

# ELDEANews

May 2014

**INTERESTING STUFF COMPILED BY WADE**

## ***Please Welcome our New Slip Members!***

Ahoy! You will see quite a few new dock neighbors this summer. Please give your new neighbor a warm Macatawa 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](http://www.eldean.com/news) and also Click on the “[More Fun Stuff](#)” heading (left side) for additional info on marina services and nearby attractions.

### **Pick up your Parking Stickers and Keys**

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 at no charge. Pool and Head Keys are available in the Shipstore. Each key has a \$20 deposit that is returned when you return the key.

### **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](#)

### **Our Pool Rules!**

Yeah, we think our pool is pretty awesome (*it rules!*). We keep the pool well maintained so that you can have a relaxing time and enjoy the day. So please, be respectful of the rules we have set up, particularly, **DO NOT GIVE YOUR POOL KEY TO A FRIEND TO USE OUR POOL** – A family member of the boat must be with your guests at the pool.

## **Introducing Coast3**

You will notice the Coast3 trailer located at the Piper beach area this summer. Coast3 will be renting kayaks, bikes, paddleboards, and Sea-dos. Coast3 is a relatively new local company and they created the business to promote this mission: *We seek to provide a cost effective, hassle free mechanism for people to enjoy more time outdoors.* Now that sounds like something we can all get behind and support! If you or your guests want something different to do, or maybe you want to take paddleboard out on the boat with you to the beach, just stop by and talk to Coast3.



## **The 2014 Party Schedule! Save these Dates...**

**Big Barn Party:** This year we will be holding the “Labor Day Luau” on Sunday, August 31st.

**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 19

A & Z-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 26

B & C -Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 2



D & E-Dock Party

## **Memorial & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday, July 4th, compliments of the Shipyard. **We will be cooking from 12-3.**

## ***Good Clean Family Fun...***

There are a lot of great ways to enjoy the water and I have had my share of amazing memories over the years. If you recall, my last installments 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, and,

- Reminiscing on ice-cream and “drip” sandcastles with Uncle Bill.

This year, I'd like to tell you about Waterskiing before Church, with another unrelated Uncle, Uncle Charlie:

As a kid, I was so excited when the summer weekends would come around because my friends would move back in next door – kids who came with their parents to stay on their boat for the weekend. My excitement could only be kept back by the clock, as I was told that I had to wait until 8am before I started knocking on companionway doors (previously I had made a few pre-7am wake-up calls that didn't go over very well with the Captains aboard). The Canels (C-16) and the Wachs were the usual subjects and if things worked out right, we would be headed to the playground, fishing on the docks, or out on the boat with their parents.

On many occasions, I would find myself leaving at 8:15am on Sunday Morning with the Wachs on their Boston Whaler headed to Saugatuck to go waterskiing or climb a dune (In the early 80's there was both a lot of water in Saugatuck and a lot of natural sand to climb). Of course, with 3 to 5 kids on the boat and a Dad who knew how to have a good time, we often lost track of time and found ourselves racing back to Macatawa on Sunday mornings so I could get to Church on time (Because I'm Catholic, this also occurred on Saturday afternoons). I remember heading out the long Saugatuck Channel checking our watches and Uncle Charlie talking about how long it will take and if we would make it. Admittedly, there were a few times we made a little more wake than we should have when going through the channel.

As you know, Lake Michigan doesn't always cooperate with your plans and there were a few times that we left the Saugatuck channel and headed into much bigger waves than when we arrived. The added



weather raised the stakes a little in the race back for Church. As you can imagine, a 13' or 17' Boston Whaler (the Wachs upgraded along the way) doesn't offer the most comfort for its passengers when racing across a rough Lake Michigan. And, as you also know, Moms don't have much indulgence for a child or family that can't be ready for Church on time because they are out on a boat goofing around. And there lay the quandary for Uncle Charlie: Throttle back and take it slow or throttle up and make it to Church on time? Well, if you know my Mom, like Uncle Charlie did, you throttle full speed ahead and risk upsetting the passengers rather than throttle back and risk upsetting my Mom. Being late, let alone being late for Church, is not her style. The Captain knew my mom very well and also knew he would likely get an earful from her if he made me late for Church.

Throttling up and going fast meant that Uncle Charlie would save his own behind from bringing me home late for Church, but it also meant the opposite for us kids - ***Our behinds were going to take a beating!*** We would each plead our case or fight for a good seat on the padded cooler. If that was taken, you would hope for a throwable cushion to sit on, or else you would just get the hard (and painful) fiberglass bow. Fortunately for me, Capt. Charlie usually assigned the padded cooler to the guests and his own boys sat on the open bow, regardless of how much pleading and whining came from them.

So now, as we make are way back to Macatawa, the waves bounce us off the seats as we held on strong so we didn't fly off the boat. Then we braced hard for the landing. Although the cooler seat gives some relief, I still took a pounding in big waves. However, my ride was much better than what was happening on the bow directly in front of me – I would watch Chad and Chris be bounced around so violently that screams were likely heard from shore and I saw tears run down their cheeks. It seemed like forever, but eventually we got back to the slip where I quickly jumped off the boat and ran home for Church.

We had a lot fun of on those trips. We climbed nearly every dune, water-skied behind the bridges in Saugatuck, and had a blast every time! Our butts always recovered from the bruising and I would be back at their boat again at 8am the next week knocking on the cabin door wanting more. So just remember, ***Throttle UP!*** – There is a lot of boating to do before Church on Sunday morning!

***Do you need internet Access?*** Wi-Fi service is currently available for the 2014 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](http://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](mailto:marina@specialized-computers.com) at any time and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

**As Seen on Facebook...**

For those of us that can't keep up with all of the posting and stories on Facebook, here are a couple of our Facebook posts from this winter that you might be interested in taking a look at:

**Jan. 22** - Are you wondering what Lake Michigan looks like in Macatawa? Check out this great video shot by a Hope College student and his Drone.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsXIN-QjN\\_U&feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsXIN-QjN_U&feature=share)

**Feb. 14 - Winter 2014** (click link for the 23 photos)

"It has been an Epic Winter for Snow and Ice! Here are a few photos from around the marina and lake. We have bubblers (fans) in the water to reduce the amount of ice to help preserve the docks (we did lose 2 pilings to the ice so far this winter). Roofs are shoveled and snow piles are huge. Even the boats stored outside look like they are floating in the snow. Thanks Henry (Holland Yacht Sales) for taking all the photos!"

**DOCKS lowered AT SLIPS?**

Wow, what a difference a year can make! The water levels are up about 15" from last year making boarding your boat easier and also putting a little extra water under your keel for all your travels. Currently, we have stopped lowering our docks because of the improved water levels. There are a few docks that we lowered in 2013 that we may raise back up next year should this trend continue.

**Dredging Update (from MBIA)...**

Besides having more water in the pond, there has also been significant progress made by the MDNR dredging recreational Harbors. In January of 2013, Governor Snyder approved \$21 million for dredging of 58 Michigan harbors that are used mostly for recreational boating. To-date, 34 of these projects have been completed. Twenty-four were wintered delayed but should now resume.

Further, the Army Corps of Engineers is slated to spend an extra \$25 million on Great Lakes navigation projects, including money aimed at shrinking a backlog of dredging projects. Leland Harbor is one of the Corps' to-be-dredged harbors. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also happens to have done dredging there last year. Bill Boik, programs and grants manager for the parks and recreation division of the DNR, said it needs to be done again. Money for the new projects came after Levin and Stabenow sent a letter with other Great Lakes area senators to the Army Corps of Engineers. It called for more of the \$200 million Congress approved for the Corps in January to be re-directed to Great Lakes projects. "The failure to provide adequate funds for harbor dredging has created a crisis in which many Great Lakes harbors are becoming so choked with silt that they are increasingly unusable," Levin said in a statement. "This funding will provide assistance to harbors across the Great Lakes region, including several of the most severely impacted harbors in Michigan." New dredging will take place in Black River, Port Huron, Cheboygan Harbor, Grand Haven Harbor, Leland Harbor, Monroe Harbor, the Saginaw River, St. Joseph Harbor, Detroit River and the St. Mary's River. The state Legislature last year set aside \$21 million for some 57 dredging projects.

**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.

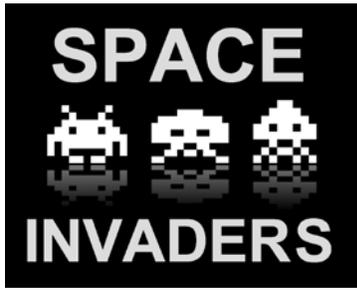
To download a PDF of the 2013 State of the Great Lakes report, visit the [Office of the Great Lakes](#) website or [click here for the PDF](#).

***The Fish are Back!***

For the 9th 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 were delivered on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and are at the foot of A Dock in a net-pen. Check out the [Salmon fishing report](#) at [Eldean.com](http://Eldean.com) for a few helpful tips to catch more fish.

## On the Invasive Species front, Governor

Snyder has proposed spending \$14m over the next 2 years in a stepped up effort to control these exotic and foreign creatures from moving in and causing havoc on our habitat. A bill was also introduced by Michigan Congresswoman Candice Miller to separate Lake Michigan from the Mississippi River system to eliminate the current threat of an Asian Carp migration into the Great Lakes.



The Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA), recently announced: "The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently completed their long awaited study to stop invasive species. Initiated in 2009 (and expedited in 2012), Congress directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to undertake a "Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study" (GLMRIS). This study is a major report aimed at finding ways to prevent the movement of harmful invasive species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. It outlines a range of options available to re-separate the two basins, which were connected artificially more than one hundred years ago. The options presented, while protecting the entire Great Lakes basin from species like Asian carp and snakehead, also benefit the people of the Chicago region through better flood management and improved water quality. The report did not provide an exact plan (called a "preferred option") for implementation, prompting scores of interested organizations (including MBIA) and policy-makers to call for an immediate effort to agree upon and fund a specific project to achieve separation. "The Great Lakes fishery is worth more than \$7 billion annually to the people of the United States and Canada," said Great Lakes Fishery Commission Chairman Dr. Michael Hansen. In a statement calling for complete separation, Congresswoman Candice Miller stated, "While I recognize the significant investment required for complete separation, the entire nation must realize the detrimental impact to the entire Great Lakes Basin if we do not find the collective political will to fund complete separation." Complete separation may cost \$15 billion and take several decades." [For more on the Report, click here.](#)

### 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](http://www.jdcharters.net) for more information.

## Record ice levels!

Approximately 94% of Lake Michigan was covered in ice this March setting a new all-time record (data collection began in 1973). The ice coverage helps us maintain good water levels, but it also means the lake will probably be colder this summer and turn swimming into a daredevil sport.

## Employee of the Month?

For the last 2 years, Power and Motoryacht Magazine (PMY) was asking its readers to tell them about their favorite boatyards and best experiences when getting service and repair work done. Thanks to a couple of Happy Customers (Thanks Bill and Bob), Eldean Shipyard was recognized last year as one of PMY's favorite yards. This year PMY wants you to nominate your favorite staff member. They want to know just who makes these yards so special? If you have an idea, just send your story to [inbox@pmymag.com](mailto:inbox@pmymag.com) and let them know just who it is that keeps you happy and on the water.

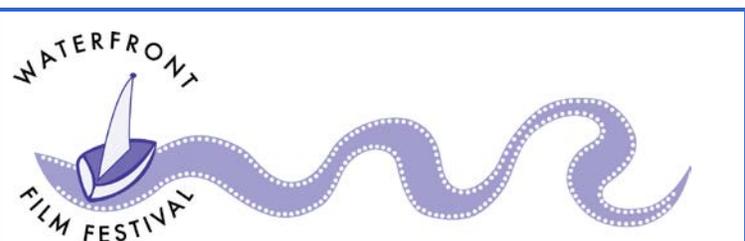
## Ethanol-Free Again in 2014!

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.](#)



WFF organizers announced that the nationally recognized 15th annual non-profit event will take place in South Haven, Michigan, June 12-15, 2014.

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 12<sup>th</sup> with a beer garden, live concert and an outdoor movie screening at dusk. [www.waterfrontfilm.org](http://www.waterfrontfilm.org)



## Holland Yacht Sales

### News from Holland Yacht Sales – *Marine Surveys*

We have certainly had our share of winter this year. I read that the Boyne Ski Resorts in Northern Michigan had 40 runs open on Easter Sunday (one of their longest seasons ever). Well let's hope our boating season is one of the longest ever. Fall boating can be some of the best.

This issue I would like to briefly talk about marine surveys. The most common is a pre-purchase survey. This type of survey provides as much information as possible regarding the condition of the boat. A surveyor will inspect (in a non-destructive manner) the entire boat and test the operation of systems. He will use various tools and instruments including a special hammer to sound the hull, decks and cabin for voids and delamination, a moisture meter for testing for wet coring material, and an electrical meter for checking the electrical systems. For the surveyor to do a proper job it is very important for a boat to be hauled out of the water for a complete inspection. If possible, it is a good idea for the surveyor to attend the sea-trial and for the buyer to attend the survey. As a buyer, it can be very informative to see firsthand what will go into the written report. Finally, make sure that the surveyor is certified. This can be very important when banks are involved in the purchase.

Have a great season! Commit to boating responsibly and tread lightly on our beautiful waters.

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### Voluntary Coast Guard Inspections...

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be here on **June 14<sup>th</sup>** to perform safety inspections of your boat (9am-2pm). Please sign up in the shipstore for an available time slot. After passing an inspection, you will receive a 2014 "Safety Check Decals" for your boat. Having the sticker is important as there is a new law (Feb. 2012) which clarifies conditions under which a peace officer may stop and inspect a vessel. Boaters who have a "Safety Check Decal" displayed on their boat, will be free from random stops by marine patrol boats.



### *Pops at the Piper – A Summer Tradition*

It's an unforgettable evening of music, food, and fun with the CVH Jazz Combo and [Holland Symphony Orchestra](#), featuring the Boogie Woogie Babies. 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 19, 7:00pm

Location: Eldean's Boat Shed

Adults/Seniors - \$15

Students - \$5

**Tickets available at Symphony Office, 616-796-6780**



Located Next to the Macatawa Post Office, Denison Yacht Sales Begins its 2nd Year in Macatawa! The team at Denison Yacht Sales is thrilled to offer its full-service brokerage and new boat sales to the Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa area. Both offer ideal opportunities for boating families. Denison offers the exclusive representation of Monte Carlo Yachts, Austin Parker, Contender Fishing Boats, and Pirelli Yacht Tenders in the Great Lakes area. If you are considering buying or selling a boat, we will help you make the deal. Just email, call or stop in and we will provide a free market assessment of your current boat or an evaluation of your next one. We are glad to help.

We at DYS want to thank the Eldeans and the staff for their support and assistance in making our first year here a success! We are looking forward to an exciting and successful 2014. Website: [www.denisonyachtsales.com](http://www.denisonyachtsales.com).

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## *Our Shipstore & Summer Crew...*

Justin Genzink will be managing the Shipstore and Fuel dock this summer. As you may recall, Justin began managing the store late last summer. He previously worked in the shipstore while in High School and College. Justin has an excellent regard for customer service, product knowledge, and going the extra mile. Justin will be happy to assist you with advice on equipment, foul weather gear, or most anything.

You will notice three familiar faces in the Shipstore this summer as Aubrey, Casey, and Ryan are returning, while Zane, Stephan, and Andrew will be new additions. Justin 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. Our crew are happy to assist you - Just ask...

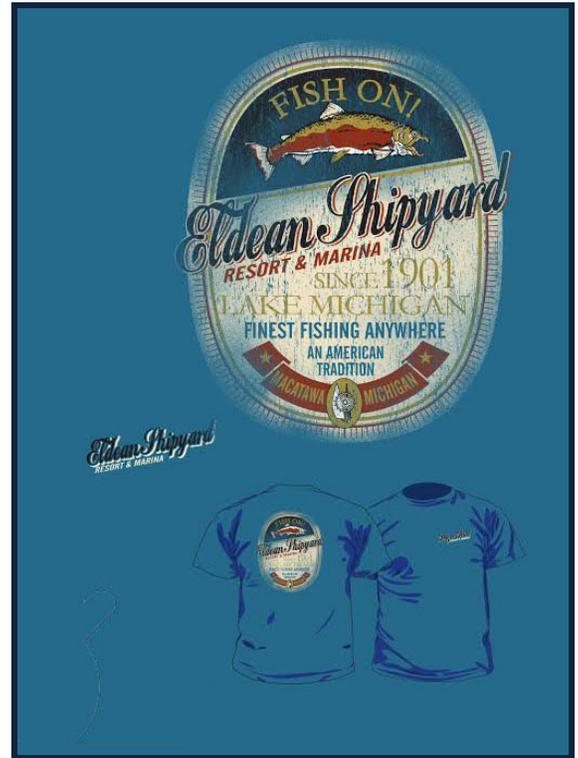
### *Antique Charts Here! Get Your Paper Chart Here!*



We have traditional nautical charts of Lake Michigan, Lake Mac, and the Great Lakes in the Shipstore. There are a few salty skippers that still prefer these antiques, but most often you will see them hanging on the wall as decorations. These paper versions from the NOAA are now out of print and antiques.

## *This Just In [Stock]*

This years 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.



The *Fish On!* Beer Label T

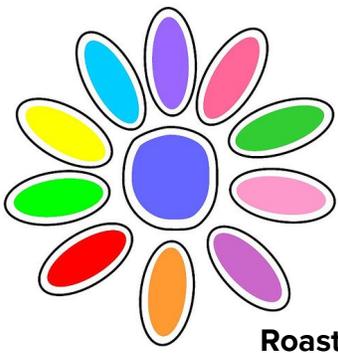
*If "Home is where the heart is" then surely, "Home is where the Boat is."*



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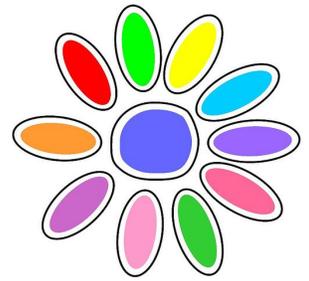


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# Mother's Day Menu

May 11, 2014 • 11 am to 3 pm



Brunch Plates or Main Plates *include* choice of Starter with bread.

## Starters

**Roasted Onion Soup**

**Creamy Cauliflower Bisque**

**Stuffed Wedge Salad** Baby iceberg wedge filled with crisp apple, celery, red grapes and creamy walnut dressing

**Fruit & Granola Salad** with sweet melon, strawberries, red grapes and granola clusters with Greek yogurt dip

**Artisan Leaf Lettuce** with shaved fennel, spring radish, asparagus tips and baguette chips with white balsamic vinaigrette

## Brunch Plates

Served until 2:00 pm

**Chorizo and Fried Eggs** with fried potatoes and sweet onions, flour tortillas and fresh tomato salsa with queso fresco 16.00

**Baked Ham and Smoked Sausage** with soft scrambled eggs, sweet potato hash, baby kale and buttermilk biscuits 17.00



**Smoked Salmon Frittata** with goat cheese, asparagus and mushrooms with sautéed potatoes, leeks and toasted focaccia 21.00



## Main Plates

**Beef Filet Mignon** with baby vegetables, gold potato puree, shaved portobello and truffle sauce 28.00

**Boneless Beef Short Ribs** with heirloom carrots, leeks, chard greens, button mushrooms and bacon with sauteed spaetzle 21.00

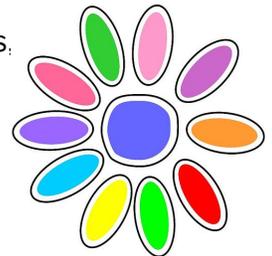
**Heritage Pork Rack** with dates, pistachios and smoked blue cheese, string beans and couscous "pasta pearls" 21.00

**Wood-Roasted Chicken Breast** with Meyer lemon, string beans, pancetta and fingerling potatoes with salsa sofrito 21.00

**Almond Fried Walleye** with string vegetables, gold potato puree and brown butter with orange and caper 27.00

**Wild-Caught Gulf Shrimp** with toasted sweet corn "succotash", organic stone-ground grits and baby spinach 23.00

**Grilled Springtime Vegetables** on couscous pearls with baby greens, sweet lemon, pine nuts and soft curds. *Ovo-Lacto* 19.00



## Kid's Plates

Meals do not include Soup or Salad

**Chicken Breast** with mashed potatoes, sweet corn and green beans 8.50  
**Scrambled Eggs** with sliced ham, sweet potato hash and biscuit 8.50  
**Bowtie Pasta**, bacon bits and parmesan cream with Kid's Finger Salad 6.50

**Piper**  
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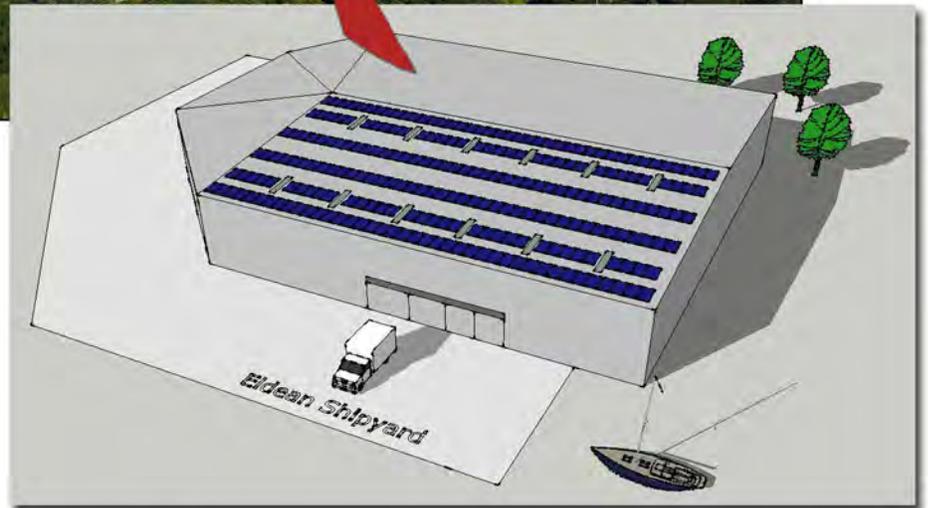
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## New! The Eldean Shipyard Solar Array will be installed this Spring! - Renewable energy helps to preserve the boating lifestyle



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### **Eldean Shipyard Goes Solar!**

This spring, Eldean Shipyard will invest in a 66 kWh solar array mounted to the roof of a boat storage building. Hoekstra Electric of Hamilton, Michigan will install the system and anticipate that it will be up and running by June 1st. Wade Eldean, president of Eldean Shipyard stated, "I really wanted to partner with one of our boating customers on this installation, so I was excited to see that Hoekstra Electric had the expertise and experience in solar power to spearhead this large project." Once completed, the renewable electricity generating system will operate in partnership with Consumers Energy's Experimental Advanced Renewable Program (EARP). This is a direct, grid tied system, which means Consumers Energy will be buying the energy and selling it to their customers. The EARP program assists Consumers Energy in meeting mandates regarding their production of renewable energy.

As a marina and resort, Eldean Shipyard depends on a healthy environment (picture clean and healthy lakes and fish) for its continued success. This solar array will further their mission as a Certified Clean Marina so that future generations can enjoy fishing and boating in our amazing fresh water lakes. The Clean Marina certification is presented to Michigan marinas that demonstrate a high level of clean environmental achievement through knowledge, practice, and active participation of the marina's staff, customers, and subcontractors. Boaters can expect an elevated level of environmental awareness and responsibility when choosing a Michigan Clean Marina.

**Please don't hesitate to contact Wade Eldean if you would like to discuss the project or stop by the marina to see the installation.**