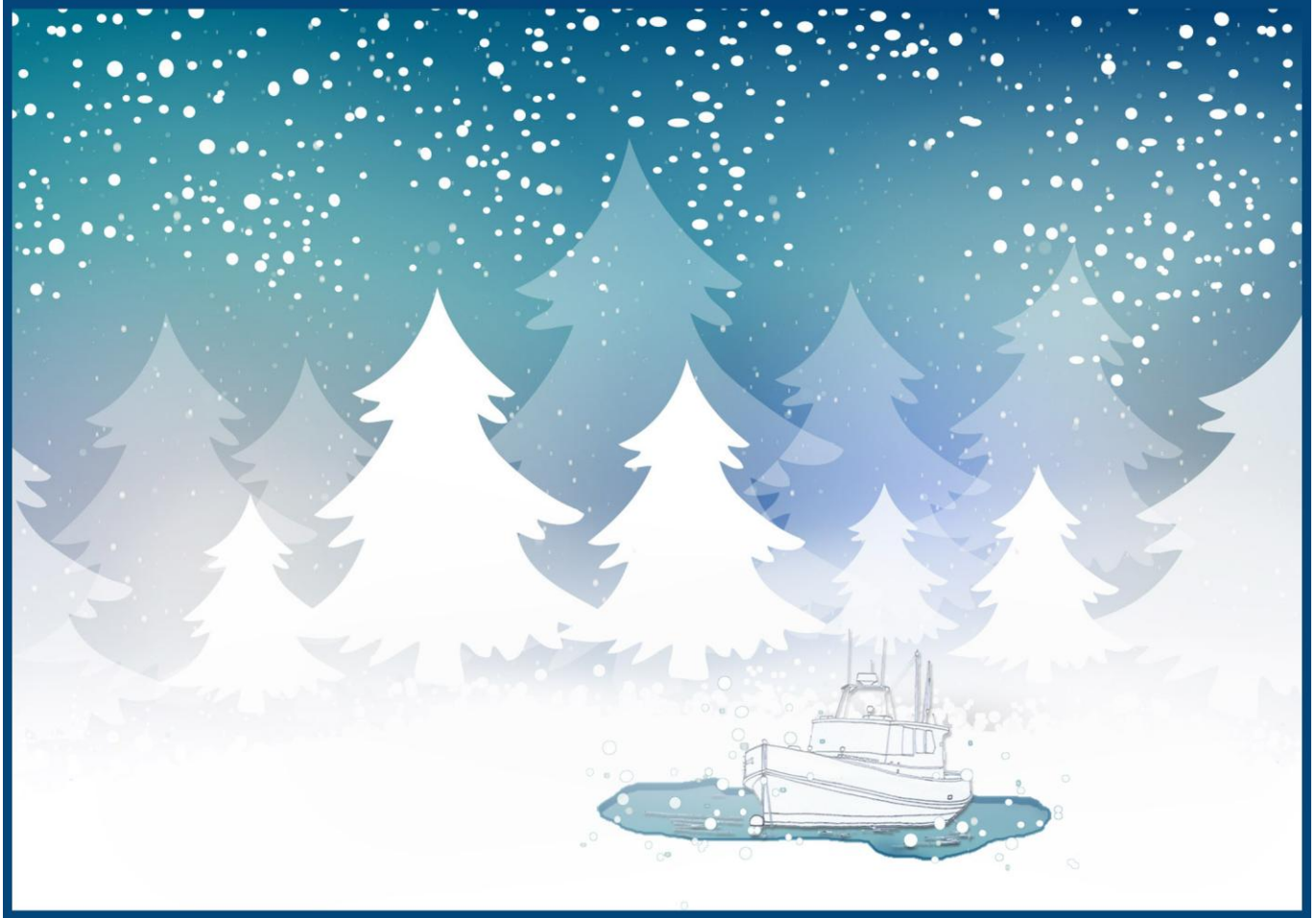


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*December 2017*

*INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE*



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## Holiday Sale!

December 1 to December 31

Stop by the Shipstore to shop for this year's Christmas Gifts.

We have received many of our **new Gill products** for 2018 and have offered them on sale at 20% off during the Holiday Season. Stop by to check out the foul weather gear, assorted tops for layering/warmth, and sailing gloves.

The remaining 2017 Clothing is also on sale!

## Another Gift Idea!



A **NEW** selection of Great Lakes T's & Hats are in the Shipstore!

## Harbor View Lofts & Event Center

As you may know, we had intended to lease out the first floor of the former Piper building to a Restaurateur. And, although we have had interest, we haven't been able to close the deal and start serving food just yet. So, while a restaurant may still be a possible future endeavor, we are making the first floor available as a Banquet and Event Space. Weddings, Receptions, or other events may choose their own caterers. The outside grass lawn is also available in combination with the lower level and can be utilized for a wedding ceremony or lawn seating.

## Employee Christmas Party



Jake, Ryan, Gary were Style'n last year!

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, the Eldean Crew is going bowling for our Holiday Party and to get our Roll On! These photos are from last year's party where a few ugly sweaters made an appearance. Gary's sweater won the Best of Show. We certainly appreciate our staff and all that they do for us!



Now that's a Winning Crew!



## WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

My estimate is that the water will be up 6 inches compared to last summer. In preparation, we have already raised many docks and will be raising several more. To see the water data from the USACE:

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

## 100 Barrels of Oil on the Wall...

Our Solar Panels have generated a large amount of energy from the sun! To date, the system has produced over 245,000 kWh of electricity. This amount of electricity can power 27 homes for 1 year. We are trying to do our part to help cut down on greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels.



## Lake Superior Reef Restoration?

Did you know that there are important fresh water reefs in the Great Lakes? Although the fresh water shark is an urban legend, fresh water reefs do exist and many are important breeding habitats for fish. Buffalo Reef, a massive 2200 acre reef in Lake Superior that supports the spawning of both Whitefish and Lake Trout populations is under attack. The reef is currently threatened by being covered from drifting Stamp Sands – a waste material produced in the copper ore mining process that was common in the early 1900's. Because of the drifting sands, the EPA is providing \$3.1 million to the Army Corps of Engineers for dredging work. [Click here to read more about this project.](#)



The Labor Day Cookout was a ton of fun!

## BAM is Now BoatMichigan.org!

The Boating Association of Michigan, a.k.a. BAM has morphed into [BoatMichigan.org](#). Along with the change of name, they are now a free-to-join membership group. BoatMichigan.org's main goal is to create a voice for Michigan's boaters to express their views on regulatory issues that impact the boating lifestyle. All you need to do is sign up and they will send you critical information on issues important to Michigan Boaters (about 6 emails per year). You can click subscribe on [BoatMichigan.org](#) or fill out [this subscription form](#).

## Il Mostro Sets Mack Record!



The course record for the Chicago to Mackinac race was set this fall by Peter Thorton's Il Mostro. They didn't set the record during the race, but instead, waited for ideal downwind conditions to attempt a record. The wind cooperated with 30+ knot winds helping propel the boat to a finish of 18:00:23, almost exactly 3 ½ hours faster than the monohull record and 50 minutes faster than the multihull record. For most of the year, Il Mostro stores and preps here at Eldean Shipyard, then heads out for the races. This monohull course record beat the monohull record set by Roy Disney's Pyewacket in 2002. If you have been around our marina for a while, you may remember seeing Pyewacket when it was delivered and launched here 15 years ago when they set this course record for the race.



## Pumpkin Boating?

Maybe we should have a Pumpkin Race in October to commemorate the end of the boating season each year? After hauling out your boats, we could launch your pumpkins for a brisk race around the buoys! I'd like to see what the Pumpkin Triathlon looks like...



It looks like 7.9 HP Mercury powering Olga along



Saugatuck's Duck Boat has Competition



This guy means business!

## From Holland Yacht Sales...



### HOLLAND YACHT SALES

Now that winter is here it is also time for Boat Show Season. The recent Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show was well attended and resulted in very strong sales activity. The show featured an estimated seven miles of floating docks and 1,200 exhibitors from 35 countries. There are also some great boat shows coming up after the Holidays. The Chicago Boat, RV & Sail Show will return to McCormick Place January 10-14, 2018 with the newest model boats and the latest gear. Miami International Boat Show will be held at Miami Marine Stadium February 15-19, 2018, where you will be able to see more than 1300 boats on display on land and in the water. Closer to home will be the Grand Rapids Boat Show at the DeVos Place February 14-18, 2018. All these shows are great places to check out the latest boats and the newest gear.



Roger Eldean's Baja is for sale

If I can be of any assistance in the sale or purchase of a boat or if you would just like to talk about boats, please stop by.

Best regards,

Henry DeJong

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## 8 Telltale Signs that the Used Boat You're Buying Could be a Storm-Damaged Lemon!

From Boat US, December 6, 2017: While many of the more than 63,000 boats damaged as a result of 2017 hurricanes will be repaired and have more years of life on the water, some used boat buyers in 2018 could end up with storm-damaged lemons. The nation's largest advocacy, services and safety group for recreational boaters, Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](http://BoatUS.com)), cautions used boat buyers that some boats affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma are beginning to hit the market, and that getting a prepurchase survey (called a Condition and Value survey) is very important.

"It's not that you don't want to buy a boat that's been repaired, but you should have full knowledge of the repairs and know they were done correctly. It's a transparency issue that will help you negotiate a fair price," said BoatUS Consumer Affairs Director Charles Fort. The boating group offers eight tips to help you spot a boat that might have been badly damaged in a storm:

**Trace the history.** When a car is totaled, the title is branded as salvaged or rebuilt, and buyers know up front that there was major damage at some point in the car's history. But only a few states brand salvaged boats – Florida and Texas do not – and some states don't require titles for boats. Anyone wishing to obscure a boat's history need only cross state lines to avoid detection, which can be a tipoff. Look for recent gaps in the boat's ownership, which may mean that it was at an auction or in a repair yard for a long time.

**Look for recent hull repairs.** Especially on older boats, matching gelcoat is very difficult. Mismatched colors around a repaired area are often a giveaway and may signal nothing more than filler under the gelcoat, rather than a proper fiberglass repair.

**Look for new repairs or sealant at the hull-to-deck joint.** Boats that bang against a dock during a storm often suffer damage there.

**Evidence of sinking.** Check for consistent corrosion on interior hardware, such as rust on all hinges and drawer pulls. You might be able to spot an interior waterline inside a locker or an area hidden behind an interior structure.

**Corrosion in the electrical system.** Corrosion on electrical items, such as lamps, connectors and behind breaker panels might mean the boat sank recently. Does the boat have all new electronics? Why?

**Look for evidence of major interior repairs.** Fresh paint or gelcoat work on the inside of the hull and engine room is usually obvious. All new cushions and curtains may be a tipoff, too.

**Look for fresh paint on the engine.** It may be covering exterior rust as well as interior damage.

**Ask the seller.** In some states, a seller isn't required to disclose if a boat was badly damaged unless you ask. If the seller hems and haws, keep looking.

Visit [BoatUS.com/marine-surveys](http://BoatUS.com/marine-surveys) to learn more about marine surveys and access a free online boat-buying guide from BoatUS.

### Great Lake Cruising Club

The Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC) is a phenomenal resource for you! Besides having a wealth of hands-on information and contacts in & on the Great Lakes, the GLCC also has classes. Webinars and classroom learning are offered on a variety of subjects. There are several webinars on their current calendar. If you have been thinking about cruising one of the other Great Lakes, they are offering several classes/webinars this winter on cruising the different lakes. Other available classes include "Gasoline Engine, Maintenance and Troubleshooting," "Marine Diesel Maintenance 101," and a few others. Go to [glclub.com](http://glclub.com) or [glccschool.com](http://glccschool.com) for more information.

### Free Gym Memberships!

Don't forget, we've partnered with Family Fitness to offer you a free gym membership when you are a slip customer – [Click for Details](#)



## Boating Safety...

**Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall!** More than 40 million Kidde fire extinguishers equipped with plastic handles, have been recalled. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), "The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard." The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean water is urging recreational boat owners to check their boats for the recalled extinguishers and **get a free metal-handled replacement** by going to the CPSC [recall website](#).

The recall affects both plastic-handle and push-button Pindicator Kidde fire extinguishers, including 134, ABC- or BC-rated models manufactured between January 1, 1973, and August 15, 2017. The extinguishers are red, white or silver and were sold in the US and Canada through a wide range of retailers. The CPSC [recall website](#) shows how to easily identify the affected extinguishers.

In the recall, Kidde also acknowledged the free replacement push-button extinguisher being sent to personal watercraft owners is similar in size to the recalled model but may not fit in the same location as the old fire extinguisher. "This may require a slightly different mounting orientation or location," said BoatUS Foundation Assistant Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner."

CPSC says there have been approximately 391 reports of failed or limited activation or nozzle detachment, including one fatality; approximately 16 injuries, including smoke inhalation and minor burns; and approximately 91 reports of property damage.

Kidde may be contacted toll-free at 855-271-0773. The company offers additional recall information online at [kidde.com](#) by selecting "Product Safety Recall."

## The Big RED Stop BLUES...

We've just heard that Big Red Stop is For Sale. I'm hoping that you or someone you know is interested in owning and operating this coffee, ice-cream, and food trailer. The business has a good sales history and an awesome clientele! For more information email/call Josh Cook at [josh@1adventurecompany.com](mailto:josh@1adventurecompany.com) or 616-212-4897. I think that we will all have a bit of the **Blues** if another Macatawa restaurant slips away...



Open for business in 2018? I hope so!

## FISH ON!



Mark (E-9) caught this monster 32.2 lb King in August

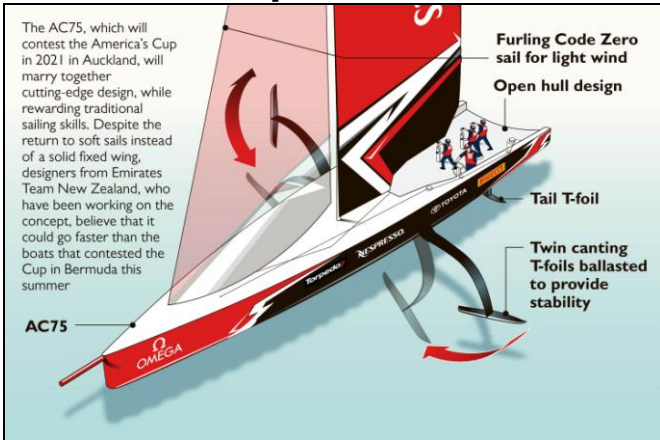
## Notable Sailboat Race Results:

**Chicago-Mack** (division results): Trois Vinges 1<sup>st</sup>, Tsunami 2<sup>nd</sup>, Willie J 4<sup>th</sup>, Il Mostro 4<sup>th</sup>, & Utah 5<sup>th</sup>! If you recall, it was an huge accomplishment just to finish this race as the big wind storms proved to be too much for many boats, gear, and crew.

**Tripp Cup:** Sufficient Reason 2<sup>nd</sup>, Utah 2<sup>nd</sup>, Willie J 3<sup>rd</sup>, & Shorthanded 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Queens Cup:** Shorthanded 1<sup>st</sup>, Willie J 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sufficient Reason 4<sup>th</sup>, & Utah 4<sup>th</sup>!

## America's Cup Re-Boot!



Many of us have been anxiously waiting for the unveiling of the new America's Cup hull design. A single hull design was promised and many hoped that it would be a more practical and a closer resemblance to traditional sailboats. Well, the design has been introduced, and while the new AC75 has returned to a mono-hull, this design certainly goes way beyond the standard racing boat! With its dueling canting keels and foiling system and the ability to right itself after capsizing, the AC75 has been compared to a Transformer. It certainly stretches the imagination of sailors everywhere! The AC75 nautical engineers are saying that it can surpass the Multi-hulls in both downwind and upwind speeds. Although I was hoping for a more relatable boat, the performance of the AC75 has certainly grabbed my attention. For more information on the AC75, check out [the article by Sailing World](#).

## Winter Storage & Repair...

From Matt Eldean:

This is a quick reminder of a few to-do items that a lot of people forget about in the off season:

1. Inspect the Sea-Water pump impellers. A minimum of an inspection should be done every 100 hours.
2. Load test batteries.
3. Service Outdrives/Transmissions.

**If you are new to our facility**, you may not know that we have a complete service and repair department. Our professional staff, with over **250 years of combined experience**, is ready to help. We have technicians that specialize in the following areas: Paint, Varnish, Fiberglass, Gelcoat, Carpentry, Restoration, Sailboat Rigging, Electronics, Engine, Mechanical, Canvas, and Upholstery.

**We are currently scheduling NOW for work orders** to be done on your boats this winter. Don't wait to the last minute to call us or we run the risk of not being able to complete the work before the launch season.

Please contact [me](#) with any of your service needs or questions. -Matt



Kris Eldean has been sharing a lot of fun and interesting marina photos on Instagram. [Click Here and Follow Us!](#)



"Wizard" under a rainbow this summer





**Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales Is Here to Deliver Your Boating Dream. 2017 has been an incredible year in boating and a record-breaking year for Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales (JBYS).**

- Boat sales were strong with over 150 boats sold this year and 18 already booked for 2018.
- Our crew has grown! We added seven new team members across our locations to better serve you in the areas of marketing, sales, service and the business office. Join us in welcoming Valerie Dorn, Andy MacLachlan, Jacob Hossack, Elizabeth Freeman-Klubeck, Doug Glendening, Sam Mesi and Tim Driscoll.
- Team JBYS participated in 34 boat shows and special events across six countries!
- Customer satisfaction is our TOP priority! Ninety-three percent (93%) of JBYS customers who responded to our customer service index (CSI) survey recorded the highest rating of "Very Satisfied" in 2017.
- JBYS was named "Dealer of the Year" for Absolute Yachts.
- A new [JBYS.COM](http://JBYS.COM) was launched. The site now offers up to 3,000 co-brokerage listings in addition to our house listings allowing us to better serve buyers and sellers.
- We've never boated in December before but we did this year. On 12/2 JBYS offloaded a 52 Absolute shipped from Italy to Cleveland, OH and ran it back to our St. Clair Shores, MI office, and the sun was shining - WOW!

With six Great Lakes locations, including service to Ontario, Canada, and over 40 years of experience, JBYS is best positioned to deliver your boating dream. Recognized locally, nationally and globally for excellence, Team JBYS maintains the highest industry standards and delivers only the finest quality service and customer care. We're honored to represent world-leading brands including Viking, Princess, Sunseeker, Absolute, Carver, Marquis, Contender, Rinker, Duffy, Williams, Novurania...and Seabob! Collectively, the crew at JBYS brings nearly 400 years of industry experience to serve you in your boat buying, selling and servicing needs!

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