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Labor Day 2018

INTERESTING STUFF COMPILED BY WADE

Gift Idea: A Bowl from Macatawa!



Just arrived! A large selection of Wood Bowls was recently made from trees cut down on our Macatawa property. At the local Holland Bowl Mill, they carved the Red Oak, Maple, and Tulip trees into bowls, each stamped on the bottom with our Eldean Shipyard logo & Macatawa. Adding a reference to Holland, the Tulip is a smaller tree (a variety of Poplar), so there are just a few of them available. This is a very unique gift or memento from Macatawa. It's never too early to shop for Christmas.

Fall Storms and Haul out...

With the summer coming to an end and the fall approaching, our boaters need to be aware of the more prevalent and likely foul weather that the change of seasons generally brings. As most of you know, when there are 6'-12' waves on Lake Michigan from the West and Northwest, we get a "Surge" or heavy movement of water into Lake Macatawa. In addition, 30-50 mph winds also add to the movement.

In preparation, please tie your boat up off the dock and near the center of your slip when you are away. Additional lines should be added to the windward side. And, if you are in the area when a storm comes through, please stop by and check out your boat (and your neighbors). When we know a storm is coming, we often have marina staff on the docks helping to adjust lines and help everyone's boat smoothly ride out the storm. [Click here for more suggestions](#) on tying up your boat in foul weather. **One common**

mistake is that the power chord is not long enough and when your boat moves in the slip, the power chord or receptacle is damaged because of there was not enough slack in the power chord.

When in Doubt, Just Haul-Out! If you are done boating, email matt@eldean.com for the haulout. **If you are not storing with us, the season ends on Oct. 15th. You must remove your boat by Oct. 15th.**

World's Best Sailing Destinations!



The Whitsundays, Australia

CNN travel published their favorite sailing destinations. I would probably agree with most of them, however, I think they missed the mark by not including Lake Michigan or any freshwater port. In general, their favorite sailing waters are in the North Western Mediterranean Sea, the Caribbean, and the South Pacific. These are certainly some idyllic seascapes, but a little too far for most of us to cruise to. [Click here for the article](#) and to plan your next vacation.

Oh my!



When Hailing doesn't work, don't be stubborn, just move out of the way! [Click to read how this happened.](#)

Labor Day Party!



Please join us for our complimentary Holiday Picnic, 12-3, on Sunday, September 2nd at the playground picnic area. The Eldeans will be firing up the grills and cooking sausages, chili-dogs, and grilled fish for all of our Boaters. Chips, Water, and Cold Beer will also be provided; **Ice Cream Bars Too!!!**

The salmon fishing has not been very good lately, so there may be a shortage of grilled salmon at the party. If there are any fisherman on the docks that would like to donate their Salmon filets to the chefs, please let me know or just drop them off at the Shipstore before Saturday. Or, if you like to smoke your Salmon or Lake Trout, just bring the smoke fish to the party!

Great Lakes Shipwrecks



The Chicora – Lost in Lake Michigan, Jan. 21, 1895

It is estimated that there are over 10,000 shipwrecks on the Great Lakes and only about 30% have been discovered and identified. The Detroit Free Press published an article describing 8 significant ships that are still missing and their historical significance. We have a couple of divers on our docks that love exploring the wrecks. Many divers and treasure hunters continue to look for and find new wrecks each year. If you are interested in learning more

about the Griffon, the Water Witch, the Hippocampus, and a few other storied ships, check out this [article from the Detroit Free Press](#).

Eco-Plastic Made From Crabs?

Scientists and inventors never cease to amaze me! This article came out of Georgia Tech:

“From liquid laundry detergent packaged in cardboard to compostable plastic cups, consumer products these days are increasingly touting their sustainable and renewable origins. Now researchers at Georgia Institute of Technology have created a material derived from crab shells and tree fibers that has the potential to replace the flexible plastic packaging used to keep food fresh. The new material, which is described July 23 in the journal *ACS Sustainable Chemistry and Engineering*, is made by spraying multiple layers of chitin from crab shells and cellulose from trees to form a flexible film similar to plastic packaging film. Cellulose, which comes from plants, is the planet’s most common natural biopolymer, followed next by chitin, which is found in shellfish, insects and fungi.”

“The main benchmark that we compare it to is PET, or polyethylene terephthalate, one of the most common petroleum-based materials in the transparent packaging you see in vending machines and soft drink bottles,” said J. Carson Meredith, a professor in Georgia Tech’s School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. “Our material showed up to a 67 percent reduction in oxygen permeability over some forms of PET, which means it could in theory keep foods fresher longer.”

Amazing! For the complete article, [click here](#).

Oh my! Is that a Porta-Crib?



At least they are all in life jacket!