

ELDEAN News

Spring 2023

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ELDEAN SHIPYARD IS CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

Our Marina Party is at 4-8 pm on Sunday, May 28th at Playground Picnic Area

- If the weather isn't cooperating, we will move the party inside our Parking Garage or Building #2 -

The Black River Band will be playing from 4-8 PM

A *Hog Wild* Dinner Buffet will be served between 5-7 pm featuring Wood Fired Chicken & Smoked Brisket.

We will be preparing sushi with Yellowfin Tuna that Wade and Mark (A-25) caught near Puerto Vallarta this February. We hope to have Sushi Chefs preparing Tuna Rolls on site!

Water & Drinks will also be provided, but you may also BYOB

If you would like to attend the party **AND be included in Dinner**, please fill out the registration when emailed to you in early May. Each boater will receive 4 complimentary dinner tickets with additional tickets at \$10/each.

Please note: If you register and are a "No-Show", you will be billed \$20/ticket to cover the cost of your dinner.

Not interested in Dinner, but still want to party? All boaters and guests are welcome. If you do not sign up for dinner, you are still welcome and encouraged to come enjoy the music, drinks, and camaraderie!

If you don't receive an email invite by May 10th, contact us at (616) 335-5843 or info@eldean.com.

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Please Welcome our New Slip Members!

Ahoy, and welcome to Eldean Shipyard! We are thankful to have a fantastic group of boaters on our docks and this year's new slip members will certainly be a great addition. If you are new and have questions, don't be shy, just ask one of your dock neighbors or stop by our Shipstore and ask our crew.

The 2023 Party Schedule - Save these Dates

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.

B, C & R Docks 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 29

D & E Docks 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 5

Z & A Docks, 6:30 pm, Saturday August 12



The A & Z Dock Party, 2018

May 28th - 50th Anniversary Party – See 1st Page

4th of July & Labor Day 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 Tuesday the 4th of July, & Sunday afternoon of Labor Day Weekend - Compliments of the Shipyard! **We will be cooking from 12-2:30 (or until the food is gone).**

We will have Sweet Racks & Smokin' Butts on Site!

This BBQ truck is planned for both Lunch and Dinner, from 11-6pm, on 3 Saturdays: July 1st, July 8th, and Aug. 26th. For a preview of what to expect, go to www.sweetracksmokinbutts.com

Launch Date?

If you haven't scheduled a launch date, please let Heather (service@eldean.com) know when you would like to be launched. If you have already set up a launch date then you should be all set! Boats are going in now.

Our Summer Crew...

Entering her 2nd summer, we are very happy that Leslie has stayed on as our Shipstore Manager! Now that she's a veteran, go ahead quiz her on her marina knowledge! There will be a few of familiar faces in the Shipstore this summer; Cristoph, Kelly, Jonah and Lauren will be returning and helping out Leslie in the Shipstore & Fuel Dock. Charles, Jenna, Ben, & Izzy are new and will round out the store crew. Avery will be returning and John will be new working as pool attendants. We are excited about our summer staff and are looking forward to a great summer season. Our crew is happy to assist you! Just ask.

Additionally, our service writers and schedulers are Heather and Ben. The email address for service work requests has not changed and you can contact Ben at boatservice@eldean.com and Heather at service@eldean.com

Would You Like Piling Caps Installed?



If you would like to add white piling caps to your slip, we will install them at the discounted price of \$25/piling (normally \$30-\$35 w/o install). We think they will be a benefit for years to come (they remain with the marina if you leave). The piling caps should help reduce the amount of bird droppings on and around your boat.

[Email me](#) if you would like them installed at your slip.

Do you need Internet Access?

A Seasonal Wi-Fi Subscription is \$95. Please [email](#) Wade to set up your Wi-Fi access. Many of you have already signed up and I will be sending you an email with your subscription information later this month. For problems with your Wi-Fi this summer, please email computers@eldean.com or stop by the Shipstore and let us know.

Big Year, Good Press!



We have already read a couple of very nice articles on Eldean Shipyard's 50th Anniversary. Click to read [A Wonderful Adventure Indeed](#) from Lakeland Boating and also Holland Sentinel's, [Eldean Shipyard looks back on a half-century serving the Holland Community](#).

WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

The water levels have dropped a bit! I anticipate the water level this summer will be about 6" lower than last summer. 3 years in a row of lower water isn't good news. We would like more stable levels from year to year without dramatic swings from highs to lows.

To see the water data from the USACE:

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

Lower Water Dock Issues:

As the water level is going down, our docks that were rebuilt for the all-time-high water levels may be a little high/tall for your boat. We won't be lowering any docks at our expense this year unless it is absolutely necessary (it might go back up next year). If your dock is too high to board, the options are:

- Install a ladder: Buy or Rent. For a rental ladder it is \$95 and includes installation.
- Hire us to lower the dock. Your dock neighbor will have to agree too (and possibly split the cost with you). If the old support structure is still there, then it will be much quicker and less expensive.

- New customers please take note -

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

Pick up your Keys

Pool and Head Keys are each available in the Shipstore. Each key has a \$20 deposit that is refunded when you return the key.

Parking Stickers

If you haven't already, please fill out your parking form and we will mail you up to 3 parking stickers (\$20 each). This is the new orange oval sticker. If you purchase a new car, **just bring us your old sticker** and we will issue a new one at no charge. The parking stickers are usually updated every 5 years, so you do not need new stickers every year. Day/weekend passes will be available for your guests at no charge. On busy days, guests parking will be directed to building #7.

Your Boat and Dockbox Keys, please: We need to have a spare set of your keys and/or combination to your boat in order to move the boat in the event of an emergency. When we are doing dock work, we may need to remove the dockbox.

Tie up your boat on all sides: On the day that you arrive to your slip, it may be a calm and peaceful day. Unfortunately, storms come and go, and during wind and storm events it is important that your boat is tied up with many lines and all sides of the boat. [Click here](#) for more information on tying up your boat properly.

Pool Rules – 5 People MAX in your group and the boat owner/family member must be present (Do not give your keys to neighbors or friends). [Click here for More of the Pool Use Policy](#). No Glass & No Food too.

If you leave with your boat for 48 hours -

When you are not using your slip we make it available for transient boaters to rent on a nightly basis. If you go cruising or remove your boat from the slip, for any reason for 48 hours or more, **you are required** to let us know that you will be vacating the slip. Please let Leslie in the Shipstore know the date of departure and return before you head out. You can stop in the Shipstore or email Leslie at store@eldean.com.

Pops at the Pier – 2023 Scheduled!

The annual Pops at the Pier concert by the [Holland Symphony Orchestra](#) has been scheduled for Thursday, June 22nd. It's an unforgettable evening of music, food, and fun with the [Holland Symphony Orchestra](#). Concert tickets are available through the Holland Symphony website. There will be food vendors, so bring your appetite to enjoy great food and music!

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 to 9pm, Tickets \$5-\$25

Location: The Eldean Boat Shed #3



Tickets available at Symphony Office, 616-796-6780

Additional Summer Spaces...

Many of you have toys, dinghies, kayaks, SUP, etc that make a day at the marina more fun and enjoyable. We do have room available for some of your toys, but since space is at a premium, we do have a fee for them:

- Kayak Rack** - \$100 (only \$50 on top rack)
- Dinghy Spot** - \$100 small, or \$150 Larger
- **SUP/paddleboard Rack**- \$35

Dockbox Maintenance....

Z-dock received special treatment with all of its dockboxes repaired, buffed, and waxed. We hope to continue with this program on a yearly basis and are planning on E-dock for this winter and also giving the dock a good power washing when the boxes are removed. And remember, if the pulpit of your boat pokes a hole in the dock box we will be sending you a repair bill, so make sure that you have a spring-line in place that won't allow your boat to hit the box.

Social Media Connections...

To follow Eldean Shipyard on Facebook, like [Eldean Shipyard and Marina](#).



Kris Eldean has taken to Instagram to share interesting marina photos and happenings. Go to:

www.instagram.com/eldean_shipyard

Spoiled with Sunrises & Sunsets!



Sunrise from E-dock, looking east



Sunset from E-dock, looking west



Thank you for the beautiful photos Catherine (E-25)

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Voluntary Coast Guard Inspections

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be here on form 9-1 on **June 3rd** to perform boat safety inspections. Please sign up in the Shipstore. After passing an inspection, you will receive a 2023 "Safety Check Decal". **Boaters who have a "Safety Check Decal" displayed on their boat, should be free from random stops by marine patrol boats.**

The Weather Buoys...

Thanks to new technology, you can now get up-to-date wind speed, water and air temperature, wave height and more, by texting a buoy — Yes, text a buoy! By simply texting 866-218-9973 with the ID of one of the 68 buoys that are part of the Great Lakes Observing System. The Holland/Port Sheldon Buoy ID is 45029.

There are 20 weather buoys on Lake Michigan providing real-time critical data to fisherman, sailors, boaters and even beachgoers (rip current potential for beach activities). An index of all the Great Lakes buoys is at <https://glbuoys.glos.us/>. The Port Sheldon location has been one of the most active buoys on Lake Michigan.

Our Port Sheldon Buoy depends 100% on donations and advertising for funding. To make a contribution go to the 2023 GoFundMe campaign NOW at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/grand-havenholland-weather-buoy-2023> or if you have any questions, please contact Ed Verhamme, Project Manager of the Port Sheldon buoy, (everhamme@limno.com; 734.681.0577). Thank you for your assistance!

Project Clarity Turns 10!



PROJECT clarity

On behalf of hosts Dick & Betsy DeVos and Jim & Donna Brooks, we invite you to celebrate Project Clarity's 10th Anniversary at Boatwerks Waterfront Restaurant.

The evening will begin with cocktail hour at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and presentations at 6:00 pm. Please register by May 23rd. More information and online registration can be found at the following link, outdoordiscovery.org/pc-celebration

What will we do today?

The MAC Adventure Sports Rental Trailer will soon be open for business. MAC



Adventures, LLC is excited to return in 2023 and offer adventures in water

sport rentals. MAC Adventures is providing paddle board, inflatable/RIB-boat, kayak and pontoon boat rentals. High quality and comfortable equipment with outstanding service is what you will get when you rent from MAC Adventures. Located at Eldean Shipyard, West Michigan's premier marina, rentals have easy access to Lake Michigan as well as Lake Macatawa.

You can usually find them in their rental trailer (Weekends in May from 10am to 6pm and June-Labor Day 9am to 8pm). Or they may be helping customers with rental boats at slips R-5, R-6, R-7, & R-8. For all the Boat, Bike, SUP, & Kayak rental info, go to:

Website: www.Macadventuresllc.com

Phone: 616-377-8322

Email: Info@macadventuresllc.com

Ethanol-Free Again in 2023

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. Some confusion remains at the fuel dock and at the gas station regarding Ethanol and what is safe to use in your boat, lawn mower or car. And, now with higher percentages of Ethanol available, like E15, it isn't getting any easier to understand.

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.](#)

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Free Boating Safety Classes!

From the MDEQ: In Michigan, boaters born after June 30, 1996, must have a boating safety certificate to operate a boat, and boaters born after Dec. 31, 1978, need a boating safety certificate to operate a personal watercraft. “If you’re on the water operating a boat, or even a canoe or kayak, it’s your responsibility to do so safely,” said Lt. Tom Wanless, DNR Law Enforcement Division. “We strongly encourage new boaters to take a boater safety course, so they are aware of the do’s and don’ts of the water. Even if you have been on the water for years, it’s important to refresh yourself on the latest regulations.” The DNR offers boating safety education as a self-paced, online course and as a traditional classroom experience. **There are classroom courses in Holland on April 22, May 20, and June 17.** Learn more or register for a class at the [DNR boating safety certificate webpage](#).

The Allegan County Marine Patrol usually offers free Boating Safety Classes held at the Saugatuck Yacht Club. Classes are offered on June 14 & 15 and July 19 & 20. [Click here](#) for additional information. The Ottawa County Sheriff has worked with Holland Township in the past to provide low cost (\$11) Boating Safety Courses, but they were suspended do to Covid. [Click here](#) for more information.

Learn to Sail Programs...

Visit www.lmsrf.org, then mouse-over “Learn to Sail” on the top of the page and choose from the drop down tabs.

New Fire Extinguisher Rules...

Effective as of 4/22/2022, fire extinguishers older than 12 years from the manufacture date are no longer considered good and serviceable and should be replaced with a newer fire extinguisher. Please [click here](#) to read the article and additional details provided by the Waterway Guide.

General Boating Safety

The Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) created this infographic to help convey some boating safety basics. If you are new to boating safety, [this is a must read](#).

Not another Knot Guide...



knots too. [Click here for the videos](#).

There are more Knots in these videos than in Wayne’s World 1 & 2 put together (Adapted from Ted Lasso)!

However, this time it is a live-action knot guide! Power & Motor Yacht has videos of Capt. Bill Pike performing a few tricks, and tying

Winter Storage Nightmare



A March 2023 fire at Great Lakes Safe Harbor Marina in Muskegon is a reminder of the hazards we face each winter while our boats are in storage and getting repaired and maintained. Please remember to follow the rules, notably, no open flames, don’t leave solvent soaked rags out or near other chemicals, no smoking & leave wiring projects to electricians. [Click here](#) for the report and video from MarineIndustryNews.

Sensitive Dock Power...

The new power system regulations at marina docks make everyone safer, however, they do create a few problems and headaches. The biggest issues are breakers tripping as the threshold for stray current has decreased significantly (more sensitive). This issue is usually caused by a boat’s electrical system or power cord causing the breaker to trip and/or even the entire dock to lose power (so if you are tripping a breaker, the most likely reason is a problem on your boat or with your power cord).

Plan Ahead for Cruising...

The last 3 seasons have brought a lot more boats to Lake Michigan and our great harbors. But that means dockage space is tight, and arranging a transient reservation will be more difficult. You will want to plan ahead and call for reservations. If you do plan a trip or take the boat away for some reason, please let us know in the Shipstore of your cruising plans. **When you leave, your slip becomes available for nightly rental and you are required to let us know if you will be away from the slip for 48 hours.** We already have a waiting list of transient boaters and we need your cooperation in order to provide them dockage. And hopefully, when you go cruising, your destination will be trying hard to find you a slip too!

Looking for Race Crew?

Do you need racing crew or are you looking for a boat to crew on? Check out [Crew Finder and Boat Finder](#), a system supported by the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation (LMSRF). The LMSRF stated, "After years of seeking a suitable platform, the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation Board has a new Crew and Boat Finder. We are grateful for the development of 'Rail Meets' and believe this comprehensive system will provide for the needs of our racing skippers and crews."

There are only a few from our area signed up at this time, but this sounds like it has the potential to be great solution for connecting Captains with Crew!

Sailing Charters

Deeplake Ventures will be offering sailing charters out of Eldean Shipyard for their 11th consecutive season.



Charters are captained by Jeremy Smith and are typically 2-4 hours in length on evenings and weekends.

The GIG 'EM II is a 2000 Catalina 28 MKII. While it has the same LOA as his previous '83 C&C 29 MKII, the Catalina offers more beam, cockpit & deck space, performance, and modern amenities for

passengers. Feel free to contact Captain Jeremy if you are interested in a charter or captain services on your boat: www.deeplakeventures.com.

Electric Vehicle Chargers



Relax at the Pool while Charging your Battery!

As car manufacturers are switching over to electric vehicles, we installed a couple of JuiceBox Pro 40c electric vehicle chargers at the marina. The chargers are located outside the pool clubhouse and also inside building #1. Payment for using the car chargers is made through an App after scanning the QR code on the charger. Slip Holders will not be charged the additional \$10 parking fee if you tell us in advance that you will be using the charger and [provide Wade](#) with your name and email address for setup. Your information will be added to the charging payment system so that you receive the lower rate. Anyone from the public that stops by to use them will be charged the higher rate. Some of the power will be generated from our new solar panels above building #1, so this is a very green system!

Sail Grand Prix is BACK at Navy Pier!



You will have a chance to see these amazing F50 Catamarans on June 16 & 17, 2022 in Chicago. There will be 10 teams flying at up to 60mph on these foiling keeled sailboats, reminiscent of the recent Americas Cup. [Click here](#) for more information describing the event and viewing options.

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News from Holland Yacht Sales



Holland Yacht Sales

With the 2023 boating season approaching it certainly looks like it should be a fine season. The marine industry as a whole seems to be rebounding nicely if you look at the activity at several of the recent boat shows. I attended the Palm Beach Boat Show last month and the attendance was up and sales activity followed suit. It has also been fun to see all the new models that manufacturers are introducing as well as exciting new gear. One item of interest is the amount of outboard powered boats at the boat shows as I saw many boats with 650hp outboards on the back. Of local interest S2 Yachts (Tiara) had a very strong Miami and Palm Beach Boat Shows with the introduction of their new 60' model. With the return to a more normal social world people are ready to enjoy life again and what better way to do it than in a boat!

It is still a bit of a challenge to find good clean brokerage boats. My brokerage list is smaller than I would like but I still have several very nice listings on both the power and sailboat sides. If you have any interest in making a change please stop by my office at the Eldean Ship Store.

All the best!

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Gym Membership Partnership Ends ☹️

Unfortunately our Gym Membership Partnership has ended. For the previous 10+ years we have partnered with a gym that has had 3 different owners and multiple locations (Back to Fitness, Family Fitness, and FITN24). We've enjoyed being able to offer this membership benefit in the past and are sorry to see it go. Stay Healthy!

Schwartz & Co. Yacht Sales

Eldean Shipyard is working with Schwartz & Co. Yacht Sales, partnering to bring American Tugs to Michigan and the Great Lakes. An American Tug is a great vessel for accomplishing and fulfilling the dreams and adventures of cruising the Great Loop. Eldean Shipyard is the delivery, installation, and service location for American Tugs on the western side of Michigan.

Schwartz & Co. Yacht Sales could not be more excited to see boats going in the water in 2023! We have had a very active brokerage season already with buy-side transactions closed for Great Loopers in Rhode Island, Florida and North Carolina. We have had a lot of success in reloading our sell side inventory after an incredibly busy 2022. Right now we have a number of express cruiser listings, a beautiful center console, a couple sailing vessels, a COI'd Chris-Craft charter vessel, new offerings from American Tug and now also representing Van der Heijden Yachts out of The Netherlands!

We are very proud of our partnership with Eldean Shipyard. We wish Wade and the entire Eldean team an amazing 50th season!

We are looking to grow our West Michigan sales team, so if interested in learning more please contact Michael Schwartz at (312) 533-9111

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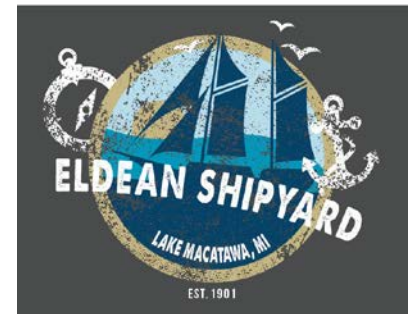
New Angler Maps from the DNR!

From the DNR: Looking for your next big fish adventure? Check out the new Master Angler Program map from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; this user-friendly, interactive tool displays information on all state-record and Master Angler catches – showing you where thousands of other anglers have had success.

“Not only is the new Master Angler Program map helpful to anglers, but it also benefits our biologists by providing information submitted by anglers that will help us better understand our fisheries and help inform management decisions,” said Seth Herbst, the DNR's Aquatic Species & Regulatory Affairs Unit manager.

This Just In [Stock]

This year's clothing selection is arriving in the Shipstore. We brought back a few favorites this year along with a variety of new **Macatawa Clothing** and expanded lines of **Gill apparel** and **REEF Shoes & Sandals**.



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