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Labor Day 2019

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Labor Day Party!



Please join us for our complimentary Holiday Picnic, 12-2:30, on Sunday, September 1st at the playground picnic area. The Eldeans will be firing up the grills and cooking sausages, chili-dogs, and grilled fish for all of our Boaters. Chips, Water, and Cold Beer will also be provided; **Ice Cream Bars Too!!!** My niece, Riley, will be make balloon animals for your kids.

The salmon fishing has not been very good lately, so there may be a shortage of grilled salmon at the party. If there are any fisherman on the docks that would like to donate their Salmon filets to the chefs, please let me know or just drop them off at the Shipstore before Saturday (Thanks Mark E-3 and Patrick E-48!). Or, if you like to smoke your Salmon or Lake Trout, just bring the smoke fish to the party!

Fall Storms and Haul out...

With the summer coming to an end and the fall approaching, our boaters need to be aware of the more prevalent and likely foul weather that the change of seasons generally brings. As most of you know, when there are 6'-12' waves on Lake Michigan from the West and Northwest, we get a "Surge" or heavy movement of water into Lake Macatawa. In addition, 30-50 mph winds also add to the movement.

In preparation, please tie your boat up off the dock and near the center of your slip when you are away.

Additional lines should be added to the windward (NW) side. And, if you are in the area when a storm comes through, please stop by and check out your boat (and your neighbors too). When we know a storm is coming, we often have marina staff on the docks helping to adjust lines and help everyone's boat smoothly ride out the storm. [Click here for more suggestions](#) on tying up your boat in foul weather. **One common mistake** is that the power cord is not long enough and when your boat moves in the slip, the power cord or receptacle is damaged because of there was not enough slack in the power cord.

Additional fall storm high water concern: As the lake water has risen, the height of the pilings above the water has decreased.



There are some boats with high freeboards and the rub rail is now higher than the height of the pilings. This could result in unexpected damage in a storm or when docking. One solution is expanding the piling height with by attaching a 4" x 4" would post. Please let us know if you would like us to add posts at your slip. The cost is \$75/piling if dockside and \$125 if it is a spring piling in the middle of the slip. This does make the slip narrower, so there is a little give-n-take with this decision.

When in Doubt, Just Haul-Out! Why wait for a storm to hit, if you are done boating, email matt@eldean.com for a haulout. **If you are not storing with us, the season ends on Oct. 15th. You must remove your boat by Oct. 15th.**

Free Sail Inspections & Sail Storage...

Quantum Sails, in conjunction with Eldean Shipyard, is offering free multi-point inspections for your sail & canvas inventories. Regular inspections are the best way to extend the life of your sail. Addressing small problems early prevents costly service work later. We'll also store them during the offseason at no cost. Clean and dry storage is just as important to extending the life of your sail investment. Please contact Matt or Jake at the Shipyard, or Troy at Quantum Sails to schedule a free pick-up. Additional Service Offerings from Quantum Sails Include:

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.

Thanks, Troy

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Slip Deposits Due by Nov. 15th...

This fall, slip deposits are due by Nov. 15th instead of Dec. 1st. We have many new boaters still trying to find a slip and are on our waiting list. If you do not plan on returning, please send the form back so we can offer the slip to somebody new and they can start to make their boating plans. If you are planning on returning, make sure we receive the \$500 slip deposit by Nov. 15th to insure that your slip is not reassigned. In regards to slip assignments, we do give priority to our year round slip and storage customers.

A Michigan Clean Marina! *Still...*

This summer, Eldean Shipyard was again recertified as a Michigan Clean Marina! We were involved early on with the Clean Marina Program and now Michigan is proud to have 74 Clean Marinas certified in the State.



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Fish Stories...



What does it mean when you catch a salmon and there is a wedding ring tied to its tail? Not sure? Well that's what happened to one angler in a fishing tournament on Lake Michigan earlier this summer. Turns out that the ring was zip-tied to the tail by a divorced fishing guide whose wife never liked how much time he spent on the water. [Click for full story.](#)

Asian Carp – The Grass Carp...

Most of us have heard that Asian Carp are threatening the Great Lakes and that our government is trying to keep them from entering from the south. These species are the Big Head and Silver Carp and are known for being voracious carnivores and could destroy the feedstock for our native and stocked fish.



However, there is a 3rd variety of Asian Carp which is a herbivore – the Grass Carp. Unlike the carnivorous varieties of Asian Carp, the Grass Carp is currently in Lake Erie and expanding in the Great Lakes. Originally thought to be sterile, and therefore of little threat, it is now been determined that these fish do reproduce and bring additional risk to our sensitive Great Lakes' habitat and ecosystem. [Click here to learn more in the complete Trade Only article.](#)

The Most Extreme Sailing Race!

According to Yachting World Magazine, there are a group of adventurers out there organizing “challenging journeys on very unsuitable vehicles.”

One of which is the Kraken Cup, which is marketed as “Possibly the most ridiculous ocean race in the world!” This race located in the tropical waters off East Africa, has you captaining a traditional, hollowed out mango tree with outriggers and a canvas sail over 180 miles and 7 days, stopping to camp on a beach at night.



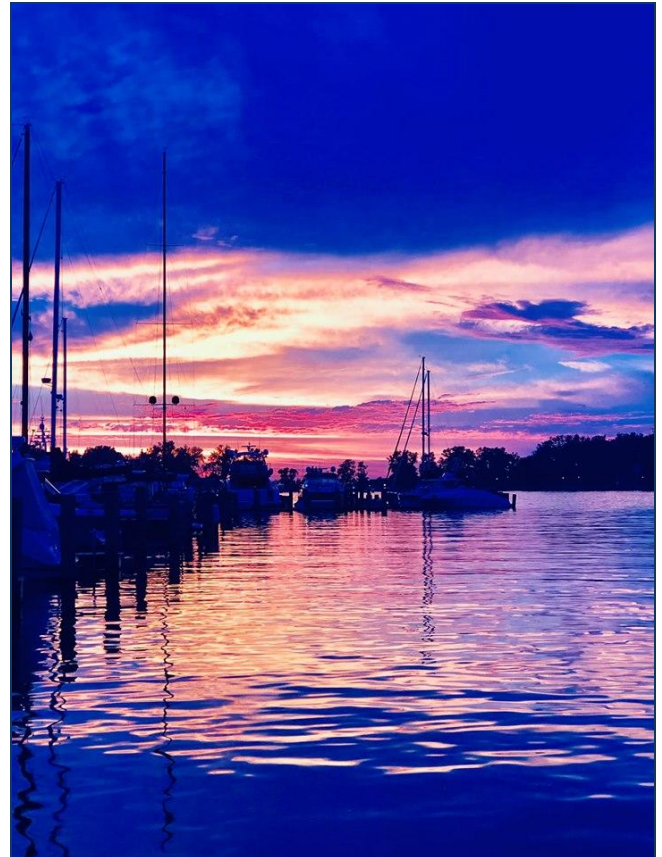
[Click here](#) for the complete article and additional photos. And, if anyone is looking for a crewmember for the Kraken Cup, give me a shout! Seriously.



An Eldean & Duck Family Picnic
Kellen, Jaelyn, Ella, Alexander, & Lochlan Eldean



Did you see the creative new dock box planter on B-dock that arrived this summer? We'd like to thank Andrew and Mandy (B-5) for the great addition! Mandy used teak from her Dad's old Viking to really create a meaningful piece.



This a Great Photo that I saw on Facebook – Thanks C-25

New Listing from Holland Yacht Sales!



Holland Yacht Sales



1999 Pacific Seacraft 37

This is exceptional example of a well maintained used boat. Over the years, much care has been provided by the owner & Eldean Shipyard.

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We have the High Water Blues...

Several of our staff, as well as additional subcontractors, have been working on raising docks all summer due to the extraordinary rise in the water levels during the spring and early summer. We have raised 90 docks and still have a bit more work to do to get ready for next summer, so our projects will continue on throughout this fall. This certainly is an expensive undertaking and it would not be feasible to do this often, so we certainly hope the severity and pace of water changes slow in future years. To give you an idea of the costs, just consider the screws - this summer we have spent about \$20,000 on fasteners alone!

Because of all this effort being put into the docks, we unfortunately had less crew available to cover some of the other marina maintenance needs and summer improvement plans that we originally had in the schedule. As Phil, our heads grounds person, was heading up the dock crew, we hired Haley early this summer to insure that the marina gardens and grounds would be properly kept and looking great. While we kept up on most of the main stuff, it looks like that cool bench I wanted to make from a old swim platform will have to wait as well as some building paint jobs that got put on hold. All-in-all, we think this summer was a success and hope that your summer boating was minimally effected by these *High Water Blues*.



This Bird really gets around! For photos like these, look for Eldean Shipyard on Instagram.

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