry. We will continue to raise several more docks to try to prepare for next year, should the water continue to rise. For lake level data, go to:

- [Options for all Great Lakes](#)
- [The Lake Michigan Monthly Bulletin](#)

## Weather Buoy Update...

LimnoTech, the weather buoy people, have launched a new website to access real-time observations from a several weather station buoys. The new website is available right now at <http://glbuoys.glos.us>. The website provides easy and ready access to buoy data across the Great Lakes. The new website is very mobile friendly, inclusive of all buoy stations, and has a new design to display the most recent observations and 5-day history. The direct link to our Holland/Port Sheldon buoy can be located directly at: <http://glbuoys.glos.us/45029>. Check it out! If you forget, you can always go to our weather page at [www.eldean.com](http://www.eldean.com) and look for the link.



Grill Masters!



Sundae BAR!!!

## Labor Day Weekend Picnic!

Not only will the Eldeans be firing up the grills again, but this year we are adding an Ice Cream Machine and Sundae Bar to the spread! Stop by the picnic tables at the playground for grilled salmon, hot dogs, chili-dogs, & brats on Sunday afternoon of Labor Day Weekend - Compliments of the Shipyard! **We will be cooking from 12-3 (or until the food is gone).**

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## Haul-out & Fall Storms are Here

Please send Matt an email ([matt@eldean.com](mailto:matt@eldean.com)) with your haul-out date. We start hauling boats for winter storage after Labor Day, so please give us the date that you are ready for us to haul-out your boat and we will do our best to meet your schedule. If you are done using the boat, we suggest having it hauled out rather than sitting in the slip all of September and October. After Labor Day, Northwest storms become more regular, causing heavy winds and large waves. Hauling out the boat is a failsafe way of surviving a storm surge in the harbor.



The Rig Team of Michael, Joel, and Marc

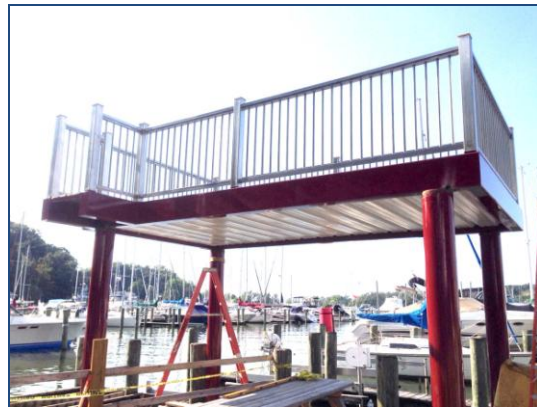
With haul-out approaching after Labor Day, our rig crew is getting ready to remove about 100 masts in preparation for inside winter storage. This photo shows the rigging crew in a great mood this past spring when they were stepping masts on our Mast Dock. The crane operator from Hamilton Distributing outfitted the boys in the “High Viz” yellow T’s to pair with their bright Eldean Shipyard Logo Trucker Caps. Looking good!

## Support Our Community

Once again, the Shipyard is hosting the Holland Zeeland Community Foundation on Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> in our Party Barn (#3). Each year, the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area hosts an annual fall event to celebrate community members whose philanthropy is creating lasting, positive change in our region. This event is an important opportunity for our community to come together to support charitable giving and for the Community Foundation to build awareness about their work to build our Community's Endowment and to help donors achieve their charitable goals.

This annual event brings together more than 600 community leaders and Foundation supporters for an evening of celebrating our community's generosity while enjoying grazing-style dining from a number of the area's best restaurants, bakeries, and caterers. [Click here for Tickets.](#)

## B-Dock Blissssssssssssssssss!



We are nearing completion of the Elevated Deck at B-Dock. By elevating the viewing platform 10' in the air, boaters will be able to see above the docked boats and have a great view of the channel & harbor. If you have kids out in dinghies or in an MBYC sailing program, this deck should give you a better view when tracking them. And, of course, there are sunsets too!

Beginning this fall, additional improvements and installations will be started on B-dock. We recently received a permit from the MDEQ to install piling mounted boatlifts and to reconfigure a few of the B-dock slips which allows us to add 4 additional slips. In recent years we have observed a shift to smaller power boats that are kept in boat lifts and these changes will help meet those requests (there are not nearly as many motor yachts and tall spars on the docks as there were in the past).

## New Outboard Jet Technology

From Soundings: Honda Marine is now offering three outboards with jet propulsion instead of a propeller, the 40 Jet, 65 Jet and 105 Jet. The new motors are designed to give the operator increased flexibility for running in shallow waters and maneuvering around or over obstructions that could limit a prop-driven outboard.

“The launch of the new Honda 40 Jet, 65 Jet and 105 Jet will power boaters to shallows where prop engines can’t go,” said Will Walton, assistant vice president of Honda Marine in a statement. “These engines mark Honda’s entry into a new segment of the market. The combination of powerful jet pump technology with Honda’s legendary marine powerheads gives our customers a wider choice of Honda marine outboard motors to meet all their boating needs.”

The new motors pair Honda powerheads with jet drives that are designed for shallow-water operation. They have no gear case or propeller extending beneath the hull. In a statement, Honda said that the low-profile foot design lets a boater maneuver in minimal depths without the fear of getting a propeller caught or damaged on rough bottoms and that the motors should be of interest to commercial and recreational anglers. For the complete news release, [click here](#).

## New No-Wakes Zones...

This summer you may have recognized a slightly different arrangement of no-wake buoys on Lake Mac. And, if your boat is over 26’ long and you like to go fast, be careful to observe the limits in the narrows. After several public hearings the local townships and the DNR have decided to update 4 of our Lake Mac no-wakes zones. [Click here for the new no-wake map](#) (2 pages).

## A Ryan Eldean Update...

Capt Ryan’s boss has upgraded to the 87 foot motor yacht, “HQ”, which they took delivery of this winter in Fort Lauderdale. Ryan has also upgraded his licensing and now holds a 200 ton master license. Ryan and crew delivered the boat to Chicago for the summer months. After Labor Day, Capt. Ryan will begin the voyage back South for the winter. Their winter destinations include Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, Puerto Rico, BVI, US Virgin Islands, St. Martin, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and the Cayman Islands. Kris & I, and Herb & Pat, are hoping to visit him at one of these fantastic destinations this winter! What a great way for Ryan to see the world!



## Holland Yacht Sales

### News from Holland Yacht Sales

The weather has certainly co-operated for a great boating summer with lots of sunshine and gentle breezes. As we head into fall I usually see a bit of a surge in boating activity including both buyers who are thinking of getting a boat for next season and owners that are considering to move up or down. Which brings me to my topic - Getting your boat ready for the market:

Just like selling your house and car, it is the first impression that is very important when you are trying to sell your boat. A boat should be clean and it is best to have it washed and detailed. Interiors should not be cluttered and remove extra stuff so that the buyer can get a good look at all the storage areas of the boat. Bilges should be dry and clean including engine areas. Owner's manuals for the boat and other equipment should be aboard for reference. Make sure the batteries are charged as it is very hard to show a boat with flashlights!

In addition, the docklines and fenders should be stowed and the cockpit lockers organized and cleaned. A few other areas to pay special attention are toilets, sinks, stoves, ice box/refrigerators and the hatch lips where debris often collects.

I currently have some very nice boats on my brokerage list. If you are in the market to buy or sell please stop by my office in the Ships Store or give me a call.

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### 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](#)

## Congrats Captain Mark Rapson!



Photo is of Mark doing some Spring Fishing

Capt. Mark Rapson, aboard Black Pearl (E-12) took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Pro Division of the Big Red Classic fishing tournament this August taking home the \$7,500 Grand Prize! Day 1 of the tournament was cancelled because of big waves. On day 2, all of the Pro Boats caught 7 fish, but at 102.6 lbs, Black Pearl weighed-in the most!

In addition, Capt. Mark Rapson runs **Black Pearl Sportfishing Charters** out of slip E-12. Contact Capt. Mark at 517-449-5543 or view more about Black Pearl line at [hollandsportfishing.com](http://hollandsportfishing.com)

Capt. TJ Willacker of Bending Limits is the other fishing charter on our docks. Bending Limits ran 2 boats this year and probably hooked-up more fish than anyone! Contact Capt. TJ to book your trip! Slip A-28 & A-29, 989-464-6546, [bendinglimits1@gmail.com](mailto:bendinglimits1@gmail.com), or go to TJ's website for more information: [www.bendinglimits.com](http://www.bendinglimits.com)

## More in Fish News...

From the DNR: A critical component of fisheries management is understanding what happens to fish when they are caught and released. Most recently the DNR has been looking specifically at what happens to lake trout after they are caught through a mortality assessment survey. "In this study, Fisheries Division staff estimated the mortality of angler-released lake trout using tagged fish in lakes Superior and Huron then comparing the differences in tag return rates between large trap net-caught (control group) and angler-caught and released lake trout (treatment group)," Sitar said. [Click here for the complete report.](#)

The DNR also reports that they are making progress on their effort to reintroduce Arctic Grayling in Michigan. The DNR stated, "Our formal mission as an initiative is to restore self-sustaining populations of Arctic Grayling within its historic range in Michigan," said DNR Fisheries Division Assistant Chief Todd Grischke.

Michigan's history with the Arctic Grayling is long and storied. A striking fish with a sail-like dorsal fin and a slate blue color on its body, it was virtually the only native stream salmonid in the Lower Peninsula until the resident population died off nearly a century ago.



'The fact we have a town named after this fish indicates to me just how iconic it was and still is to many in this state,' Grischke said. "When you add in other factors - such as the fact they're only native to Michigan and Montana out of all the lower 48 states - it just adds to their legendary status."

In the 19th century, northern Michigan streams were filled with Arctic Grayling offering anglers plenty of opportunity to catch these unique fish. But a variety of factors slowly erased their presence, including the cutting of Michigan's vast virgin forest in the 1800s."

[Click to read more about the Arctic Grayling Initiative](#)