



ELDEAN News

December 2018

INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE



**Wishing You and Yours a Healthy Holiday
filled with Joy, Family, and Friends!**

- Thank you for choosing Eldean Shipyard



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 2019 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. Check out our Holiday Gill Jacket photo on the following pages.

The remaining 2018 Clothing is also on sale!

Gift Idea! Big Red [Oak] Bowls



A **NEW** selection "Big Red" Oak Bowls are in the Shipstore!

We have had a 2nd run of bowls carved from Maple and Red Oak trees from our Marina Property. The new set of Red Oak bowls are stamped on the back with the Big Red Lighthouse. What a great gift – A Big Red themed bowl carved at the Holland Bowl Mill from a Big Red Oak Tree from Macatawa! Bowls range from \$15 to \$400. The big bowls are amazing and rare!

Boat Insurance Savings?

Ask your agent if they offer insurance discounts for keeping your boat a Certified Michigan Clean Marina! Who knows, you might save a few bucks!

Boater's Choice Award!

Marinas.com has Award Eldean Shipyard with their Boater's Choice Award! "Honoring the Best of Where Bow Meets Berth", The 2018 Marinas.com Boaters' Choice Award recognizes the marinas that consistently provided an excellent home for the boating community throughout the year. With an average Marinas.com star rating of 4 or above, this year's recipients are truly the best of where bow meets berth.

Harbor View Lofts & Event Center

The Harbor View Event Center is available for your party, wedding, or special event. When you hear people asking about a beautiful event location, please spread the word. The final unit, Harbor View Loft #3 is scheduled for completion this May. We hope to have an open house this summer for anyone who is interested. Loft #3 is the largest of the 3 units and includes 8 Bedrooms, 5 Bathrooms, 2 Laundry's, 4 decks, and enough room to socialize.

Go to LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com for more information.

WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

My estimate last year at this time was that the water would be up 6 inches compared to 2017. In actuality it was about the same. For next year, I'm guessing that it will be about the same, however, a recent report showed that Lake Superior was currently going up which has me thinking we might go up too.

To see the water data from the USACE:

[-Options for all Great Lakes](#)

[-The Lake Michigan Monthly Forecast Bulletin](#)



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

From Holland Yacht Sales...



HOLLAND YACHT SALES

The new year is not to far way and our boats will be back in the water before we know it. All that being said, two of the items that frequently show up on boat surveys are inoperable thru-hulls and deteriorating raw-water hoses. Both of these are famously durable and designed to withstand considerable abuse and neglect - but only up to a point. By simply opening and closing them several times during the season will usually stop the accumulation of internal corrosion, ensuring smooth operation and a tight seal. Some of the bronze through hulls have zerk fittings so you can grease them for smoother operation. Just a last word of caution, if you encounter a jammed through-hull be very careful how much force you apply to it. Never use pipe wrenches or extension handles because you may break its seal with the hull or the valve its self. Finally, never try to free a through-hull when the boat is in the water.

Another item to keep a close eye on are the hoses below the waterline. These should be double clamped for safety and regularly inspected for deterioration.

I currently have some very nice listings on both the power and sailboat sides. If you have interest in making a change, please call, stop by or email me.

Best regards,

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Winter Storage & Repair...

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 Eldean*

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](#).

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 or 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](#)

Employee Christmas Party 2018 – At Boatwerks, Of Course!



Our Crew! Check us out in our New Gill Hybrid Puffy Jackets! Where's Waldo (Thom)?

**Merry Christmas from –
Ryan, Jake, & Mariah**



Beth, Amy, Joel, & Brian



Wade, Kris, Kellen, Jo, Kristie, Earl, & Andrew



Herb, Phil, & Andrew



Jami, Matt, Jaelyn, & Kellen Eldean



Jeff & Karie Brady