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What a Weird Winter!

This mild winter may have been my fault (or my favor, depending on your outlook). It all went wrong when I told my friends from Mexico to come visit in January, and they would be assured to see snow for the first time and the kids could go sledding and make snow angels. I should have known better to make a promise like that! Luckily, they still were able to see a little snow, unfortunately there weren't any snowmen made.

Although the winter was remarkably mild, we did see a little ice on Lake Macatawa, but each time it appeared, it would generally disappear within a few days.

Please Welcome our new slip holders!

Ahoy! You will see quite a few new dock neighbors this summer. Please give our new guests a warm welcome!

New customers please take note –

Your Piper Gift Card will be available with Shelley at the marina office. Please do not go to the Piper to request your gift card as they will not be able to help you.

For marina information regarding news, amenities, events, suggestions, and policies: Go to www.eldean.com/news and also Click on the “[More Fun Stuff](#)” heading (left side) for additional info on marina services and nearby attractions.

Lodging Special for Marina Customers...

We have partnered with [Marriott's Residence Inn in Holland](#) in order to help you with finding reasonable lodging rates for you and your guests. The Residence Inn, off M-40 near I-196, offers suites with full kitchens and separate sleeping and living areas. Eldean Shipyard customers are provided a 15% discount off their regular rates – Flyers are available in the Shipstore and a flyer MUST be presented at Check-in. This is another option whether you are coming to the area to work on your boat in the winter or are looking for accommodations for your summer guests.

Good Work Jeff!

Shipyard employee Jeff Westerlund has been promoted to the position of Yard Superintendent, replacing long



time superintendent Richard (Dick) Isreals. Jeff has 25 years experience at Eldean Shipyard. Jeff specializes in painting and varnish work as well as running the Travelifts. Jeff is a hardworking, thorough and thoughtful

individual; your boat is in good hands with Jeff!

Although Richard has mostly retired, we are fortunate to still have him around on a part-time basis. You will still see him working during the busy Launch and Haul-out seasons.

Summer Crew...

You will notice a few familiar faces in the Shipstore this summer. Hailey, Ryan, Zack and Jake are returning, while Ben will be the only new addition. Angela will have them well trained and ready to help you in the store or on the fuel dock. We are excited about our summer staff and are looking forward to a great summer season. All of our crew are happy to assist you. Just ask...

Point West I Breaks Ground...

In March, the new Point West development broke ground just NW of the Shipyard. The development was approved by Park Township this winter for up to 40 residential units and 80 slips. Construction will be ongoing for several years. However, the developer has agreed to stop construction between Memorial Day and Labor Day each year so that our summer in Macatawa won't be disturbed with loud noises and other construction related distractions. Walking access to Big Red Lighthouse will continue this summer.

Voluntary Coast Guard Inspections...

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be here on **June 23rd** to perform safety inspections of your boat. Please sign up in the shipstore for an available time slot. After passing an inspection, you will receive a 2012 sticker for your boat. Although the Coast Guard or Sheriff may pull you over at anytime, you will likely avoid being pulled over for a safety inspection if you are displaying this sticker.



Holland Yacht Sales

News from Holland Yacht Sales

If the early record setting weather is an indicator for the boating season it should be a great one! Boat sales have also been improving this year on both the power and sailboat sides. In fact, I have sold more boats than I have listed in the last six months, which has not happened in some time.

Just a few observations on things that are often overlooked when getting your boat ready to go for the season: Be sure your registration numbers are current and stickers are in place (remember the sticker always follows the MC number – it will be aft on the port side and forward on the starboard side). If your boat is a titled boat, check that the hull number on the title matches the one on the hull. You would be surprised how often it doesn't match and it is much easier to correct before you sell your boat. Finally, check those flares and fire extinguishers.

If I can be of any assistance in the sale or purchase of a boat or if you would just like to talk about boats, please stop by.

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Top sailboats for 2012

Cruising World magazine announced the winners of its 19th annual Boat of the Year awards. Topping this year's list of winners in the sailboat industry were the Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 379 and the Leopard 44. The Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 379 won the Domestic Boat of the Year award, and the Leopard 44 was named Import Boat of the Year.

In addition to claiming the Domestic Boat of the Year award, the Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 379, built for U.S. and Canadian markets, also was named Best Midsize Cruiser, 36 to 40 feet. The Leopard 44 cruising catamaran was named Import Boat of the Year as well as Best Multihull.

Other winners include:

- Best Compact Cruiser, 30 to 35 feet: **Hunter e33**
- Best Midsize Cruiser, 40 to 45 feet: **Tartan 4000**
- Best Full-Size Cruiser, 45 feet and above:
Passport Vista 545 CC

Is it time to improve your skills?

For Beginners: Basic Boating Safety Courses are offered regularly by the **Grand Rapids Sail & Power Squadron**. Boating Safety consists of topics in seamanship, boat terms and types, boat handling, fueling, docking, anchoring, required safety equipment, PFD's, navigation lights, fire extinguishers, USCG standards, law enforcement, aids to navigation, rules of navigation, use of radiotelephone, operation under hazardous conditions, and much more. Check them out at www.grsps.org

All levels: The **Great Lakes Cruising Club** School is offering inexpensive, online classes on topics ranging from basic cruising and negotiating locks to weather forecasting and diesel engine maintenance. You don't have to be a GLCC member to take the classes. Check them out at www.GLCCSchool.com.

Expert Advice: **Sailing Spoken Here** is proud to announce a new partnership with Gary Jobson! Sailing Spoken Here is partnering up with world-class sailor Gary Jobson. Who is Gary Jobson? Well here are just a few of his accomplishments: he is a television commentator for ESPN; he is a world class sailor who has won countless championships and has achieved over 50 awards; he is the president of US Sailing; author of 17 books; editor at large of Sailing World and Cruising life; and an America's Cup Hall of Fame inductee. Gary has quite an impressive resume and we are thrilled to have him on board to give YOU insider insights and stories that you're looking for as an avid racer or cruiser! Go to www.sailingspokenhere.com

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Congrats to Tartan C&C Yacht Sales!

Rick Johnson and Tartan C & C Yacht Sales, with offices in St. Clair Shores and at Eldean Shipyard, was honored at the Hanover Marine (builder of Tartan and C&C Yachts) annual dealer meeting as their Top Dealer for 2011!

The majority of the boats were sold out of the Eldean office and Rick says that one of the reasons for this success has been the ability to sell the Yachting Lifestyle – “Most boatyards are terrible places to show boats. Moving our Lake Michigan office from Chicago to Eldean Shipyard has allowed us to present our yachts in a beautiful setting. Several of our customers have chosen to dock and store their boats here as a result of their visits during the purchasing and commissioning.”

To learn more about Tartan Yachts and C&C Yachts, please contact Rick Johnson. His office is located at 2150 South Shore Drive (next to the Post Office) and Rick’s phone is 586-530-7750.

Are you an Artist?

It’s often surprising to find out that somebody is an artist or has a pretty significant art making hobby. Please let me know if you are an artist and if you would be interested in showing your artwork to your marina neighbors. If there is enough boater involvement, I would like to sponsor an Art Show/Dock Party at my Gallery that would display the artwork of our talented boaters. Those interested, please [email me](#) a quick note and attach a few images of your artwork.

Ethanol-Free Again in 2012!

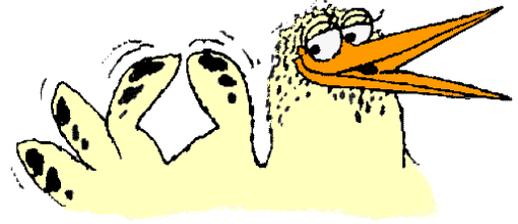
Update: It is our pleasure to inform you that Gas at the Eldean Fuel Dock will once again be 90 Octane, ***Ethanol-Free*** with Valvtect Additive.

Given the choice, don’t choose ethanol for your boat, as it may cause you many headaches, dollars, and days off the water. For more information on Ethanol, please check:

<http://www.eldean.com/news/Alerts/Ethanol.pdf>

Using Valvtect Fuel Saves you 15 cents per Gallon

Valvtect is a more efficient blend and can save you money at the pump and on maintenance costs. [Click here to learn how.](#)



FYI: Dinner Reservations

The Piper can be very busy, especially on weekends in the summer. Please call a few days in advance so that we can reserve a table for you at your desired time. We don’t want to disappoint you when you arrive on a busy weekend.

Good Clean Family Fun...

With all the high tech options out there for kids, often the simple things get lost in the fray. When I was a little skipper, probably in the 4 to 12 age range, building little boats was one of my favorite things to do. My Dad and I would assemble and paint models (out of the box, craft store variety) in our basement. I also, would go look for wood scraps to make my own models. I would fashion the scraps together with glue and nails to make the finest of ski boats, Cigarette boats, and sailboats around. Early on, they were very crude and the most elaborate and difficult part of construction was figuring out how to attach a string to the bow so it could be towed around. Later models were finely painted representations of actual boats which required me to pester our shipyard carpenter and painters for help, and, as a result, I learned some valuable techniques along the way.

Of course, all newly built boats need a test drive and sea-trial. For this, a ride on my parents or friends “Big” boat was required. Once moving through the water on the “Big” boat, I could launch my prototype, now tied to 20’ long string, and see how it performed. Not surprisingly, my boats usually didn’t live up to my imagination, but none of them sank either. Regardless of the boat’s performance, my friends and I had a great time. And I imagine our parents thought it was fun too.

It should be noted that on occasion, my friend’s parents would take the short-cut and purchase a plastic boat at the store. These boats usually performed much better on the Sea-Trial, but they didn’t create as good of memories.

Some Historical Eye Candy...

A lot of us know about the local boat building history in the area, including Chris Craft, Grand Craft, Power Quest, Slickcraft, and S2 Yachts. Even Eldean Shipyard, previously Jesiek Bros. Shipyard, was a longtime manufacturer of wooden sail and power boats.

Outside of Holland, Michigan there are numerous other boat builders as well, including Four Winns, Gar Wood, Defoe Boat & Motor Company, Van Dam Custom Boats, Cadillac Boat Company, and many, many more. A few historical photos from Detroit Area appear below. Thanks for the photos Bob (C-39)!



MY SEAHORSE, built in Trenton, MI, 1921



Gold Cup Races, 1918. MISS DETROIT III seen in foreground, MISS DETROIT II and MISS MINNEAPOLIS also visible.



Delphine Dodge at the wheel of MISS DELPHINE IV built in 1924



999, BABY AMERICA TOO, CIGARETTE and MISS DETROIT, 1924



Cruiser DETROIT in route to Europe 1912

Pops at the Piper – A Summer Tradition

It's an unforgettable evening of music, food, and fun with the [Holland Symphony Orchestra](#) and the Holland Jazz Orchestra. Pre-concert dinner reservations may be made at the Piper Restaurant. 10% of your dinner bill will be donated to the Symphony. Concert tickets are sold separately. Bring your appetite to enjoy great food and music!



Thursday, June 21, 7:00pm
Location: Eldean's Boat Shed
Adults/Seniors - \$15
Students - \$5

Tickets available at Symphony Office, 616-796-6780

JD Charters...

Captain Steve Orosz and Crew are offering fishing charters departing out of slip R-8, in front of the Piper. The J D Lady is a 30 foot Sea Ray Weekender with twin 260 HP inboards. She is a wide and stable riding vessel. There is a full galley with a refrigerator and a microwave. The enclosed head is spacious and clean. If you are looking to hook into Salmon, Trout, or Perch, give Steve a call at 616-550-6248 or go to www.jdcharters.net for more information.



It's fun for the whole family!

Spread the Thrill & Enjoyment of Sailing!

“Summer Sailstice” is a concept that matches sailors with interested crew. Summer Sailstice is held annually on the Weekend closest to the summer solstice (June 23-24), the longest sailing day of the year. There is no cost to participate and the website makes it easy to get matched with some people that would love to go sailing. Please visit this website for more information www.summersailstice.com.

Do you need internet Access?

Wi-Fi service is currently available for the 2011 season. Connect to the "Eldean Public" Antenna from anywhere in the Marina.

Subscription Rates:

Daily: \$6 Weekly: \$20 Summer Season: \$95

Daily & Weekly subscriptions are paid for by credit card on-line when subscribing.

For a Seasonal Subscription, please [email](#) or call us to set up your Wi-Fi access and we will bill your account. This will save you \$30 over the on-line price (it is \$125 on-line).

The Wi-Fi service is now operated by www.Air-Waves.net. Airwaves has 12 locations off Lake Michigan and your service will be active at all of these locations. Check their website for locations and information.

For any issues with the Wi-Fi, please contact Air-Waves. If you wish to speak to someone, please call (616) 988-1600 ext.2 (weekdays 8am-5pm). Weekends or after hours, call Chris: (616) 318-3850, or Mike (616) 843-1004. However you may send an email to marina@specialized-computers.com at any time and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

'Stop your Whining' Fridays continue...

Stop in at the Piper and try one of our four \$15.00 wines featured only on Fridays. Enjoy the entire bottle while dining at the Piper or have a glass and take the remainder with you (Michigan law allows opened bottles that are properly recorded to be taken home).



It is a great opportunity to try some unusual Spanish, French and South American wines. If you are just seeking the solitude of your boat, the entire wine list is available

for take-out at a reduced price and the special selections are only \$10 to go.

A dual Ryan Eldean/Asian Carp Update...

Ryan Eldean, now finishing up his freshman year at Boise State, created this website on Asian Carp for a class assignment. Take a look:

<http://www.wix.com/ryaneldean/asian-carp>

This Just In [Stock]

This year's clothing selection has arrived in the Shipstore. We also have a new line of bags made from recycled sailboat sails. You'll see that we brought a few favorites back this year along with a variety of new Macatawa Clothing and Gil apparel.



This t-shirt design really appealed to us because of the two nostalgic big steel anchors. Coincidentally, Herb Eldean Sr. owned a bar in Chicago called "Twin Anchors" and it still operates under the same name today. Also, we have two ship anchors and one wheel in our collection of Antiques. You've likely seen the Ship's Wheel in our shipstore and one anchor next to the flag pole.

"Party Like A Dock Star" is the theme of this one. Styled after a beer label, this T is perfect for anyone that spends as much time at the slip "socializing" than out on the water boating. I think there is a group on D-Dock that just might take a marker and insert a "D" in front of "Dock" on the logo.



Made from retired windblown sails and vintage navy canvas, BOYD Sailcloth's products are eco-friendly and durable. Each bag is unique in its history and construction. For our store, they developed this custom Big Red Bag. Also available are wine tote bags, duffel bags, and pillows. Each bag can be customized with your sail number, initials, or boat model. Stop by the shipstore to order your custom bag.

Boyd Sailcloth is committed to using reclaimed and locally sourced materials whenever possible. The sailcloth is 100% recycled and all of the products are manufactured in California (The company's owner has roots in Holland!)

The Waterfront Film Festival

Waterfront is held in Saugatuck, June 14th – 17th. Don't miss this fantastic four-day event, which will screen more than 30 feature films and 40 shorts over the course of the weekend! The festival kicks off on Thursday, June 9th with a beer garden, live concert and a free outdoor movie screening at dusk.
www.waterfrontfilm.org

A Fishing Competition...

There is a good group of Salmon Fishermen on our docks and it would be a lot fun to have a Shipyard Fishing Competition this summer between all of us. I know who most of you are, but just in case, please send me an [email](#) if you are interested.

The Fish are Back!

For the 7th year in a row, we are hosting the DNR fish stocking program in partnership with the Outdoor Discovery Center of Holland. **The estimated 45,000 Chinook Salmon are at the foot of A Dock in a net-pen.** Take a look at the descriptive signage that the Outdoor Discovery Center has provided this year. It's a great learning tool for you kids or grandchildren!



Wade Eldean with the Catch of the Day

Check out the [Salmon fishing report](#) at Eldean.com for a few helpful tips to catch more fish.

The 2011 Party Schedule!

Save these Dates...

Big Barn Parties: This year we will be holding the "Labor Day Luau" on Sunday Sept. 2nd.

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.

D & E -Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 28
B & C -Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 4
A & Z-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 11



D & E-Dock Party 2010

Memorial & 4th of July Weekends!

The Eldeans will be firing up the grills again! Stop by the picnic tables at the playground for grilled salmon, hot dogs, chili-dogs, & brats on Sunday afternoon of Memorial Day Weekend and on Wednesday, July 4th, compliments of the Shipyard. **We will be cooking from 12-3.** This year Tombo will be singing and playing music while we feast. Besides being a talented musician, Tombo is an old friend, former Shipstore Crew, and talented sailor from B-Dock.

'Bring your Car to Brunch' – Auto Show

(At the Memorial Day cook out mentioned above)

Bring your favorite car, cycle, bike, or trike to lunch. Enjoy a complimentary lunch while looking at some very cool vehicles. We'll have a parking lot reserved for the participants. More details to come & contact wade@eldean.com to participate.

News from the **PIPER** and Pat Eldean

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13, 2012

*Brunch Plates or Main Plates include
Choice of Starter with Bread*

Starters

Creamy Cauliflower Soup with Crispy Leeks

Shiitake Mushroom Soup with Crusty Bread

Romaine with Broccolini, Sweet Pepper,
Carrot and Creamy Herb Dressing

Gem Lettuces with Fennel, Radish
and Pistachio with Grapefruit Vinagreta

Brunch Plates

Jumbo Shrimp with Cheesy Polenta, Asparagus,
Cider Bacon and Toasted Focaccia with Tomato Jam 21.50

Scrambled Eggs, Baked Ham Slices and Sweet Potato Hash
with Honey Biscuits 16.50

Vegetable Frittata with Chorizo Sausage, Sautéed Greens
and Fried Corn Bread Sticks 16.50

Main Plates

Natural Honey Glazed Ham with Sweet Potato Hash,
Green Beans and Honey Mustard Pearl Onions 16.50

Angus Prime Rib with Salty Red Potatoes, Asparagus,
Balsamic Mushrooms and Leek Puree with Demi Glace 23.50

Char-Grilled Salmon Filet with Apples, Fennel and Green Beans,
on Creamy Risotto with Red Wine Vinagreta 23.50

Almond Fried Walleye with String Vegetables, Yukon Mashers,
Brown Butter and Orange-Caper Salsita 23.50

Roasted Chicken Breast with Penne Pasta, Chard Greens,
Oven-Dried Tomato and Mushrooms with Chèvre and Brown Sauce 18.50

Roasted Mushroom Medley with Root Vegetables on Farro with Apple,,
Watercress and Red Wine Vinagreta 18.50

Kid's Plates

(Meals do not include soup or salad)

Baked Ham with Mashed Yukon Potatoes and Green Beans 7.50

Grilled Chicken Breast with Creamy Risotto and Green Beans 6.50

Penne Pasta "Macaroni and Cheese" with Kid's Finger Salad 5.50

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