

ELDEAN News

December 2020

INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE



Photo: Santa arriving by skiff at Spiral Jetty on the Great Salt Lake

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

- Thank you for choosing Eldean Shipyard





"I'm happy that Santa got you a boat...but couldn't he have left it outside?"

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 2021 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 2020 Clothing is also on sale!

Boating Holiday Cards...

Like this year's card, I usually design the Shipyard's Holiday card each year. But where can a boater find boating related Holiday cards to personalize? BoatUS Foundation's nautically themed cards from Salt Harbor Studios offer customizable card designs crafted in the U.S. on high-quality FSC Certified paper using natural inks with 0% VOC. A portion of each card purchase supports the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation's mission of promoting safe and clean boating, including offering the only free online boating safety course for 36 states, on-water training, kids life jacket loaner program, EPIRB rentals and more. To order, simply go to BoatUS.org/HolidayCards, choose your favorite design and create your greeting.

Gift Idea! Big Red [Oak] Bowls



A 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!



Christmas Trees Sail from Michigan to Chicago

There is a long tradition of supplying Christmas Trees to the Chicago area with the help of our Coast Guard and the *Christmas Tree Ship*. For more background, as well as history of the tragic Sinking in 1912, [click here](#).

Follow Us!



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

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The Best of the Interweb!



Sleeping Sperm Whales

Thanks to photographer and diver Stephane Granzotto there are these amazing photographs capturing a pod of sperm whales sleeping. The whales reportedly sleep for up to 2 hours at a time, between breaths, and in a vertical position about 45' underwater. [Click here to see more photos](#) and info.

WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

I am feeling a little optimistic about water levels for next season! The water started to go down in August and has continued to drop a couple of inches (unlike last fall/winter when it remained about the same). We are still continuing with our plan to raise B-dock, as well as power and water upgrades on B-Dock and C-dock this winter.

To see the water data from the USACE:

[-Options for all Great Lakes](#)



Boat Nightmare!

12/4/20 – Boat storage building fire at Toledo Beach Marina – Monroe, MI. Click [here for the store & video](#). Please follow all safety rules!

Boat Insurance Savings?

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

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 Steven Clayton at boatservice@eldean.com with any of your service needs or questions.

Single Outboard Joystick Control!

Driving single engine boats, particularly an outboard, while less intimidating, have generally been more difficult to dock and maneuver than multi-engine boats. Multi-engine boats and particularly traditional shaft and propeller systems are easier to control because the captain has multiple sources for power and steering and they are located under the boat in a more central location which creates better leverage for maneuvering. However, learning to drive a multi-engine boat like this usually takes a lot of practice.

Because of the learning curve and personal intimidation factor, the Joystick controller was invented (and to sell more big boats) and now nearly anyone can start docking a multi-engine boat with minimal experience. This was one of the best boating inventions in years, and now it is available from Yamaha for a single outboard. However, unlike a twin engine joystick, because there are not multiple engines to work against each other, the Captain won't be able to walk the boat sideways to parallel park in a tight spot on a windy day. This joystick will certainly make docking and maneuvering much easier as well as offering some other advantages like a virtual anchor and fishing applications. Check out more info at YamahaOutboards.com.

Boating is an Adventure!



The moment when lightning strikes a sailboat



Don't try this at home

What do you do when your boat is sinking fairly close to the dock? How do you react? If your answer is to drive a Jeep Wrangler and Ford F-150 Raptor into the lake in an effort to save the sinking watercraft, then you're thinking like this family in Cedar Lake, Indiana. But that's definitely not the right decision! Just take a look at the video and photos the neighbors took. [Click here](#) for the Video and full story.

Boating Tips; Safety & Preparedness

DiscoverBoating.com has a lot of great resources for boaters. If you are a beginning boater or want to brush up on your safety preparedness in a variety of boating and weather situations, then [take a look at Discover Boating's boating tips](#).

Free Sail Inspections & Assessments

Quantum Sails, in conjunction with Eldean Shipyard, is offering free multi-point inspections for your sail & canvas inventories. Regular inspections and proactive service maintenance are the best way to extend the life of your sail and protect your current investment. Addressing small problems early prevents costly service work later. Many of your dockmates have already taken advantage of this process in prior years, with very positive results and feedback. Please contact Steven at Eldean Shipyard, or Quantum Sails directly (Troy Scharlow – 616.403.3571), to schedule a pick-up. Additional Service Offerings from Quantum Sails Include:

Sail Removal and Installations – Our skilled staff can take some of the headache (and backache) out of sail and canvas de-commissioning and set-up.

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.

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Slip Invoices and Paperwork

We will be mailing the slip invoices, slip agreements and other slip paperwork near the start of the new year. The slip payments and paperwork are due by March 1st and slip deposits are non-refundable.

Slip & Storage Special!

With your 2021 slip rental, you will receive a discount off 2021-22 winter storage equal to 10% of your slip rental (not applicable with other offers).

Covid Concerns

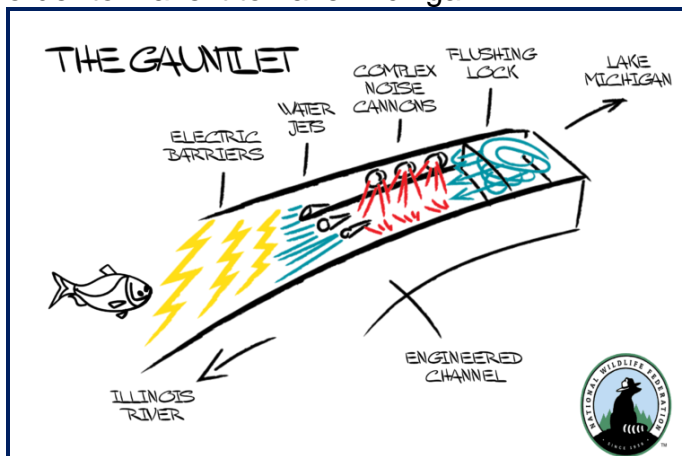
We are certainly hoping that the promising trials of the Covid vaccines will mean that we can turn the corner on this pandemic. A few notable Covid related items:

- *Soundings Trade Only* has made a **timeline of many Covid and Boating related events** of 2020 – [Click here](#).

-The **Detroit Boat Show is cancelled** (Jan 16-24, 2021) and will return in 2022.

- Did you hear that **Evinrude Outboards are being discontinued?** Covid 19 was listed as part of the problem. [Click here for the story](#).

-**Asian Carp funding is at risk** because of budgetary concerns related to the pandemic. The Michigan Legislature restored the \$8 Million funding again in this past September, but it is waiting on Governor Whitmer to sign after she nixed the funding back in March. The funding will go towards the “Gauntlet Project” on the Illinois River, where the carp will be forced to successfully swim the gauntlet in order to make it to Lake Michigan!



Asian Carp must Swim the Gauntlet

Proposal 1 passes...

From the MBIA: Michiganders made history by overwhelmingly voting YES on Proposal 1 to protect Michigan’s water, wildlife and parks for generations to come. Voters across the political spectrum voted yes on Proposal 1, which commits oil and gas royalties to protection of our land, water sources and parks in perpetuity by lifting the cap on Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. This victory sends a clear message to lawmakers that voters across the state prioritize the protection of our natural resources and access to outdoor recreation for all Michiganders to enjoy. Click to [Read](#) the press release and more info.

Hall of Fame Local Sailors!

There is a long tradition of sailing and racing on Lake Macatawa, and this year, three locals have been inducted into the Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame! A few details are below, but please see the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation (LMSRF) [newsletter for the full story](#).

Jean and Don Bergman, known as *Grandma and Grandpa Go-fast*, have been out-sailing their competition for decades in both S2 7.9 and Sunfish sailboats (I’ve finished while looking ahead to read their boat name “Second Wind” many times). The Bergmans have also been very active in supporting the sailing industry with their time and talents.

Seymour Padnos: Seymour’s family got their start sailing right here in Macatawa with our predecessor Jesiek Bros. Shipyard. As the story goes, Seymour Padnos’ father traded a wood planer to Jesiek Brothers shipyard in exchange for a wooden boat being constructed by Jesiek’s. Seymour was an active supporter of local fleets, youth sailing, and education. We had the pleasure of storing and servicing Seymour’s boats for nearly 40 years at Eldean Shipyard!

4000 Year Old Boat Discovered

A 12 year old boy discovered a 4000 year old, 17’ long wood boat in Ireland earlier this year. After digging it out of the mud and water and bringing it home, the experts said to go put it back. And they did. [Click here for the story](#).

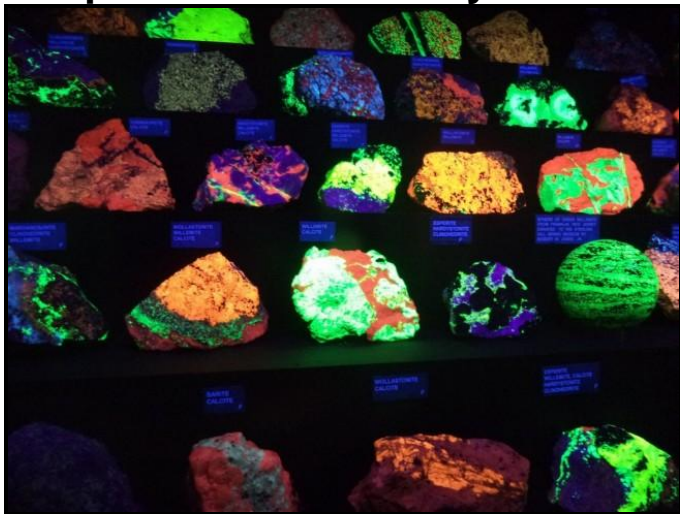
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Enbridge, Jimaan, & the Ice Age

The recent and possibly the most significant archeological finding in the Straits of Mackinac in decades was made inadvertently while analyzing data taken to evaluate the Enbridge pipeline. This is a fascinating and ongoing story where it appears that stones are arranged on the lake floor in circular and linear patterns, suggesting evidence of an ice age culture present 10,000 years ago when the area was not covered by ice or water. A team, mostly of non-scientists and Native Americans is continuing to survey the lake floor and identify evidence of ancient cultures. One of the vessels that the group uses is Jimaan, the Little Traverse Bay Bands' 32' community canoe. What makes the story a bit sinister and that of a possible Hollywood screenplay, is the implication that Enbridge had not been forthcoming to share similar sonar scans or cultural findings because it would negatively impact their pipeline. For the complete Detroit Free Press article, [click here](#).

Yooperlites or Petoskey Stones?



Do you like to look for Petoskey Stones and Yooperlites? What's a Yooperlite? A Yooperlite is the name that one Michigander has given to the glowing rocks that he finds around Michigan. The rocks, while appearing ordinary and boring during the day, will glow when illuminated with a UV lamp. For more information on how to find Yooperlites, read the [entire article at AtlasObsura.com](#).

UFO's



The Candela Seven

Had you been vacationing in Switzerland this past September, you might have wondered what that Unidentified Flying Object was on the lake in front of your villa? It was the first ever eclectic powered hydrofoil speedboat, pictured above. The Candela Seven is a 25' speed boat that can reach 34 mph, has a range of 56 miles on a charge, and starts at \$296,000. The biggest benefits from a hydrofoiling boat are gained because the contact with water is minimized leading to a very efficient propulsion and energy use. Additionally, your passengers won't be complaining of sea-sickness as the boat won't be bounced around by the waves when flying above the water! For more information [go to Cadelaspeedboat.com](http://go.to/Cadelaspeedboat.com).

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. Available classes / webinars include topics on Gasoline or Diesel Engines, Maintenance and Troubleshooting, Navigation, Locks, Forecasting Weather, and more. Go to glcclub.com or glccschool.com for more information.

Zipper Ship?



Have you ever wondered what lies beneath the water's surface? Well, one artist thought, just unzip it and take a look! The Colossal states that "Japanese artist [Yasuhiro Suzuki](#) long has wondered about what lies beneath the surface of Tokyo's Sumida River, a question he's symbolically remedied with a sleek vessel that unzips the middle of the waterway. Suzuki's "Zip-Fastener Ship" mimics the ubiquitous closures as it separates the central river with a wake that splays out just like the teeth-lined tape." And, for functionality, check out the size of the foredeck on that Zipper; what a great place to layout when anchored at the beach! [Click here or more photos.](#)

From Holland Yacht Sales...



HOLLAND YACHT SALES

As we reflect on our 2020 boating season, most of us started a little later than usual, but fortunately we were still able to get out on the water and enjoy the great weather. Hopefully 2021 will bring a longer season with the stresses of this past year behind us.

I would like to cover a couple of points in this newsletter. The first is to be *weather-wise*. Knowing the current weather forecast for your boating area can help avoid problems when bad weather threatens, either by altering the float plan, bringing along extra gear, or postponing your outing. It might be warm and calm at the dock but blowing hard out on the lake, and once your crew arrives it becomes more difficult to call off the trip. So, make sure that you have done the research on the weather so you can make a good decision in advance. Our phones have many great weather apps plus wind forecast apps. Additionally, [there is a weather buoy](#) that you can log on to and get current conditions out on the lake.

Even with our shortened season boat sales have been very strong and listings are harder to get. If you are looking for a boat or thinking of selling don't hesitate to reach out. I would be happy to talk to you.

Best regards,

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Eldean Shipyard recently installed and activated our second solar installation to generate electricity on-site at the marina! The new, larger solar installation produces 97 kWh of electricity, nearly 1.5x more than the initial 66 kWh array. Like our first solar installation in 2014, these solar panels are installed on the roof of a large boat storage building along South Shore Drive in Macatawa (The first installation is on top of building #3 and this new installation is atop building #1, pictured below).



The original 66 kWh system has actively been generating solar power since August of 2014. To date, the system has produced over 450,000 kWh of electricity! Along with the reduction of greenhouse gasses, by generating clean energy from the sun, the equivalent of 486,000 lbs of coal or 737 barrels of oil was conserved. This system has saved Eldean Shipyard enough on electricity costs that it has now paid for this original installation and that system now provides free & clean electricity for the remainder of its useful life! We hope that this 2nd solar installation is just as successful at the 1st.

As a marina and resort, Eldean Shipyard depends on a healthy environment for its continued success. This 2nd solar array will further our mission as a Certified Clean Marina so that future generations can enjoy fishing and boating in Michigan's amazing fresh water lakes. Boaters can expect an elevated level of environmental awareness and responsibility when choosing a certified Michigan Clean Marina!

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