

ELDEAN News

December 2022

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.

Most all of our foot-wear, t-shirts, clothing, and Gill foul weather gear is 25% off during the Holiday Season. Stop by to check out the foul weather gear, boots, sailing gloves, assorted tops for layering/warmth, as well as some Macatawa and Eldean Shipyard themed shirts.

Herb receives Life-Time Award!

Herb Eldean was posthumously awarded the Ray L. Underwood Lifetime Achievement Award for 2022 from MBIA for his contribution to the recreational boating industry throughout his lifetime. He was honored at the Recreational Boating Educational Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on November 30. Kris & I, along with Pat Eldean and a few of Herb & Pat's friends attended the event. It was both a proud and sad feeling for us. You can watch the video presentation (photos, testimonials, and history) for Herb and the other 2 award winners on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/z-Whe-SOiOk>

MBYC Dock Expansion – Comment!

A public hearing is scheduled and the Michigan DEQ/EGLE/MiEnviro **needs your feedback before there Dec. 8th hearing** on this application. Our neighbor, MBYC, is proposing to add 50 boat slips and broadside dockage for 10 more boats. MBYC currently has 77 slips, so this is a big expansion! For Eldean Shipyard customers, this may cause some congestion and difficulties for docking at D and E docks and the Haulout. Additionally, the Yacht Club does not have enough parking for their existing customers, so we will see parking problems overflowing onto our property and parking lots. Please echo these concerns and make a comment. For making a comment, [click here](#). [Click here for the public notice](#) with instructions for viewing the application and [click here for the overall site plan](#). If you are having any difficulty, just let me know.

The Herb Eldean Education Center



My family is helping to bring my Dad's legacy to fruition by supporting the Outdoor Discovery Center in rebuilding and transforming their old "Founders Hall" into the "Herb Eldean Education Center". Herb grew up in the city of Chicago, but had the benefit of spending his days at the Harbor. Herb also thrived with the backing of a good education. Thus, Herb has been huge advocate of education and the benefits of outdoor recreation and learning. This new Herb Eldean Education Center will have both indoor and outdoor spaces and be able to provide services for an additional 300 children daily. We need your help too!



Our family is making a sizable matching donation in order to make this a reality, however, we need others to participate (we need donations to match!). Please think about supporting this project. **Donations are accepted on-line [here](http://www.outdoordiscovery.org/herb-eldean-education-center)**. More information is available at www.outdoordiscovery.org/herb-eldean-education-center.

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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. 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! [Contact Jessica](#), our Rental Manager, or go to LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com for more information.

Gift Idea! Big Red [Oak] Bowls



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

We have 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! Act fast and there will be time for the Holland Bowl Mill to add a personalized message or design!

WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

My estimate next year is that the water will be down 6 inches compared to 2022. To see the water data from the USACE:

[-Options for all Great Lakes](#)



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

Back at the drawing board...



Amphibious Boats are on the drawing table again. How about a superyacht that can dive to 650 feet below the surface like a submarine? Even Elon Musk has a Tesla "Cybertruck" that can cross calm rivers and streams. For more on these shape-shifting, multi-taskers, [click here](#) for the Soundings article.

Boat Insurance Savings?

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

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 "An Introduction to Marine Diesel Engines" and "Introduction to Marine Radar" and a few others. Go to glclub.com or glccschool.com for more information.

From Holland Yacht Sales...

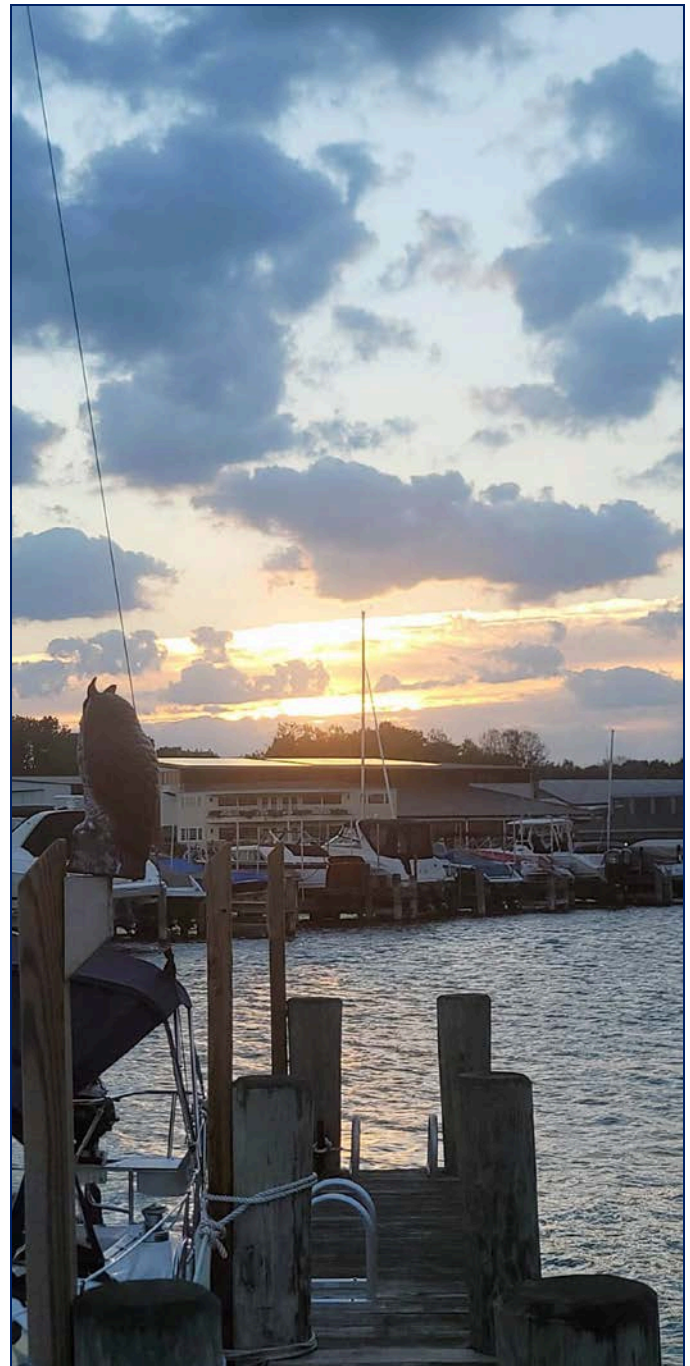
Winter season is a great time to check over your boats systems and safety gear so that you will be ready for next summer. Be sure to check that your lifejackets are ready to be used - check for tears, bad straps plus mold or mildew. Many of us also carry the self-inflating type of lifejacket that do need to have their CO2 cylinders checked or changed periodically. If your boat has an EPIRB locating device make certain that the batteries are up to date, plus if you carry an inflatable life raft make sure to check the certification dates. Other good things to check are your anchor and rode, make sure it is in good shape and it is the proper size for your boat. Finally look over those dock lines and make sure they are ready for another season, remember that you should have at least two good sets - one set for your slip and one set for your boat, because we never know when we may not be returning to our slip. Summer will be here before we know it so give your boat a good safety check.



If you're in the market for a well cared for Tiara don't miss this opportunity - 1996 Tiara 31' open for \$69,900. This was Herb Eldean's personal boat and has always had the best of care. If you have questions on this boat or any of my other listings please get in touch.

Best regards,

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Sunrise caught by Ben in our Service Dept.

Gym Memberships have Ended

Unfortunately, we are no longer offer a free gym membership when you are a slip customer. This was a benefit for our slip customers and it endured for the past 10 years! The partnership lasted through the sale of 3 gyms/ownership changes and one location change. A few people had enjoyed this benefit, but otherwise it wasn't used very much by our customers.

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Moonrise over Poolhouse – Thanks Catherine!

Fish Stories...



From the waterway Guide, “Researchers have finally confirmed that a huge sunfish discovered last year by fishermen near Portugal’s Azores region in the Atlantic Ocean is the largest bony fish ever recorded, weighing more than 6,000 pounds, according to Audacy.” [Click here](#) for the story from Audacy.

Winter Storage & Repair...

I would like to introduce you to Heather Slagh who is replacing Mike as a scheduling assistant in our service department. Heather is one of our boaters with a sailboat on Z-dock. As a boater here, I know that Heather will be a great team member and work hard to make sure you have a great summer! **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 [Ben](#) or [Heather](#) with any of your service needs or questions.

OH NO!

This is a nightmare of both boat owners and boatyard owners. It appears that this fire at



Boatyard Fire, Mystic River, Connecticut

Mystic Marine in Connecticut was a total loss except for a few boats stored outside. [Click here](#) for a little more info and an overhead drone video from Sounding Trade Only.

The Lily Pad Solar Boat!



Test-drive, Saugatuck Michigan, September 2022

This innovative concept boat was developed with the help of Michigan EGLE to be a carbon free boating experience. The batteries are recycled Prius batteries that are repurposed at a local Holland business. Most everything on the boat, besides the solar panels, is made from recycled materials. One might find a Lily Pad for rent in Saugatuck in the near future! To read the article from EGLE, [click here](#). To see the the Lilypad transform from singular rectangular solar panel to a boat with seating, check the Lily Pad website at lilypad-labs.com.

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