

MARINA WATCH

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» ELDEAN SHIPYARD

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» AMENITIES

Transient slips:

As available

Pump-out: Y

Gas: Y

Diesel: Y

Lifts: Y

Launch ramp: N

Engine repair: Y

Hull repair: Y

Marine store: Y

Restaurant: N

Showers: Y

Laundry Facility: Y

Eldean Shipyard

Over 100 years of history and boating.

On the southern shore of Lake Macatawa in Macatawa, Michigan, sits one of the country's oldest active marinas and boatyard facilities. Eldean Shipyard began as a wood boatbuilding company called Jesiek Bros Shipyard in 1901, and although it's changed hands, names and offerings over its more than century-long life, the shipyard's mission remains the same: To provide first-class service and amenities to Lake Michigan yachtsmen.

Herb Eldean Sr. and his two sons, Herb and Roger, had built a successful Chicago mooring business, and in the early 1970s, the Eldean brothers left Chicago to purchase the Jesiek Bros Shipyard, renaming it Eldean Shipyard.

Since its early years, the facility has kept up with the times, but the Eldeans have remained committed to providing a great location, exceptional staff and a wide range of services for boaters.

"My family has grown up on the water and my

dad's family before us; we've had amazing experiences on the waterfront and on the boats," explains Wade Eldean, Herb's grandson. "We hope to bring those types of experiences and lifestyle to others so that they can fall in love with the water, enjoy boating, and make great memories with family and friends."

From boat slip rentals, transient slips and winter storage to boat sales, full service and repairs, Eldean Shipyard does it all. A large playground, picnic areas with gas grills, volleyball court, pool, hot tubs and clubhouse make Eldean Shipyard a fun place to begin a boating adventure, or to stay and relax at one of the six vacation rental properties they offer.

On-site Mac Adventures offers paddleboard, kayak and pontoon boat rentals. With everything from Wednesday night sailboat racing, salmon fishing, surfing and exploring the Michigan dunes, it's the perfect place to step away and soak up the sun with all the amenities you need right at your fingertips. ★