

ELDEANews

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INTERESTING STUFF COMPILED BY WADE

Please Welcome our New Slip Members!

Ahoy, and welcome to Eldean Shipyard! We are thankful to have a fantastic group of boaters on our docks and this year's new slip members will certainly be a great addition. If you are new and have questions, don't be too shy, just ask one of your dock neighbors or stop by our Shipstore and ask our crew.

– New customers please take note –

For marina information regarding news, amenities, events, suggestions, and policies: Go to www.eldean.com/news, [Calendar of Events](#), and also Click on the “[More Fun Stuff](#)” heading (left side) for additional info on marina services and nearby attractions.

Pick up your Parking Stickers and Keys

Please stop in the Shipstore to register your cars and pick up your stickers. This is the blue oval sticker. Each slip can register 2 cars at no cost and each additional car/sticker is \$10. If you purchase a new car, just bring us your old sticker and we will issue a new one. Day/weekend passes will still be available for your guests at no charge. Pool and Head Keys are available in the Shipstore. Each key has a \$20 deposit that is refunded when you return the key.

Summer Crew...

You will notice two familiar faces in the Shipstore this summer. Peter and Curt are returning, Bill (D-42) will be switching from mowing lawns to the Store, while Andrew (B-15), Ryan, Katelyn, and Nick will be new additions. Jake will have them well trained and ready to help you in the store or on the fuel dock. Both Caleb and Jillian are new Pool Attendants this summer. My niece, Morgan will again help out at the parties as well as the pool. We are excited about our summer staff and are looking forward to a great summer season. All of our crew are happy to assist you! Just ask...

The 2017 Party Schedule - Save these Dates...

Our summer dock-parties will be held on the following dates at one of our picnic areas. More information will be emailed and posted in July.

D & E-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 29
A & Z Dock, 6:30 pm, Saturday August 5
B & C -Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 12



Your hosts: Kris, Herb, Wade, & Pat Eldean with Bob Holwerda (Kris' Dad) in the back right. 4th of July, 2016

Memorial, 4th of July, & Labor Day Holidays

The Eldeans will be firing up the grills! Stop by the picnic tables at the playground for grilled salmon, hot dogs, chili-dogs, & brats on Sunday afternoon of Memorial Day Weekend, on Tuesday the 4th of July, & on Sunday afternoon of Labor Day Weekend - Compliments of the Shipyard! **We will be cooking from 12-3 (or until the food is gone).**

From the Service Department...

Are you in need of any parts or products to fix your boat or make this summer more enjoyable on the water for your family? If so, please remember that if we don't have it in stock we can order it. Most orders will only take a day or two to arrive. We also have the same distributor as West Marine and can order you the same products for you as found at West Marine (not West Marine Branded, of course). Just talk to Jake in the store. **(and at the same price as West Marine too!)**

Memorial Day Wishes



On Memorial Day we take time to remember and express our gratitude for all of the brave people that have fought to defend our country. Our own Shipyard employee Tom Fierro served in WWII.

Tom has been working in our grounds department, making the marina beautiful, for over 22 years! Do you recognize Tom from his photo?

Thank you Tom for serving our country!

The Weather Buoy Needs Funding

As you know, the Port Sheldon buoy provides real-time critical data to fisherman, sailors, boaters and even beachgoers (rip current potential for beach activities). This is the most active buoy with over 800,000 requests for data.

Donate at least \$25 to receive a buoy sticker. Donate at least \$100 to receive access to real-time 15 second wind data updates from the buoy. Donate at least \$250 to have you or your business listed on the buoy webpage and featured in promotional materials. Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/psbuoy> to make a contribution now!

Thank you for your assistance! Please contact Ed Verhamme, Project Manager, if you have any questions (everhamme@limno.com; 734.681.0577).

Your Boat Keys, please: We need to have a spare set of your keys and/or combination to your boat in order to move the boat in the event of an emergency.

Pops at the Pier – A Summer Tradition

It's an unforgettable evening of music, food, and fun with the [Holland Symphony Orchestra](#) and featuring Diane Penning & Paul Langford singing a tribute to Julie Andrews. Concert tickets are available through the Holland Symphony website. There will be food vendors, so bring your appetite to enjoy great food and music!

Thursday, June 15, 6:30 to 9pm, Tickets \$5-\$20

Location: Eldean's Boat Shed



Tickets available at Symphony Office, 616-796-6780

Do you need internet Access?

Last season we added a completely *NEW and IMPROVED* Wi-Fi service. The new service was nearly perfect last year and provides you more bandwidth and better connectivity!

A Seasonal Subscription is \$95. Please [email](#) or call us to set up your Wi-Fi access. **Returning subscribers will use the same log-on and password as last year.**

For any issues with the Wi-Fi, please contact:

[Skyweb Technical Service](#)

Monday- Friday 8am-8pm

Saturday 10am-3pm

Sunday 12pm-4pm

Phone: (989) 792-8681

Website: <http://skywebonline.com/>

Voluntary Coast Guard Inspections

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be here on **June 17th** to perform boat safety inspections. Please sign up in the Shipstore. After passing an inspection, you will receive a 2017 "Safety Check Decals" for your boat. Having the sticker is important as there is a law (as of Feb. 2012) which clarifies conditions under which a peace officer may stop and inspect a vessel: **Boaters who have a "Safety Check Decal" displayed on their boat, will be free from random stops by marine patrol boats.**



Free Gym Memberships

Don't forget, we've partnered with Back to Fitness to offer you a free gym membership when you are a slip customer – [Click for Details](#)

"We Now Have an AED!"



Training on AED with our office staff

This spring, Steve Stegeman (Z-49), a first responder and instructor, donated an AED to our marina. Steve also provided training for some of our staff on use of the AED. During the summer season, the AED will be located on the waterside wall of the Shipstore, a few steps from the bathrooms. During the off-season, the AED will be located below the coffee maker in the Shipstore. The AED's are very smart, easy to use, and successful in saving lives. Just turn the AED on and follow the instructions. The AED will only instruct you to shock a person if a shock is required. For AED basics [click here](#). If you are interested in attending an AED or First Aid type of course from the American Heart Association, [click here](#) and look for the Heartsaver options.

PWC Lift for Sale/Rent...

Our PWC or dingy lift is still available for rent this summer. Provided that there is enough room, this type of lift could be installed in your current slip. The lift would require a one-time install, but would not need to be removed in the winter.



Sailing Charters

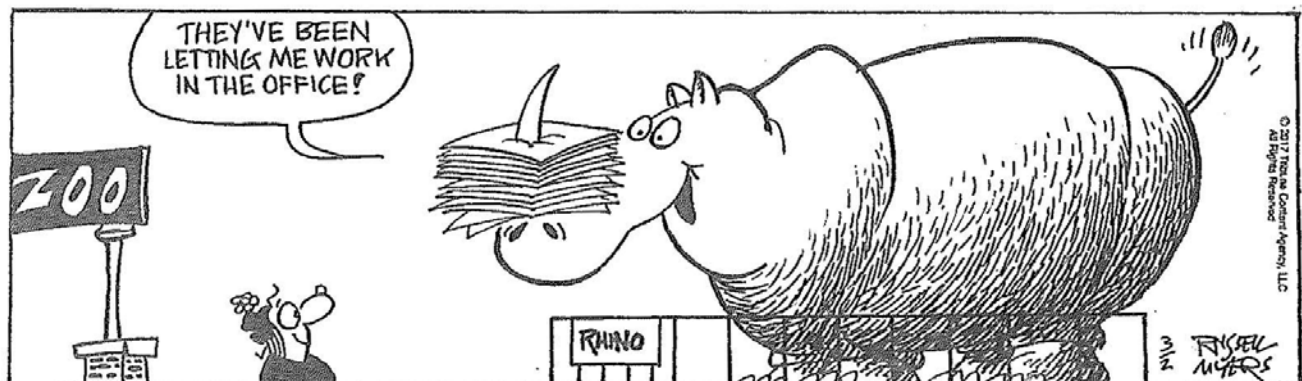
Deeplake Ventures will be offering sailing charters out of Eldean Shipyard for their 7th consecutive season. Charters are captained by Jeremy Smith and are typically 2-4 hours in length on evenings and weekends. If you wonder why GIG 'EM, normally tied to mooring #3, visits the fuel dock so often, it is to pickup and drop off its charter passengers. When Captain Jeremy does ask for the occasional diesel fill-up or pump-out, it is always met with surprise followed by some lighthearted and welcome jokes by the staff.



I am chartering a new boat this year. The GIG 'EM II is a '00 Catalina 28 MKII. While it has the same LOA as my previous '83 C&C 29 MKII, the Catalina offers more beam, cockpit & deck space, performance, and modern amenities for passengers. Feel free to contact Captain Jeremy if you are interested

in a charter or captain services on your boat:
www.deeplakeventures.com.

Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Herb is the Rhino (of course) - Thanks Fred!

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News from CenterPointe Yacht Sales



We are having a **HUGE SALE** on Chris Craft boats in May! 15% off these Select Chris Craft Models:

32 Launch
25 Launch
21 Carina
21 Capri
29 Catalina
26 Calypso



Save up to \$48,000 on your purchase of one of our in-stock Chris Crafts!

View Listings at: www.centerpointeservice.com

Featuring brokerage boats in power & sail and New Beneteau Power, Carver, Chris Craft, Marquise Yachts, and Pursuit Boats

Contact Brandon: 616-405-1715

brandon@centerpointesales.com

What will we do today?

The Adventure Sports Rental Trailer is back & open for business. This year, a 2nd Pontoon Boat has been added to the fleet at B-13. For all the Boat, Bike, SUP, & Kayak rental info, go to: 1adventurecompany.com

Welcome Back Big Red Stop...

At the corner of 32nd and South Shore Drive, located across the street from the marina, The Big Red Stop is open for business! the Big Red Stop has extended daily hours and will be and serving coffee, muffins, bagels, hot dogs, brats, burgers, and don't forget ICE CREAM!



News from Holland Yacht Sales

The 2017 boating season is here and the weather has been very mild. Great for getting our boats ready.

I thought I would take a brief look at docklines as they are often overlooked and not used properly. Good docklines are an inexpensive investment in a much more expensive boat. First, make sure you have the right diameter lines for your boat. It is important that the diameter is not too small or too large (in order to give you the right amount of stretch), Jake in the Shipstore can certainly help you find the right line.



When tying up a boat I generally use six docklines - two for the stern, two at the bow, and two spring lines. Personally I prefer to have all the loops on deck except for the aft stern line away from the dock, that way you can adjust that line to bring the boat closer in to the dock or move the boat more to the middle of the slip when you leave the boat. With power boats that have a lot of beam at the transom it is best to cross-tie your stern lines; this gives the lines more length and sufficient stretch to dampen potential surges that come up.

You should always have a complete set of traveling lines aboard. You never know when you will not be able to return to your slip. For example, it's not unusual to go boating to Saugatuck and while having dinner bad weather moves in forcing you to need to unexpectedly spend the night. I like this extra set of lines to all be the same length so that any line can be used in any location.

Finally, never put just a single loop around a piling, the line will fail in a short amount of time plus it will damage the piling. Don't forget when there is an "r" in the month, storms are more prevalent so it's a good idea to double up your docklines.

Additionally, [this article from Lakeland Boating](#) gives good descriptions of the different types of line available.

If I can be of any help with your boating needs please stop by my office in the Shipstore.

Have a Great 2017 Season!

Henry DeJong,

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Social Media Overload?

It can be fun and interesting to watch the evolution of social media and its involvement in our lives. After years of use, I now hear regularly how some have just had enough of it all and are cutting the cord and removing their Facebook profile. If you haven't cut the cord yet, here is how you find us:

Eldean Shipyard has been on Facebook for a while. To follow the Eldean Shipyard on Facebook, either friend me, [Wade Eldean](#), or like [Eldean Marina Shipyard](#).

Recently, Kris Eldean has taken to Instagram to share interesting marina photos and happenings. Go to: www.instagram.com/eldean_shipyard.

New concept for Waterfront Film Fest!

Waterfront Film Festival will open a new, permanent screening and event facility in Holland, with the Grand Opening and first film set for June 22. The new facility, on Columbia Avenue near downtown Holland, will feature a versatile space that can be used as a 200-seat theater or as a workshop and education space. The building, a renovated auto-body shop, also serves as WFF headquarters and offices.

Waterfront organizers spent much of the past year revamping the industrial site into a multi-purpose studio with large garage doors that will roll up to create a unique indoor/outdoor gathering space. Plans for phase II of the project include an update to the building façade, and landscaping for an outdoor seating and reception area. The redesign was made possible by a matching grant awarded last year by the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs.

The non-profit organization restructured its operations, transitioning from an annual 4-day festival toward individual screenings at the new permanent facility capable of offering year-round events. "We are thrilled to have this unique opportunity to connect with the West Michigan community throughout the year in new and exciting ways," Dori DePree, WFF co-founder, said.

Information on the June 22 film, Grand Opening details and ticket information will be released in May. For more information on WFF, visit:

www.WaterfrontFilm.org

Harbor View Lofts Update...



View from the Roof Top Deck of Harbor View #2

The transformation of the Piper Restaurant into 3 residential apartments and a restaurant space continues. Harbor View Lofts #2, with 7 bedrooms, will be completed shortly and available for summer weekly rental. If you have any interest just let me know. Additional information is available at:

LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com

WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

The lake level this summer should be very similar to last season. However, that doesn't mean that there aren't problems and issues in the lake that you should be aware of. One such issue is dredging/shoaling. Currently, many harbors are not receiving the funding necessary for harbor dredging, thus limiting the vessels that can enter the Harbors because of shoaling. Nearby, the Port Sheldon channel continues to have a shallow depth and boats with drafts over 5' should be careful. Leland Harbor, both a popular cruising destination and safe harbor, was in danger of closing the harbor this year. Leland Harbor has filled in so much, paired with the lack of funding, that Leland Township was forced to purchase their own dredger, paid for in half by donations. [Click here for the article](#)

To see the water data from the USACE:

- [Options for all Great Lakes](#)
- [The Lake Michigan Monthly Forecast Bulletin](#)

Clean Marina Stuff...

Making the Great Lakes a Federal Budget

Priority, by Mary McKSchmidt (E-dock)

-follow Mary's Blog at: www.marymckschmidt.com

Please consider taking a moment to email your Congressional Representative and ask for his/her support in making the Great Lakes a priority in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2018 federal budget negotiations. The Trump Administration's proposed budget eliminates all funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative—from the current \$300 million level to zero. It slashes funding for the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Atmospheric & Oceanic Administration (NOAA), and eliminates the Michigan Sea Grant program. And while Congress has the final say on all budgetary matters, the pressure on Great Lakes representatives to acquiesce funding to other priorities will be enormous. ***They need to know we have their backs!***

Since 2010, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) has supported local initiatives like our local Lake Macatawa's Project Clarity—adding federal dollars and expertise to that of local agencies and private companies in order to improve the quality of water in lakes, rivers, harbors, and streams. The GLRI has cleared and restored 4,000 river miles, increasing the number of fish in our region and supporting a \$7 billion fishing industry. It has helped fund research and technology needed to keep the Asian Carp from reaching the Great Lakes; cleaned up toxic hotspots like White Lake, MI and Waukegan, IL; curbed the growth of harmful algal blooms and invasive species—all while supporting jobs in the region.

The Coast Guard, in addition to conducting search and rescue operations, maintains the navigation buoys, breaks ice for the freighters, and enforces maritime security and environmental protection laws. It is considered one of the first lines of defense should there be an oil spill in the Great Lakes—a possibility as long as oil pipelines stretch beneath the Straits of Mackinac.

In addition to overseeing the National Weather Service, NOAA maintains nautical charts, conducts navigation support for the shipping industry, monitors and conducts research on lake levels, ice cover, lake currents, climate change, invasive fish populations, and algal blooms in the Great Lakes.

The Michigan Sea Grant is a joint program between Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Part of a national network of over 30

universities, Michigan Sea Grant provides research, outreach, and education projects throughout the state—to include assisting small coastal towns (like Pentwater) in harbor planning. Michigan Sea Grant is instrumental in the Clean Marina Program.

Florida has sunshine. Arizona has dry heat. The people in the Great Lakes region have water. But while these lakes are integral to our lives, they are also easy to take for granted. We can't afford to do that. Especially now. Please take a moment to contact your elected representatives. A sample letter has been prepared in [Word](#) and in a [pdf](#). You can edit the letter or just sign your name and home address. To email our Michigan Senators, [click here](#), then add the letter. To email the House of Representative, find your Representative's contact info at <http://www.house.gov> by entering your zip code in the right-hand corner.

In addition, on July 3rd at 10:00 a.m. EDT, exchange a blue marble, hoist a blue flag, and join in festivities to celebrate and protect the Great Lakes! To learn more visit Mary's blog at <http://www.marymckschmidt.com/blog>

- Project Clarity - Restoring the Water Quality of Lake Macatawa and the Macatawa Watershed

From Park Township: Each of us who call the greater Holland/Zeeland (and Macatawa!) area home can have a direct impact on restoring Lake Macatawa and its watershed today, and sustaining it in the years to come. Following are several ways you can begin today to help affect change in our watershed, which will ultimately create clean and viable water in our lake.

- Use an appropriate amount of phosphate-free lawn fertilizer
- Compost instead of disposing of lawn material in or near the lake
- Keep your septic system in good working condition
- When landscaping, use plants and stone to control any shoreline erosion
- Wash your car in an area away from the lake using low phosphate product
- When trailering, make sure your boat is washed and cleaned after each use
- Avoid using toxic materials in your yard or near the lake
- Take care when disposing of trash & filling your gas tank near the water
- Implement conservation practices in your home to save water
- Support those officials who support clean water initiatives

For more information about Project Clarity go to:

www.macatawaclarity.org

This Just In [Stock]

This year's clothing selection has arrived in the Shipstore. You'll see that we brought back a few favorites this year along with a variety of new Macatawa Clothing and expanded lines of Gil apparel and Sebago Shoes.



The Fish are Not Back



After 11 years in a row of hosting the DNR fish stocking program, we will not be receiving any baby Chinook Salmon this year to feed and release. DNR studies suggest that the Alewife population is down so the DNR is hesitant to plant too many salmon if there are not enough Alewives to feed on. In addition, the muddy Lake Macatawa River bottom may not have an adequate habitat and provide enough gravel to sustain the fish.

Eldean Shipyard is in the news!

A nice article was just published in Marina Dockage Magazine on Eldean Shipyard. We had won their 1st Marina of the Year award back in 1995 and they wanted to follow up on us 22 years later. You can see the article at: [Marina Dockage On-line](#)

Mad Props for those Props!

Our government has been working on propeller design and efficiency for decades. However, it hasn't been until after the cold war that the Government has shared their findings with the private sector. In the past 10 years these Naval designs, with computer modeling from MIT, have been used in recreational boats. To read more about the intricacies of props and if your boat is a good candidate for new technology, [Click here](#) to read the entire article in Boating Magazine.

Ethanol-Free Again in 2017!

Update: It is our pleasure to inform you that Gas at the Eldean Fuel Dock will once again be 90 Octane, **Ethanol-Free** with Valvtect Additive.

Given the choice, don't choose ethanol for your boat, as it may cause you many headaches, dollars, and days off the water. For more information on Ethanol, please check:

<http://www.eldean.com/news/Alerts/Ethanol.pdf>

Using Valvtect Fuel Saves you 15 cents per Gallon

Valvtect is a more efficient blend and can save you money at the pump and on maintenance costs. [Click here to learn how.](#)

Charter Fishing

News from Black Pearl Sportfishing Charters



Captain Mark with Crew- 1st trip of the year!

Its been a long winter, and with spring in the air, it's time to get back on the water. Thus far spring fishing has been excellent! We have been targeting Coho in depths of 200+ feet of water and the action has been furious. There have even been a few kings and steelhead mixed in. What fun! Once this April fishery wanes we have the month of May to look forward to, as May is an excellent month for a mix of all five species and one of my favorite months to be on the water! The crew at Black Pearl Sportfishing look forward to guiding you on your Lake Michigan adventure.

Capt. Mark Rapson

Black Pearl Sportfishing Charters, Slip E-12.

517-449-5543 or go to hollandsportfishing.com

News from Bending Limits Charters

Bending Limits & Capt. TJ Willacker have purchased a 2nd Tiara and are currently outfitting the boat to be ready for fishing charters this summer!

Contact Capt. TJ to book your trip! ! Slip A-28 & A-29, 989-464-6546, bendinglimits1@gmail.com, or go to their website for more information:

www.bendinglimits.com

Check out the [Salmon fishing report](#) at Eldean.com for a few helpful tips to catch more fish.