



ELDEAN News

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INTERESTING STUFF COMPILED BY WADE

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

Will spring/summer ever arrive? After being spoiled from a few years of warm springs, most notably last year's 70 degree March days, we are anxiously awaiting some warm (and dry) days to really get this launch season kicked off. However, this year's spring is more typical of an average Michigan spring. On a positive note, the added rains and continued ice/snow coverage up north should help to bring a little water back to the Great Lakes.

Please Welcome our New Slip Members!

Ahoy! You will see quite a few new dock neighbors this summer – because of low water levels at many harbors, marinas, and homes, we have a larger than normal influx of new slip members. Fortunately, our marina has plenty of deep water, so we are happy to accommodate nearly any draft boat. 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.

There's an App for that!

Boating Industry has put together a nice directory of marine related apps for your mobile device. Some of the apps are strictly boating related and others are productivity driven to help you get a little work done while you are on the water:

<http://www.boatingindustry.com/appdirectory/>

New Store Manager & Summer Crew...



Please welcome Cory Koch! Cory is our new Shipstore Manager, but Cory is no stranger to Eldean Shipyard! Cory's family has been customers with us for over 30 years and Cory has also worked for us on the rig dock during launch and haulout seasons. We are very excited to have added Cory to our crew. His excellent regard for customer service, product knowledge, and going the extra mile are much appreciated qualities. Cory will be happy to assist you with advice on equipment, tactics, foul weather gear, or whatever. Besides managing the shipstore and parts department, Cory is also an experienced sailor, diver, and delivery captain. If you have any cruising questions or concerns, stop by, Cory will be happy to help answer any of your questions.

You will notice two familiar faces in the Shipstore this summer. Ryan and Zack are returning, while Charles, Casey, Andrew, and Aubrey will be new additions. Cory 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...

Pick up your **NEW** Parking Stickers!

It's been a few years since we've updated the marina parking sticker – so in the interest of better security and improved parking, we will have new stickers available for your cars. Please stop in the Shipstore to register your cars and pick up your stickers. Each slip can register 2 cars at no cost and each additional car/sticker is \$10. If you purchase a new car, just bring us your old sticker and we will issue a new one. Day/weekend passes will still be available for your guests.

DOCKS lowered **AT SLIPS!**

Nobody likes to see these low water levels. Fortunately, we have a deep harbor and direct access to Lake Michigan so our marina is not affected as much as other marinas or harbors. We lowered some of our docks to better accommodate you while we wait for the water to come back. We were not able to lower them all this year, but we will continue to lower more this fall and again the following year. Please let me know if you think your dock needs to be lowered – take note this summer of the height of the dock compared to your boat (and your neighbors boat) and let me know (wade@eldean.com). Priority will be given to those boats that are the furthest in height from the dock and for customers with physical limitations.

lower **FUEL DOCK SECTION...**



Because of the low water, we have also lowered a 25 foot section on the West Side of the Gas Dock for your convenience when fueling or using the pump-out. This is also a good location to pick up guests for easier/safer boarding.

low **WATER REVEALS SHIPWRECKS:**

Shipwreck enthusiasts & historians found some good news courtesy of our prolonged summer drought and record low water levels. Just up the Lake in Grand Haven, not just one, but three wrecks were uncovered. The most significant is the 290-foot, steam-driven Aurora. At the time, the Aurora was considered the biggest and most powerful wooden vessel on the Great Lakes. For more information please read [this Holland Sentinel article](#) or go to [the Michigan Shipwreck Association website](#).

Lake Update from the MDEQ...

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. The report details 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, visit the [Office of the Great Lakes](#) website or [click here for the PDF](#).

Dogs threaten Beach Health?

[Click here for an interesting article](#) from Great Lakes Echo on an unwanted canine contribution to our waterways. I hope our customers are in the 60% that do pick up the do-do.

Pops at the Piper – A Summer Tradition

It's an unforgettable evening of music, food, and fun with the [Holland Symphony Orchestra](#), the Holland Jazz Band, and featuring Vocalists Gary Gramer & Kathy Wagner. 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 and are available at the Piper. Bring your appetite to enjoy great food and music!



Thursday, June 20, 7:00pm
Location: Eldean's Boat Shed
Adults/Seniors - \$15
Students - \$5

Tickets available at Symphony Office, 616-796-6780

Changes to Racing Rules in 2013...

WindCheckMagazine.com has an article describing this years rule changes. Changes to The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) occur every four years. These changes go into effect the January 1 following the Summer Olympics. [Click here for the article](#) and to make sure you are right before you fly your protest flag.

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 22), 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.

PWC Lift for Sale/Rent...



Several customers have expressed interest in keeping their Sea-Doo or Jetski on a lift. Our store is installing a PWC lift that is for rent (nightly or seasonal) or for sale. Provided that there is enough room, this type of lift could be installed in your current slip. The lift would require a one-time install, but would not need to be removed in the winter.

Joystick Control for Outboards?

That’s right, you can now control your dual or triple outboard motors with a joystick! Ok, so not many of us have this engine set-up, but the thought of moving a twin engine, center council boat sideways or pivot on a dime is pretty dang cool. Yamaha, Mercury Marine, and Teleflex have each recently introduced this type of technology. [Click here to check out Mercury’s Joystick Piloting for Outboards and demo video.](#)

Good Clean Family Fun...

If you recall, last year’s installment of family fun described the joy I had as a child building small model boats that I could tow behind the family boat while out for a cruise. This year I reminisce on ice-cream and “drip” castles with Uncle Bill (Uncle Bill wasn’t in our “Family” but he was my parents’ best friend). If you’re an old timer, you will remember Bill Thompson from C-Dock or out on the Race Course and you will also remember the Galley – the small greasy spoon that preceded the Piper. As early as I can remember, Uncle Bill and I would walk hand-in-hand on the same adventure a few times each summer: First, we would stop at the Galley for an ice-cream cone that was probably bigger than the size of my face. Next, we walked out to the beach to make “Drip” Castles.

Any child understands the allure of a giant ice-cream cone. However, the pleasure and fascination from making a sand castle by letting a combination of sand and water slowly drip through your fingers making some of the most ornate, creative, and delightful structures is truly a *Hands-On* experience. The adventure was really just a little thing; a small amount of Uncle Bill’s time and patience and the natural wonders of the waterfront made this kid’s summer.

While the giant ice-cream cones from the Galley are a thing of the past, the sand & water await your personal touch.



Ethanol-Free Again in 2013!

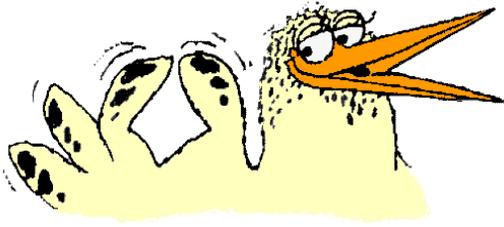
Update: It is our pleasure to inform you that Gas at the Eldean Fuel Dock will once again be 90 Octane, **Ethanol-Free** with Valvtect Additive.

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: Happy Hour

Join friends for an informal gathering during our Happy Hour, 5:00 to 6:00 pm, or for sunset (times do vary slightly) every day except Saturday. Free pizza is served with your drink. Drink specials include \$3.00 draft beer, \$4.00 house wines, \$5.00 featured martinis and cocktails.

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.

Piper Hours

Until Memorial Day Weekend, Piper is open Tuesday thru Saturday evenings and on Mother's Day, May 12th. The Piper will be open 7 evenings beginning May 26.

Do you need internet Access?

Wi-Fi service is currently available for the 2013 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). 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.

Denison Yachts Sales Moves In!

The Denison name may ring a bell, as it is the same family that made Broward Yachts just down the lake in Saugatuck. Denison Yachts is opening their Macatawa office this May, next door to the Post Office. They offer used and new boat sales, including new Monte Carlo, Dufour, Nor-tech, Ausin Parker, Contender, and Beneteau. Please check out all their offerings at: www.denisonyachtsales.com.

Tartan Yachts and C&C Yachts...

Rick Johnson has moved out of the Post Office building but is still located in the area. Rick's phone is 586-530-7750.



Holland Yacht Sales

News from Holland Yacht Sales

One of the great things about living in the Midwest is the anticipation of the boating season. It's great to see the all the boaters come back to the marina to check on their boats and get ready for the upcoming season. The Boat Shows that have happened this year have been well attended and seem to indicate the type of interest we have not seen in many years.

This past week I was reflecting on the sales I have had since the start of the storage season. I was amazed at where some of the boats went. Today's market is global with the internet (YachtWorld.com); buyers came from Chicago, Connecticut, Traverse City, Detroit, Florida (x2), Ohio, Seattle and Holland. Plus a couple of Canadian sales and a large sailboat from Annapolis sold to a local couple.

If I can help you with any of your boating needs please call or stop by my office in the Ships Store.

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Web site: www.yachtworld.com/hollandyachtsales

Voluntary Coast Guard Inspections...

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be here on **June 29th** to perform safety inspections of your boat (9am til Noon). Please sign up in the shipstore for an available time slot. After passing an inspection, you will receive a 2013 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.

A dual Ryan Eldean/Photo Update...

Ryan Eldean, now finishing up his sophomore year at Boise State, was home for spring break and canvassed Macatawa looking for subject matter for his Photography class. By going to high places and looking for interesting perspectives, Ryan intended to find an unconventional view of the Shipyard. Ryan also explains that “While retouching the photos I tried to push the line on how realistic the colors were shown. When shooting the Lighthouse, I used the background's flat color to distinguish the shape of the Lighthouse and also to make the red pop out. The ice on the railing interested me and I used the railing moment to guide you to Big Red.”



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This Just In [Stock]

This year's clothing selection has arrived in the Shipstore. You'll see that we brought a few favorites back this year along with a variety of new Macatawa Clothing and expanded lines of Gil apparel and Sebago Shoes.



Set your compass for Eldean Shipyard! This is just a new spin on an old favorite – the Nautical Compass. You may recognize a similar compass in the paver design at the E-dock picnic shelter.

“Big Red” is the theme of this T-shirt. This is a creative take of the standard favorite Big Red design, giving the quiet structure a bit more personality.



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!

Waterfront Film Festival Moves!

The Waterfront Film Festival is officially going on the road. After several months of meeting with leaders in prospective cities, WFF organizers announced that the nationally recognized 15th annual non-profit event will take place in South Haven, Michigan, June 13-16, 2013. Read More...

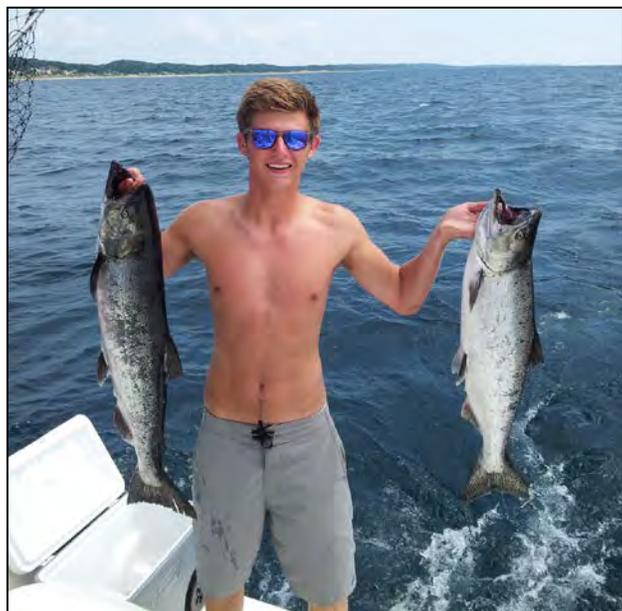
<http://www.waterfrontfilm.org/data/pressreleases/WFF2013HostCity.pdf>

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 13th with a beer garden, live concert and an outdoor movie screening at dusk.

www.waterfrontfilm.org

The Fish are Back!

For the 8th year in a row, we are hosting the DNR fish stocking program in partnership with the Outdoor Discovery Center of Holland. **The estimated 16,000 Chinook Salmon are at the foot of A Dock in a net-pen.** This amount is a big reduction from the usual 45,000, however the DNR studies suggest that the Alewife population is down so the DNR does not want to plant too many salmon if there are not enough Alewives to eat.



Ryan with the days catch – Boat trip, Little Sable Point, 2012

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

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.

Free Gym Memberships!

Don't forget, we've partnered with Back to Fitness to offer you a free gym membership when you are a slip customer – [Click for Details](#).

The 2013 Party Schedule!

Save these Dates...

Big Barn Party: This year we will be holding the "Labor Day Luau" on Sunday Sept. 1st.

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 20

B & C -Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 27

A & Z-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 3



D & E-Dock Party

Memorial & 4th of July 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, & brats on Sunday afternoon of Memorial Day Weekend and on Thursday, July 4th, compliments of the Shipyard. **We will be cooking from 12-3.**

News from the **PIPER** and Pat Eldean

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12, 2013

Brunch Plates or Main Plates include Choice of Starter with Bread

Starters

- Spring Onion Soup with Truffle Croutons
- Sweet Corn Chowder with Pepper Confetti
- Caesar Salad with Grape Tomato, Croutons and Pecorino Romano
- Baby Leaf Lettuce, Cucumber, Fennel and Radish with Balsamic or Ranch
- Shaved Melon, Strawberries and Grapes with Honey Yogurt

Brunch Plates

- Jumbo Shrimp and Organic Grits, Butter Fried Greens, Cider Bacon, Toasted Focaccia and Sweet Corn Relish 21.50
- Baked Country Ham and Soft Scrambled Eggs, Sweet Potato Hash with Buttermilk Biscuits and Red Eye Gravy 16.50
- Creole Veggie Frittata and Andouille Sausage with Black-Eyed Peas, Soft Baby Spinach and Corn Muffins 16.50

Main Plates

- Roasted Prime Rib with Fresh Thyme and Sea Salt; Fingerling Potatoes, String Beans, Pearl Onion and Wild Mushroom Jus 25.50
- Fire-Grilled Sirloin with Jumbo Asparagus and Stuffed Red Potatoes with Smoked Blue Cheese and Cider Bacon 22.50
- Wood-Roasted Pork Rack with Medjool Dates and Pistachios on Chili-Scented Couscous with String Beans 21.50
- Grilled Rainbow Trout with Arugula, Pancetta and Meyer Lemon on Grano Risotto with Jumbo Asparagus Tips and Reggiano 21.50
- Almond Fried Walleye with String Vegetables, Yukon Gold Puree and Brown Butter with Orange-Caper Salsita 25.50
- Free-Range Chicken Breast with Buttermilk Dumplings, Root Vegetables and Morel Mushroom Cream Sauce 19.50
- Sweet Potato Hash with Black Eye Peas, Jumbo Asparagus and Spicy Toasted Cauliflower with Toasted Focaccia (Ovo lacto) 16.50

Kid's Plates

(Meals do not include soup or salad)

- Grilled Sirloin or Chicken Breast with Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans 8.50
- Scrambled Eggs and Ham Slices with Buttermilk Biscuit 6.50
- Cheesy Bowties "Macaroni and Cheese" with Kid's Finger Salad 5.50

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