

# ELDEAN News

Labor Day 2022

**INTERESTING STUFF COMPILED BY WADE**

## Labor Day Party!



4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic photo from Kirk (E-17)

Please join us for our complimentary Holiday Picnic, 12-2:00, on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at the playground picnic area. The crew will be firing up the grills and cooking sausages, chili-dogs, and grilled fish for all of our boaters and guests. Chips, Water, and Cold Beer will also be provided. Thank you Mark (E-12) and Jerome (E-36) for the fish!

To see Kirk's really cool, time-lapsed drone video of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party, you can see it posted on our Facebook page [by clicking here](#).

## Season Ending & Haul-out Dates?

**End of season dates:**

**Slip ONLY Customers** - If you are not storing with us, the season ends on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. You must remove your boat by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> or will you will be charged the daily dockage rate for late dockage.

**Slip & Storage Customers** – You can use the slip until the end of October (it takes us that long to get all of the boats hauled out). If you want to stay in late, schedule your haulout for the end of October (but not November).

**Boatlift Renters:** When you leave with your boat, please raise the boatlift up and out of the water so it isn't growing seaweed after you depart. If your rental lift sits on the bottom and must be removed each year, please let me know when you have left for the season.

## Wind Blown!

It got a little windy here on Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. It only lasted for about a half-hour so there wasn't a storm surge, but canvases, paddleboards, and other stuff got blown all around. Trees were blown over and we lost power at most docks and buildings. So if something doesn't seem right when you arrive, that might be why.

## ***The Usual & Important Stuff...***

If you haven't sent in your *winter storage deposit* of \$500, please do so immediately, as our storage space is nearly full and you are at risk of losing your spot.

**If you would prefer a different slip for 2023**, just let me know and I'll see what comes available for next summer. Often, I won't know next summer's slip availability until December, however, I prioritize requests by the date it is received and those that are keeping a boat here year-round get preference. Please, just write your preference on the slip deposit form that we will be sending you soon, or you can send me an [email](#).

Please let us know in the [Shipstore](#) if you are taking your boat on a cruise or ***if your boat will be out of your slip for more than 48 hours***. While you are gone, the slip becomes available for visiting boaters.

***Your Keys Please*** - If we haven't received a copy of your boat keys, please drop a copy off at the [Shipstore](#). We will need the keys if you are storing your boat with us or requesting maintenance. Further, if your boat is here in the summer, we do need to have access to the boat in the event of an emergency. This system also works out well if you leave your keys at home one weekend!

**Please shutoff water at your spigot when it is not in use.** Most of the observed water leaks are generally caused by a loose hose connection and the spigot being left on (making boards wet & slippery while also wasting water).

## Offices for Rent

How about working remotely from the marina? Sure, a boat works, but having an office is probably better for some work activities. Why not combine the best of both worlds and rent an office at Eldean Shipyard. We have a couple of options available next to the Post Office and Building #3. They even have a view to Lake Macatawa! Please [check here](#) for more information.

## Last Chance?



This 1970, 59 foot long wooden trawler was nearing completion about 10 years ago, but because of a job loss, this DIY project and life's passion came to a halt. If you are interested in taking this project over, [please email me](#) and I can put you in touch with the owner. The boat will likely be free to you, you just need to have a plan to move it or to keep storing it on site while you get it ready for its next cruise. Or maybe you want to put it in your garden?

## The Service Department...

If you have questions on your winter storage work order forms just ask our new office repair/service staff, Mike and Ben. Ben was promoted from our facilities maintenance crew and Mike is a boater from Z-dock (both a power and sail boater). If you are not certain what type of maintenance is required to prepare your boat for next summer, we are available to help you. As always, if you let us know what you need before Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, we have a much better chance of getting all the work done in time for launch (*please allow a little extra time for major refits*).

## Fuel Dock Closing at 5pm

The fuel dock will be closing at 5pm beginning Tuesday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and the final Sunday that the fuel dock is open is Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> (and Shipstore too).

## Congrats Mac Racers!

The 113<sup>th</sup> Race to Mackinac was a fast, difficult, and dangerous race this year because of southerly winds and huge lighting storms bearing down on many challengers, causing damage to their boats and making several teams drop out of the regatta. A few of our local racers competed, but special congratulations are in order for Mitch Padnos and his crew aboard "Sufficient Reason" who took 1<sup>st</sup> in their division and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and Don Condit and crew that finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Cruising 1!

Remarkably, a Father and his 14 year old daughter won the Bayview to Mac, double-handed section. To read the Detroit Free Press article of this impressive crew, [click here](#).

## Reserve our Vacation Rentals...

The prime locations of our waterfront vacation rentals along our marina property in Macatawa make it easy to relax and enjoy your family vacation and also your boat. We have several boaters that rent these accommodations for their family members or for a family reunion so their relatives can also come enjoy time on the boat as well as Macatawa. Go to [LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com](http://LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com) to check-out our accommodations. Jessica has replaced Kim as our Vacation Rental Manager and head of cleaning as Kim has returned to teaching music in High School.

## Pool Closes at 8pm

The pool will be closing at 8pm for the final week of 2022. (Tuesday Sept. 6 to Sunday, Sept 11). Beginning Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, the pool area and clubhouse will be closed.

## Other Dates & Hours...

If you are wondering, please check our [on-line calendar of events](#) for fall/winter/spring hours and dates for which slip and storage payments are due. Our store & buildings will be closed on Sundays, beginning Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

## The High/Low Water Blues...

After a very low water spring, the water did bounce back a little this summer. The report from the USCOE shows that the water level was down about 8" this summer when compared to last summer. Last year's level was a really good level for us so I hope to see us add a little and rise back up next year. For the recent water level graphs, [click here](#).

## Help with Haul-out?

[Email Wade](#) if you or someone you know wants to work the haul-out for 2 months this fall. Are you a recent graduate that wants to try something new?

## 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, 30-60 mph winds also add to the movement.

In preparation, please tie your boat 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.

**When in Doubt, Just Haul-Out!** Why wait for a storm to hit, if you are done boating, email [Mike](#) for a haulout.

## TP52's Championships in Macatawa!

From September 9-11, MBYC and Quantum sails are again sponsoring the TP52 Great Lakes Championships held just off shore of Holland channel. There will be 8 races over 3 days to decide this freshwater champ. These are the best of the best, so this is a great chance to see some of the fastest boats and best sailors in action!



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## 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 [Mike and Ben](#) at the Shipyard, or Jimmy Frisinger with 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, Jimmy

Jimmy Frisinger, Quantum Sails

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## Slip Deposits are Due by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

Slip deposits for 2023 are due by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 prior to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to insure that your slip is not reassigned. In regards to slip assignments and reservations, we do give priority to our year round slip & storage customers.

## Social Media Connections...

To follow Eldean Shipyard on Facebook, like [Eldean Shipyard and Marina](#). Kris Eldean has taken to Instagram to share interesting marina photos and happenings. Go to:

[www.instagram.com/eldean\\_shipyard](https://www.instagram.com/eldean_shipyard)

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## Amazing Sunsets this year!

Marcy (E-23) took this one. I had a little fun playing with color correction, although none was needed!



Original Photo



Photo using "Auto Correct" in Photoshop



And with brighter orange and other adjustments

## Boat of the Future?



According to Soundings Trade Only, “under the leadership of Drew Lyman, the yard has expanded to become Lyman-Morse Technologies. It’s using cutting-edge capabilities and skilled employees in architecture, hotel construction, wind tunnels and solar-production support systems. This mix of boatbuilding heritage and forward-looking technology attracted Silicon Valley startup Navier and its co-founder, Sampriti Bhattacharyya, to help Lyman-Morse realize its most ambitious project yet: **an electric-powered, foiling, carbon-fiber, autonomous boat.**” [Click here](#) for the complete article.

## Those Scammy Scamming Scammers!

This is a Z-dock story of scammers targeting Coast Guard documented vessels:

Our Tiara is a documented vessel with the Coast Guard. I got a letter in the mail from an agency I perceived to be a department of the Coast Guard, “The National Documentation Portal”. It stated our documentation was up for renewal, and it was. I was directed to a website, which appeared to be an official Coast Guard website. Of course, I then filled out a form and paid the fee by credit card. Then I did receive my documentation by mail from the CG.

However, I later found out the fee charged was 3 times what the Coast Guard would charge if going to them directly. This company is not part of the Coast Guard and this issue was also flagged by a Tiara boat owners’ website.

## News from Holland Yacht Sales!



### Holland Yacht Sales

Another great boating season is near history! The warm temperatures and cool waters make the marina and your boat the perfect place to be to relax, cool off, and feel the breeze. In the fall there are still some great cruising opportunities in the waters around Eldean Shipyard. With Lake Michigan stirring with fall storms, it's often better to plan shorter trips, closer to homeport. Whether it's a day trip or an overnight cruise to Saugatuck, South Haven or Grand Haven, all of these great harbors provide great restaurants, sightseeing and supplies.

On the technical side let's talk about a little battery switch savvy. It is very important to know how your battery charger works and whether to have your battery switch on 1, 2 or All (Both). A lot of people think "All" is a good place to be. This maybe fine when your engine is running and charging the batteries but when you anchor and shut the engine down be sure to go to battery one or two, not All. This way if refrigeration or stereo's run the battery down you always have a charged battery to start your engine. One way is by alternating their use, using battery 1 for odd numbered days and battery 2 for even numbered days.

If you're looking to make a boating change or have any questions please don't hesitate to call or stop by my office in the Shipstore.

Have a Great 2022 Season!

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## Dock Box Repairs...

After waiting for 3 months, we finally received the back order of the hydraulic lift cylinders that hold up the dockbox lids. Unfortunately, they arrived just days after our seasonal dockbox repairer left for the year. I hope to get somebody back on this task as time allows.

**Additionally, If you are on Z-dock**, please empty your dock box this fall and leave the box empty and unlocked for the winter. Provided we have the time and man power, our crew will be fixing the cracks and holes that your boats have caused over the years. Additionally, we hope to repaint the fading boxes too.

## Michigan State Parks News - August 2022

Have a boat growing weeds in your yard?



As we [celebrate 75 years of the waterways program](#), Michigan's boating industry is coming together to find ways to recycle fiberglass boats, a national challenge that Michigan is determined to solve.

Want to help? [Complete this online form](#) to help us estimate how many fiberglass boats are out there and ready to be recycled. At the same time, you can sign up for text updates on the recycling project and provide your input.

Fiberglass boat recycling opportunities could be available as early as spring 2023. Boat shrink-wrap recycling is already available, and Boat Michigan is encouraging you to ["Think before you shrink"](#) this fall.

## Mac Adventures!

Boats and fun experiences are still available through September, including a new 16' Briggs RIB and a 13' Highfield Rib! Mac Adventure shirts and sweatshirts are available in the Shipstore.



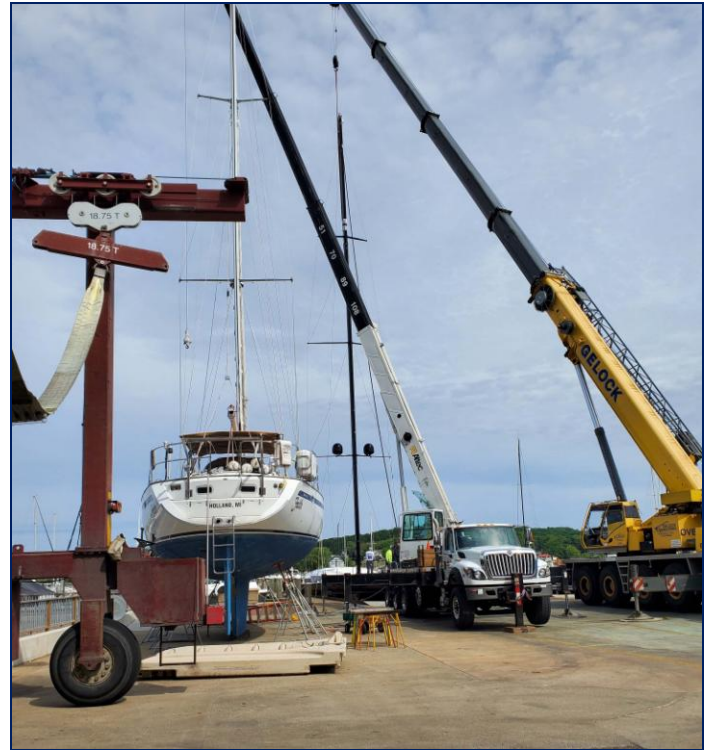
## The Fall Store Sale has Begun!

Stop by our Shipstore Labor Day Weekend as we are putting the cleaning supplies, wood bowls, shoes, and our short sleeve and long sleeve T-shirts on Sale. Our Fall Sale will last a few weeks, but stop in to look this weekend before the selection gets too thinned out.

## Summer Photos



Sunrise from A-dock (from Ben)



Double Header Crane Action (from Brian)



A very Tall Ship (from Brian)



Saugatuck Sunset (from Henry)