

# ELDEAN News

May 2018

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**Eldean Shipyard**  
Macatawa, Michigan

From Chicago's Monroe St. Harbor to Lake Macatawa, with 4 Generations & over 100 years in the boating industry, the Eldean Family is celebrating its 45th Anniversary at Eldean Shipyard in Macatawa, Michigan.

**SLIP SPECIAL! Call Now!**  
The Bigger the Boat. The Bigger the Special!

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Herb Eldean Sr. Federal Harbor Master  
Herb Eldean Federal Harbor Master

Capt Ryan Eldean  
Wade & Kris Eldean  
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This above image is our May advertisement in Lakeland Boating

## Celebrating 45 Years in Macatawa!

This summer marks our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Macatawa after Herb and Roger Eldean purchased the Jesiek Bros. Shipyard in 1973. This wasn't our family's first stint in the boating industry, but rather phase two of long family tradition. The Eldean's started back in Chicago about 100 years ago, servicing boats at anchor and then developing the mooring field at Monroe Street Harbor. Over the years, our marine business included: Buoy and Dock Construction and Design, Marine & Aviation Salvage, Captaining Passenger Launches, Boat Sales, Federal Harbor Master, Boat Delivery, Boat Repair, Boat Storage, Boat Slips, Marine Financing and Insurance. [Click here](#) for more background on the Eldean Family Tree.

## Our Summer Crew...

You will notice a few familiar faces in the Shipstore this summer. Bill (D-42), Ryan, Andrew (B-15), Maddie, Peter, and Curtis are all returning, while Jon will be a new addition. Having so many returning crew will hopefully result in great service for you in the Shipstore and Fuel Dock. Caleb is also back helping out at the pool, cleaning, and in the grounds this summer. My niece Morgan will help out again at the parties as well as the pool, cleaning, and Shipstore. Jacob and Cameron are new at the pool and grounds.. 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...

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**– New customers please take note –**

For marina information regarding news, amenities, events, suggestions, and policies: Go to [www.eldean.com/news](http://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.

**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.

**We are ready to start Sailing!**



Hi Frank, Steve, Monica, Karen, Doug, Katherine, Claire, Tim, Julie, Greg, Dave, Patti, Liza, & others!

Z-dockers converged on Boatwerks restaurant this past March to reunite with their summer friends and kick off the 2018 season. It’s interesting how things change around the marina – Z Dock was our most recent dock construction (completed in 2005), but after a dozen years, the one-time dock of new boaters is now one of our docks with the some of the best camaraderie and most returning boaters!

**The 2018 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.

- A & Z Dock, 6:30 pm, Saturday August 4
- B & C -Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 11
- D & E-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 18



Bob Holwerda (Wade’s Father-n-Law), Wade, and Dave Slager (Wade’s Brother-n-Law). 4th of July, 2017

**The PIG OUT Truck** will be serving lunch on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 11-2 near the playground. For the menu, go to [pigoutonthefly.com](http://pigoutonthefly.com)

***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, Wednesday the 4th of July, & 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 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!)**

## 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. Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/2018psbuoy/> to make a contribution now!

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

## Big Red Classic – New Eldean Location

The annual Big Red Classic fishing tournament is scheduled for August 3-5. This year Big Red will be adding an additional weigh-in station location here at Eldean Shipyard. The added location should help the event run smoother and add a lot of convenience to those of us departing from here! To sign up for the tournament, go to [www.bigredclassic.com](http://www.bigredclassic.com). Give us a call to reserve your slip for the weekend.

## Area 4 Offshore Championship Series

Who wouldn't want to be named the LMSRF "Boat of the Year" by winning this series of offshore races? Area 4 racers, from Benton Harbor to Frankfort, will tally their scores from the South Haven Invitational, Commodore's Cup, Governor's Cup, Tripp Memorial Cup, and the Anchorage Cup. Racers must be signed up by June 1<sup>st</sup>. See [this race notice](#) for more information.

## Happy Retirement Shelley! Hi Michael!

We have had a changing of the guard in our office this winter. Shelley Plaggemars has retired and Michael Chesser has taken over our accounts receivable and payroll duties. We wish Shelley the best with her retirement and spending a lot more time with her husband and grand children.

Our applicant search was difficult, but we didn't have to look too far as we found Michael 3 houses down from Shelley – It was just a funny coincidence that they were neighbors! Michael isn't a boater (yet), but after being around the marina for just a few months, Michael is ready to introduce his family of 7 to the boating life. Michael's work hours are 9 to 3 and if you have a question on your account, please call or email Michael ([michael@eldean.com](mailto:michael@eldean.com)).

## Pops at the Pier – A Summer Tradition

It's an unforgettable evening of music, food, and fun with the [Holland Symphony Orchestra](#), featuring the popular instrumental fusion trio, The Moxie Strings. 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 21, 7 to 9pm, Tickets \$5-\$25

Location: The Eldean Boat Shed #3



Tickets available at Symphony Office, 616-796-6780

## Do you need Internet Access?

A Seasonal Wi-Fi 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

This year, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has decided NOT to schedule a day of boat safety inspections at each marina. However, our own boaters, Brian and Carol Rock are in the Coast Card Auxiliary and they are offering to do safety inspections for any of our slip members. Please call or text Carol at 616-994-2508 to schedule an inspection. After passing an inspection, you will receive a 2018 "Safety Check Decal" 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 Family Fitness to offer you a free gym membership when you are a slip customer – [Click for Details](#)

## Shark Carp Tank!

It's like the hit TV show "Shark Tank", but is literally for fish, not just a catchy name. In this version (it is actually called the Great Lakes Invasive Carp Challenge) the State of Michigan ran a nationwide contest to help stop the spread of Asian Carp into our Great Lakes. What a great idea! Winning the \$200,000 Grand Prize was awarded to Edem Tsikata for his "Cavitation Barrier to Deter Asian Carp", which uses "specially designed propellers to generate a wall of cavitation bubbles that implode and emit high-speed jets of water" which the carp will avoid because the bubbles are painful and the propellers are noisy. 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$125,000 was won by David Hamilton, a fellow Michigander who designed a chlorinated system to use in the lock chambers that will kill the Carp. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place and receiving \$100,000 was Michael Scurlock. Scurlock created a physical velocity barrier that creates a fast water flow around vessels while moored in a lock, essentially flushing the Carp out the back of the lock. Lastly, Dr. Lee was awarded \$75,000 and 4<sup>th</sup> place for his system that directs "all fish through an automated imaging and sorting system that uses unique recognition software to divert invasive carp to a holding area for harvest." To read the entire article and learn more about Asian Carp, [click here](#) and go to [blockasiancarp.org](http://blockasiancarp.org) to get involved in stopping Asian Carp from entering the Great Lakes.

While the US Federal Government has seemed to drag their feet on finding a solution to stop the invasion into the Great Lakes, Canada's Federal Government has committed \$20M over the next five years. The money will be used to hire more scientists and expand testing in the waterways. [Click here for the Canadian Article.](#)

## Free Boating Safety Classes!

The Allegan County Marine Patrol is offering free Boating Safety Classes. They currently have classes scheduled into July at several Allegan County locations with the closest classes being held at the Saugatuck Yacht Club on June 20<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, & July 21<sup>st</sup>. [Click here](#) for the schedule of classes and additional information.

## Learn to Sail Programs...

The Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation (LSMRF) is pleased to announce that the LSMRF web page has a completely reworked set of pages that provide comprehensive listings of sailing schools and learn to sail programs in the Lake Michigan area. This completes a project that was started last year and there are three platforms: Adult Sailing Schools, Adult Crew Schools, and Junior Sailing Schools. Each page features a grid that permits a quick scan for users to determine, on a simplistic basis, if the school they are considering is the style they seek. By clicking on the link provided, the user then can explore each program to find their perfect fit. Visit [www.lmsrf.org](http://www.lmsrf.org), then mouse-over "Learn to Sail" on the top of the page and choose from the drop down tabs.

## Distracted Captain!

If you are not worried about distracted driving when on the water, then you better [check out this video](#): Thank goodness these fishermen saw this guy coming! For the local news article, [click here](#).



## 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 8th consecutive season. Charters are captained by Jeremy Smith and are typically 2-4 hours in length on evenings and weekends.

The GIG 'EM II is a 2000 Catalina 28 MKII. While it has the same LOA as his 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](http://www.deeplakeventures.com).

### **Ethanol-Free Again in 2018!**

**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.](#)

## What will we do today?



The Adventure Sports Rental Trailer is back & open for business. You can usually find them in their rental trailer, but if not, they may be helping customers with rental boats at

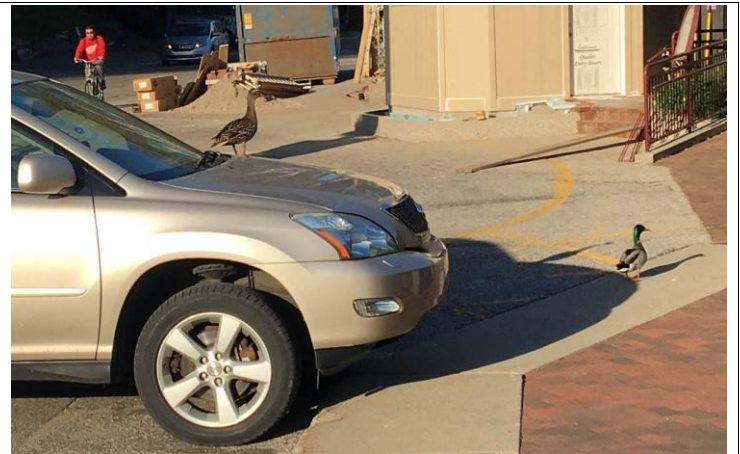
slips B-26 and R-8. For all the Boat, Bike, SUP, & Kayak rental info, go to: [adventurecompany.com](http://adventurecompany.com)

## Big Red Stop has New Owners

The Big Red Stop is back in business! This spring, Hermann Diettrich purchased the Big Red Stop. Herman and his family also own the El Rancho restaurants in Holland. There will be a few changes this year under the new ownership.



Overall, it sounds like the menu will be very similar, except that will not be serving breakfast (or only served on the Weekends) and they will introduce a few new menu items after they get things rolling. The Big Red Stop is located across the street from the marina at the corner of 32<sup>nd</sup> and South Shore Drive.



Most of us complain of ducks on our swim platform or docks. Herb complains of ducks on the hood of his car.

## WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

According to the most recent update, the lake level this summer should be very similar to last season. However, last fall the USACE projected a 6 inch increase for this summer! Based on that outlook we started raising some of our lowest docks in preparation for the higher water. These water level projections change monthly, but we would certainly be happy to see the water not rise any further and leave the docks where they are!

To see the water data from the USACE:

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

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## Painting Workshop Offered Here!



Photo: Efren Gonzalez, 1 hour painting demo, Puerto Vallarta

### Oil Painting Workshop for 8-12 people

Dates: 4 days, July 10-13 Cost: \$475

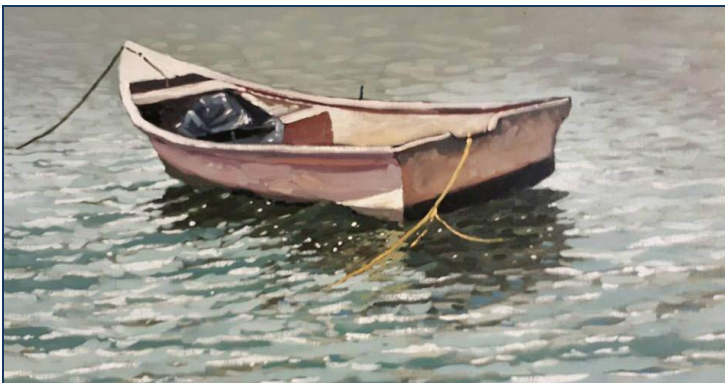
Location: The Wade Eldean Studio, 2301 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, MI 49434

Includes: All paints, canvas, and supplies are included

Description: The award winning, international artist Efren Gonzalez is holding an Oil Painting Workshop at the Wade Eldean Studio. Students will paint a new subject each day, each on a different sized canvas. You will investigate & practice many oil painting techniques during this intensive 4 day workshop. The workshop will start at 9:00am each morning, stop for one hour at noon for lunch, and finish with a review of each painting around 3pm. Painters will work from photographs. Subject matter will vary from still life, animals, water scenes, landscape, people, etc.

Efren provides examples in 3 sessions. Each session presents different painting ideas and techniques while giving examples of how to approach each of your paintings. There is additional discussion around the relationship of the creative process and the development of your painting. Contact [Wade](#) to sign up.

**Bonus!** At the end of the week, one of Efren's demo paintings is given away in a drawing among students.



## Waterfront Film Fest's New Venue!

Come check out Waterfront Film Festival's new permanent venue at the OPEN HOUSE June 7 from 5:30-7:30pm.

The new facility, on Columbia Avenue near downtown Holland, features a versatile space that can be used as a 125-seat theater or as an event space. The building, a renovated auto-body shop, also serves as WFF headquarters and offices. Waterfront organizers spent much of the past two years revamping the industrial site into a multi-purpose studio with large garage doors that 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 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. The space will also be available for rental for corporate events, weddings and other gatherings.

For more information on WFF, visit:

[www.WaterfrontFilm.org](http://www.WaterfrontFilm.org)

## PLASTICS EATER!

From Soundings Trade Only 4/19/18: "Scientists have accidentally created a mutant enzyme that eats plastic bottles! It's very promising. The breakthrough, as reported in the British publication, *The Guardian*, emanates from discovery of plastic-eating bugs in a Japanese dump. It could help solve the global plastic pollution crisis in our waterways and in fish that we may consume.

The mutant enzyme takes a few days to start breaking down the plastic but far faster than the centuries it takes in the oceans! Moreover, the researchers are optimistic it can be sped up and become a viable large-scale process. FYI - one million plastic bottles are sold each minute around the globe with just 14 percent currently recycled. Countless ends up in waterways harming marine life and, potentially, people who eat seafood. Kudos to Prof John McGeehan, at the University of Portsmouth, UK, who leads the research."

## News from Holland Yacht Sales



### Holland Yacht Sales

Spring is a good time to check your safety gear. Be sure pay special attention to your fire extinguishers. If you have Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles they may be subject to a recent product recall. The extinguisher can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard. Kidde will replace the units. You can call Kidde at 855-271-0773 or online at [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) and click "product safety recall."

It is also a good time to inspect your flares and life jackets. One other area that is often over looked is the condition of your dock lines. Make sure they are still serviceable and of the proper size.



2000 38' Baja \$84,900 (Roger Eldean's Boat)

Have a Safe & Great 2018 Season!

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## Social Media Connections...

If you haven't cut the cord yet, here is how you find us:

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

Kris Eldean has taken to Instagram to share interesting marina photos and happenings. Go to:

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

## Harbor View OPEN HOUSE!



The transformation of the Piper Restaurant into three residential apartments and a restaurant space continues. Harbor View Loft #3 is currently under construction and will be completed this fall. As we wait for the right restaurateur to step forward, we are opening the lower level as an event space. Harbor View Events will be completed this May and available for rent for your special occasion or meeting place. For the Open-house, both Harbor View Loft #2 and the new Event Center will be open for you to view on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-2.



### OPEN HOUSE

**Harbor View Event Center  
&  
Harbor View Loft #2**

**MAY 19 – 11am to 2pm**

Additional information is available at:

[www.eldean.com/eventcenter](http://www.eldean.com/eventcenter)  
[LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com](http://LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com)

## Impossible to Capsize?



From Popular Mechanic: The Thunder Child is a high speed, wave-piercing boat that's built to be uncapsizable. The boat was designed by Safehaven Marine for use by Navy, law enforcement, and other groups who sail in high-pressure situations. The boat can fit 10 crew members on board. It's built to absorb shocks from rough seas.

But by far the most impressive thing about the Thunder Child is its ability to right itself even if it is completely capsized. There are a few factors that allow this boat to

sail through any conditions without permanently capsizing. First, it has a very low center of gravity. Second, the cabin itself is watertight, so if the boat does flip over, water won't rush in. And lastly, the cabin is built to be extremely buoyant, so if the boat does end up upside down, it will naturally right itself. [In this video](#), a crane pulls the boat 180 degrees and allows it to self-right. This is pretty exciting to watch along with the people inside the boat--you can't help but hold your breath and hope it really does what it's supposed to do. It does right itself, easily!

## 14 iPad Navigation App Reviews...

In this assessment of mobile navigation apps, Waterway Guide contributing editor Bob Sherer purchased 14 apps and spent several months on his vessel evaluating each one. This Waterway Guide article provides a detailed overview of the apps with links to additional information embedded throughout. [Click here for the article.](#)

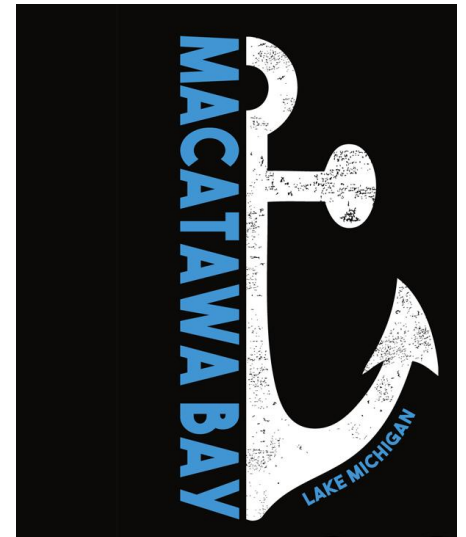


Jason, a pilot from Z-dock, happened to be flying overhead on the same day that this Barge and Tug got stuck heading west on Lake Mac. Another large tug had to enter from Lake Michigan and slowly break up the ice by continuously ramming it, driving on top of it, then breaking the ice with the weight of the tug. This is an unusual occurrence!



***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.



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## The Fish are Back!

If you recall, last year we did not receive any salmon to feed and stock. This year we received 38,000! The DNR studies suggested that the Alewife population was down so the DNR was hesitant to plant too many salmon if there were not enough Alewives to feed on. It sounds like the DNR will be alternating the locations and varying the quantities of salmon planted throughout Lake Michigan until the baitfish population has rebounded. The totals from the DNR's 2017 fall fish-stocking efforts included: The DNR stocked nine different species totaling 834,175 fish that weighed nearly 11.5 tons and Fish were stocked at 76 locations throughout the state. "It was another outstanding fall fish-stocking season that will provide enhanced opportunities throughout Michigan," said Ed Eisch, DNR fish production manager. "When added to our successful spring and summer stocking efforts, that brings the total for 2017 to more than 26.4 million fish put into Michigan's waters."

**Planting of adult fish makes for great fishing in Southeast Michigan.** The DNR reported: More than 4,000 adult trout – fish that had been used for breeding at our state hatcheries – recently were stocked in the Clinton River (Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills), the Huron River (Proud Lake Recreation Area) and the Spring Mill Pond (Island Lake Recreation Area), making southeast Michigan a great destination for spring fishing. The Clinton River was stocked with 800 rainbow trout and 650 brown trout, all upstream of Yates Dam; the Huron River took 1,600 brown trout and 1,200 rainbow trout, all ranging in size from 11 to 22 inches; 400 brown trout and 400 brown trout between 14 and 22 inches now call the Spring Mill Pond home.

Before you hit the water to target these trout, remember that special regulations apply. The Huron River at Proud Lake Recreation Area is limited to flies only, catch-and-release fishing and Spring Mill Pond at Island Lake Recreation Area is limited to artificial lures only, catch-and-release fishing, both from April 1 through April 27. Starting April 28, all baits are allowed on both waters and anglers may keep up to five trout over 8 inches, but just three that measure over 15 inches.

For additional details, see the 2018 Michigan Fishing Guide at [michigan.gov/dnrdigests](http://michigan.gov/dnrdigests)

## Charter Fishing

### *News from Black Pearl Sportfishing Charters*



Captain Mark aboard the Black Pearl!

Remember that May is an excellent month for a mix of all five species (Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Steelhead Trout, Coho Salmon, and Chinook Salmon) 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](http://hollandsportfishing.com)

### *News from Bending Limits Charters*



Bending Limits & Capt. TJ Willacker are chartering both a Tiara 2900 and a Tiara 3100. Captain TJ is out fishing all the time and knows where to go to get you Hooked!

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

[www.bendinglimits.com](http://www.bendinglimits.com)

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

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