

# ELDEANews

Labor Day 2024

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## Labor Day Party!

Please join us for our complimentary Holiday Picnic, 12-2:00pm on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, at the playground picnic area. Our family will be firing up the grills and cooking sausages, chili-dogs, and grilled fish for all of our boaters and guests. Chips, ice-cream sandwiches, water, and cold beer will also be provided. Thank you Mark (E-12) and Mike (E-1) for the fish! If you want to go on fishing charter, talk to Mark and Mike as they have a few open dates left.

## Help Us with Haul-out?

[Email Wade](mailto:wade@eldean.com) if you or someone you know wants to work the haul-out for 2 months this fall. Are you a recent graduate that wants to try something new?

## YoChef's Galley is Open!



Stop by the pool house for lunch and dinner at YoChef's Galley. YoChef also has a coffee bar and blended non-alcoholic drinks. Lunch and Dinner will be served through Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, while the pool is still open. Please come and support YoChef (E-44) at his most recent restaurant endeavor. If we want YoChef's Galley to come back next summer, *we need to show him our support* during these final days of summer and the pool. YoChef's Galley isn't open to the public, just our members and their guests. Follow their [Facebook page](#) for updates or go to <https://www.yochefsgalley.com/> to pre-order & pay.

Monday thru Thursday 11am-6pm

Friday and Saturday 11am-7pm

Sunday 12n-6pm

## Dock Box Repairs on A-Dock!

If you are on A-dock, please empty your dock box this fall and leave the box empty and unlocked for the winter. Provided we have the time, our crew will be fixing the cracks and holes that your boats have caused over the years. Additionally, we hope to buff & wax and/or repaint the fading boxes too.

## Slip Deposits are Due by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

Slip deposits for next season are due by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. We have many new boaters who are trying to find a slip and are on our waiting list. If you do not plan on returning, please send the form back so we can offer the slip to someone new and they can start to make their boating plans. If you are planning on returning, make sure we receive the \$500 slip deposit prior to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to insure that your slip is not reassigned. In regards to slip assignments and reservations, we do give priority to our year round slip & storage customers.

## Season Ending & Haul-out Dates?

### *End of season dates:*

**Slip ONLY Customers** - If you are not storing with us, the season ends on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. You must remove your boat by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> or you will be charged the daily dockage rate for late dockage.

**Slip & Storage Customers** – You can use the slip until the end of October (it takes us that long to get all of the boats hauled out). If you want to stay in late, schedule your haulout for the end of October (but not November).

**Boatlift Renters:** When you leave with your boat, please raise the boatlift up and out of the water so it isn't growing seaweed after you depart. If your rental lift sits on the bottom and must be removed each year, please let me know when you have left for the season.

## Fuel Dock Closing at 5pm

The fuel dock will be closing at 5pm beginning Tuesday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> and the final Sunday that the fuel dock is open is Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> (and Shipstore too).

## Pool Closes at 8pm

The pool will be closing at 8pm for its final week of the season (Tuesday Sept. 3 to Sunday, Sept 8). Beginning Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, the pool area and clubhouse will be closed for the season.

## Other Dates & Hours...

If you are wondering, please check our [on-line calendar of events](#) for fall/winter/spring hours and dates for which slip and storage payments are due. Our store & buildings will be closed on Sundays, beginning Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Harbor View Loft #1 – Lease Available!



The long-term lease holders at Harbor View Loft #1 have purchased a lake house and will no longer be leasing this waterfront condo. This has been their vacation home on the water since our remodel 8 years ago and this is the first time HV#1 it is being offered. If you are interested in leasing HV#1 please [let me know](#).

## Vacation Rentals Promotion!

Any Current Eldean Shipyard Slip or Storage customer will receive 25% off any new lodging reservation/stay before 12/31/24. Do you want to invite your family to visit you in Macatawa or do you need a place to stay while you work on your boat while in storage?

The prime locations of our waterfront vacation rentals along our marina property in Macatawa make it easy to relax and enjoy your family vacation and also your boat. We have several boaters that rent these accommodations for their family members or for a family reunion so their relatives can also come enjoy time on the boat as well as Macatawa. Go to [LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com](http://LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com) to check-out our accommodations. Jessica is our Vacation Rental Manager and head of cleaning at the marina. It's not too early to be thinking about next summer's plans, so please speak with [Jessica](#) if you would like to check our availability.

## Food Trucks for Dinner...

I certainly enjoyed the food truck options this summer. If you also like having this option, please continue to support them when they are here and we will continue to have them here to serve you. These are the remaining dates for food trucks:

August 25, 11:30-6:30 by [Kitchen 55](#)

August 31, 4-7 by [YoChef's Pizza](#)

## The Fall Store Sale has begun!

Stop by our Shipstore Labor Day Weekend as we are putting the cleaning supplies, wood bowls, shoes, and our short sleeve and long sleeve T-shirts on Sale. Our Fall Sale will last a few weeks, but stop in Labor Day weekend before the selection gets too thinned out.

## Welcome Back James!

We are excited to welcome back James Adams to our boatyard crew this September, just in time for haul-out season! James worked at Eldean Shipyard for nearly 20 years before moving to Tiara/S2 Yachts for the past 8 years. At S2, James was painting a new hull every day! James will be one of our riggers during haul and launch. Additionally, James will be helping in near all areas including fiberglass, gel, paint, and carpentry. If you have been wanting to have your hull painted, this winter would be a great time for that project with James at the helm.

## The Great Loop is a Great Adventure!

We are seeing more and more "loopers" come through the marina on their cruise through the Great Lakes. Some of the boats stop and winter store with us over the winter before they head south again in the spring. This is an amazing journey that takes you through very remote river locations as well as large cities on the shores. I've made about 98% of the loop in a few different trips, only to have missed the west coast of Florida.

Eldean Shipyard has again sponsored the America Great Loop Cruisers Association (AGLCA), and with our sponsorship I have 20 free memberships that I can give out to any of our interested slip or storage customers. Please let [me know](#) if you would like one.

## *The Usual & Important Stuff...*

If you haven't sent in your *winter storage deposit* of \$500, please do so immediately, as our storage space is nearly full and you are at risk of losing your spot.

**If you would prefer a different slip for next year**, just let me know and I'll see what comes available for next summer. Often, I won't know next summer's slip availability until November, however, I prioritize requests by the date it is received and those that are keeping a boat here year-round get preference. Please, just write your preference on the slip deposit form that we will be sending you soon, or you can send me an [email](#).

Please let us know in the [Shipstore](#) if you are taking your boat on a cruise or *if your boat will be out of your slip for more than 48 hours*. While you are gone, the slip becomes available for visiting boaters.

**Your Keys Please** - If we haven't received a copy of your boat keys, please drop a copy off at the Shipstore. We will need the keys if you are storing your boat with us or requesting maintenance. Further, if your boat is here in the summer, we do need to have access to the boat in the event of an emergency. This system also works out well if you leave your keys at home one weekend!

**Please shutoff water at your spigot when it is not in use.** Most of the observed water leaks are generally caused by a loose hose connection and the spigot being left on (making boards wet & slippery while also wasting water).

## Offices for Rent

How about working remotely from the marina? Sure, a boat works, but having an office is probably better for some work activities. Why not combine the best of both worlds and rent an office at Eldean Shipyard. We have a couple of options available next to the Post Office and Building #3. They even have a view of Lake Macatawa! Please [check here](#) for more information.

## Mac Adventures!

Boats and fun experiences are still available through September, including pontoon boats and inflatable RIBs!



## The Service Department...

If you have questions on your winter storage work order forms just ask our new office repair/service staff, [Heather](#) and [Scott](#). Heather is a sailor from Z-dock. If you are not certain what type of maintenance is required to prepare your boat for next summer, we are available to help you. As always, if you let us know what you need before Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, we have a much better chance of getting all the work done in time for launch (*please allow a little extra time for major refits*).

## 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, 30-60 mph winds also add to the movement.

In preparation, please tie your boat off the dock and near the center of your slip when you are away. Additional lines should be added to the windward (NW) side. And, if you are in the area when a storm comes through, please stop by and check out your boat (and your neighbors too). 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 cord is not long enough and when your boat moves in the slip and your dock lines stretch, the power cord or receptacle is damaged because there was not enough slack in the power cord.

**When in Doubt, Just Haul-Out!** Why wait for a storm to hit, if you are done boating, email [Heather](#) for a haulout. **Our schedule is very full at the end of September and early October, so early September is a good time to haulout if you are done boating for the year.**

## Weather Apps and Resources

[This is a good list](#) of apps, free websites, and other weather resources compiled by the Waterway Guide.

## News from Holland Yacht Sales!



### Holland Yacht Sales

This summer there have been several boating accidents. To help reduce your chances of having problems here are a few helpful tips to ensure you're boating is as safe as possible:

- Check your local weather forecast at [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) before setting sail.
- Be sure to let someone on land know where you plan to go before enjoying a day on the water.
- Take a boating safety course and ensure you are comfortable using your vessel.
- Drive at the appropriate speed and follow navigation rules. Do not speed.
- Have first aid kits onboard as well as extra flotation devices, a fire extinguisher, and a sound signaling device.
- Always proceed with caution. Operating a boat is a serious responsibility.



Holland South Pier – August, 2024

By following [these safety tips](#), you can significantly lower your risks of injury.

If you're in the market for a boat or are thinking of selling your present boat please give me a call or stop by my office in the Ships Store.

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## Poem from E-31 at Sail



*Is it okay to be afraid?* I whisper,  
my words slipping out unintentionally  
as lightning illuminates an angry sky  
and thunder explodes like circling cannons.

Sails down, we huddle in the companionway,  
knowing the mast on our sailboat  
is a conduit for the electrical fury raging  
above Lake Michigan. This unforeseen

wall of weather on the water  
is inching closer, winds building  
off the stern, swells rocking the boat  
and challenging the autopilot for control.

A pounding rain reverberates  
off the fiberglass and a misty fog  
swallows the shoreline.  
One lightning strike could

destroy navigating instruments,  
punch pinholes through the hull,  
explode the mast, electrocute one  
or both of us. Miles from harbor,

there is nowhere to go.

His eyes are gentle as he answers my question.  
Only two seconds between the last flash  
and the trailing thunder.  
The strike was a half mile away.

-Mary McKSchmidt

## Lightning Advice for Boaters

The Waterway Guide provided [this helpful article](#) to help demystify and educate boaters on the misconceptions, dangers, and prevention of lightning strikes when boating.

## TP52's Championships in Macatawa!

From Sept. 13-15, MBYC and Quantum sails are again sponsoring the TP52 Great Lakes Championships held just off shore of Holland channel. There will be 8 races over 3 days to decide this freshwater champ. These are the best of the best, so this is a great chance to see some of the fastest boats and best sailors in action!



Mockingbird

## Congrats Mac Racers!

The 115<sup>th</sup> Race to Mackinac had heavy winds which brought both great but also dangerous sailing conditions. With heavy winds from the South, several boats had masts come down, sails rip, or the boat knocked over on its side during these heavy gusts. A few of our local racers competed and special congratulations are in order for Joe Turns (*Adventure* earned 6<sup>th</sup> in Double Handed), Chris & Christopher Saxton (*Evolution* was 16<sup>th</sup> in First to Finish), Bill Woodworth (*Gauntlet* competed in the Super Mac), Chris Duhon (*Mockingbird* raced to 2<sup>nd</sup> in Overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> in GL52, & 5<sup>th</sup> in All Boats, Elapsed Time), Jack Jennings (his *Pied Piper* team took 10<sup>th</sup> in All Boats, Elapsed Time) Don Condit (*Roxy* was 1<sup>st</sup> in Cruising Overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in Cruising 2), Bob Hughes (*Shorthanded* was 60<sup>th</sup> in Overall), Bill Fanizzo (*Sirocco VI* finished 90<sup>th</sup> in Overall), Mitch Padnos (*Sufficient Reason* took 2<sup>nd</sup> in their section) and Doug Devos (*Windquest* was 7<sup>th</sup> in All Boats Elapsed Time). Congrats to you and your teams!

## Race Crew Parking

On race nights during the week (Mon-Thurs), we do allow for your crew parking in one of our parking spots across the street from the marina docks. Should there be a race on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or overnight, your race crew will need to get a temporary parking pass from our Shipstore and they will likely be directed to park in Building #7 as our other lots can fill up on these days.

## Free Sail Inspections & Sail Storage...

Quantum Sails, in conjunction with Eldean Shipyard, is offering free multi-point inspections for your sail & canvas inventories. Regular inspections are the best way to extend the life of your sail. Addressing small problems early prevents costly service work later. We'll also store them during the offseason at no cost. Clean and dry storage is just as important to extending the life of your sail investment. Please contact [Heather](#) at the Shipyard, or Jimmy Frisinger with Quantum Sails to schedule a free pick-up. Additional Service Offerings from Quantum Sails Include:

**Precision Re-Cuts** – Squeeze more speed and performance out of older sails with a re-cut to restore shape. Our team can help you extend the life of your sails.

**Washing & Waterproofing** – Keep your sails and canvas looking great and extend their lifespan with regular washing and treatment of trouble spots.

**New Sails?** – Are you considering adding to or replacing a portion of your sail inventory? Our expert sales team would enjoy a chance to meet with you and discuss options. The fall season is a great time to consider a sail purchase.

Thanks, Jimmy  
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## The High/Low Water Blues...

After a low water spring, the water did bounce back this summer and was very close to last year's water level. The report from the USCOE shows that the water level was nearly even this July when compared to last July. However, when compared to 2023, in 2024 it has taken two months longer for the water to raise to this level after reaching its annual low level in March.

Wow, the same water level from one year to the next! I could get used to this. For the recent water level graphs, [click here](#).

## 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](https://www.instagram.com/eldean_shipyard)

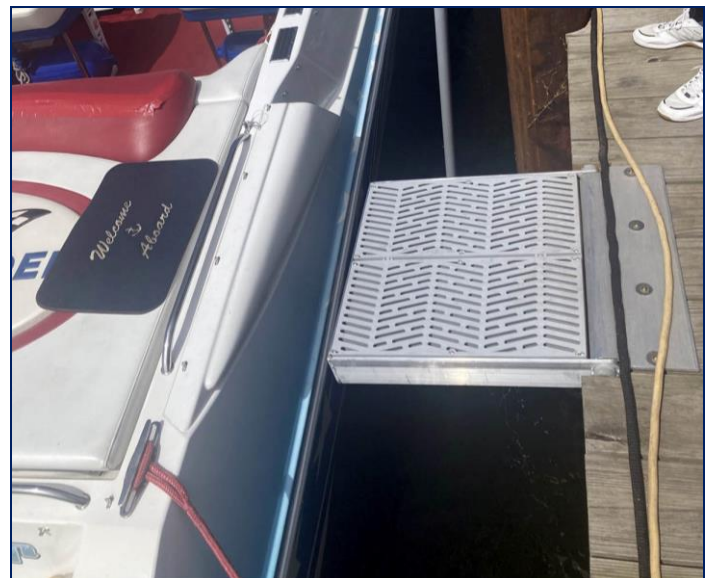
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## Need Better Boat Boarding?



Installed at C-14

This is a 24" x 24" Tide Tamer boat access ramp that hinges and rotates away from the boat when the ramp is not in use and when you are docking. The Ramp cost is \$750 and the installation cost will vary. These are a great option for slips with boatlifts. Talk to [Scott](#) to place an order or to get more information.



## Asian Invasive Carp Update:

From the Association of Marina Industries (AMI): **New Corps Project Aims to Stop Invasive Carp --** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, and the states of Illinois and Michigan signed a project partnership agreement [in July] for the Brandon Road Interbasin Project, moving the project forward into the construction phase. This milestone agreement allows \$274 million in federal funding, including \$226 million provided by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and \$114 million in state funding to be used for construction of the first of three construction increments of the \$1.15 billion project designed to prevent the upstream movement of aquatic nuisance species into the Great Lakes.

Brandon Road Lock and Dam near Joliet, Illinois, has been identified as the critical pinch point where layered technologies could be used to stop invasive carp populations from moving into the Great Lakes. If they become established in the Great Lakes, invasive carp could outcompete native species and greatly harm the ecosystems of the entire Great Lakes region and its over \$20 billion fishing and boating industries.

The Brandon Road Interbasin Project will implement a complex series of innovative deterrents at the Brandon Rock Lock and Dam site to prevent upstream movement of invasive carp and other aquatic nuisance species on the Illinois Waterway.

With the project partnership agreement signed, contracts for fabrication, continued design, leading edged deterrents and bedrock removal are now slated for solicitation in the coming weeks. Interested contractors can visit the website listed below for additional details. For more information visit: [www.mvr.usace.army.mil/BRIP/](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/BRIP/) or contact the USACE Rock Island District by phone at 309-794-5729 or email at: [cemvr-cc@usace.army.mil](mailto:cemvr-cc@usace.army.mil)

## A few fotos...



A look towards shore from E-21. Thank you Marcie!



From Phil on his morning commute to work



From my morning commute to work