

ELDEANews

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INTERESTING STUFF COMPILED BY WADE

Our Summer Crew...

You will notice a few familiar faces in the Shipstore this summer. Bill (D-42), Ryan, Andrew (B-15), Morgan (my niece) and Peter will be returning, while Makayla & Kenzie (two of triplets) will be new additions. Having so many returning crew should hopefully result in great service for you in the Shipstore and Fuel Dock. The new Pool Attendants are Victoria, Austin, and Andrew. 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...

Launch Date?

If you are in winter storage and want the boat in by Memorial Weekend, we need to start putting these boats in the water now, as we are not able to launch all the boats the week prior to Memorial Day. Please let matt@eldean.com know if you ready to be launched.

There is the possibility of launching too early and getting stuck in some nasty spring snow storms. One of earliest arrivals this year woke to 4" on the deck and had to broom it off?



Who keeps a snow shovel aboard their boat?

– 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 Keys

Pool and Head Keys are each available in the Shipstore. Each key has a \$20 deposit that is refunded when you return the key.

Parking Stickers

If you haven't already, please fill out your parking form and we will mail you up to 3 parking stickers (\$20 each). This is the new orange oval sticker. If you purchase a new car, **just bring us your old sticker** and we will issue a new one at no charge. The parking stickers are usually updated every 5 years, so you do not need new stickers every year. Day/weekend passes will be available for your guests at no charge. On busy days, guests parking will be directed to building #7.

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.

Pool Rules – 5 People MAX in your group and the boat owner/family member must be present (Do not give your keys to neighbors or friends). [Click here for More of the Pool Use Policy.](#)

If you leave with your boat for 48 hours -

When you are not using your slip we make it available for transient boaters to rent on a nightly basis. If you go cruising or remove your boat from the slip for any reason for 48 hours or more, **you are required** to let us know that you will be vacating the slip. Please let Jake in the Shipstore know the date of departure and return before you head out. You can stop in the Shipstore or email Jake at store@eldean.com.

[The 2019 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.

B & C -Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 3

D & E-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 10

A & Z Dock, 6:30 pm, Saturday August 17



The A & Z Dock Party, 2018

The PIG OUT Truck will be serving lunch on Saturday, July 20th from 11:30-2 near the playground. For the menu, go to 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 12-2:30 (or until the food is gone).**

From the Parts 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!)**

Additional Summer Spaces...

A lot of you have toys, dinghies, kayaks, etc that make a day at the marina more fun and enjoyable. We do have room available for some of your toys, but since space is at a premium, we do have a fee for them:

-**SUP Stand** (back of pool house) - \$40/spot

-**Kayak Rack** - \$100 (only \$50 on top rack)

-**Dinghy spot** - \$100 small, or \$150 Larger

The Weather Buoys

There are 20 weather buoys on Lake Michigan providing real-time critical data to fisherman, sailors, boaters and even beachgoers (rip current potential for beach activities). An index of all the buoys is at <https://glbuoys.glos.us/>. The Port Sheldon location has been one of the most active buoys on Lake Michigan.

Our Port Sheldon Buoy depends on donations for much of its funding. To make a contribution now, please visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/2018psbuoy/>

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

Beach Clean-up Report...



On April 21st, several locals, including a few slip customer and Eldean Family, took to the shores of the Saugatuck Dunes State Park to pick up litter stretching 2.5 miles of sandy Lake Michigan Beach. **Unfortunately**, the event was a success, and over 80 pounds of trash was recovered (*now that is a lot of straws and cigarette butts*). To learn more about their clean-up efforts and to help participate next year, visit [Mary Schmidt's blog](#) (boater at E-31).

Climate Change: Warming & Cooling Water

Most of us are aware of Climate Change and are concerned over the prospect of warmer oceans and raising ocean water levels, among others. But did you know that some parts of the ocean are still cooling from a previous climate change known as the Little Ice Age? The Little Ice Age occurred between 1300 and 1870 AD and temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere averaged a decrease of 1.1 degrees during this time. An article in Popular Mechanics explained “That cooling affected the water on the surface of the Pacific Ocean. That surface water doesn’t stick around on the surface forever, though, and eventually it started sinking to the bottom. The Pacific Ocean is so big that it can take a long time for that colder water to sink, hundreds or even thousands of years. A group of researchers from Harvard have found the cold water from the Little Ice Age in a deep underwater zone of the Pacific, where it’s still sinking and cooling everything around it.” For the complete article and additional background research, [click here](#). It is both strange and amazing to picture 500 year old water sinking to the bottom of the ocean and acting this way!

DNR Outdoorsy Classes...

Did you know that the DNR offers many classes to help you enjoy the outdoors and our great parks, lakes, and streams? They call it the Outdoor Skills Academy and there are many classes that revolve around fishing & hunting, but there are others like *Wildflower Photography* and *Attracting Butterflies with Native Plants*. The MDNR states, “We offer expert instruction, gear and hands-on learning for a range of outdoor activities, from hunting and fishing to hiking, birding and much more.

Classes explore each topic in-depth, for a full day or more, with knowledgeable and skilled instructors leading the way. Participants will receive a certificate of completion for each class, with special recognition for Outdoor Skills Academy “graduates” who complete multiple classes. Both beginners and those with more experience are welcome. Most of these in-depth classes are designed for adults, youth ages 16 and older, and children over 10 who are accompanied by an adult.” [Click here](#) for more information and a list of the available classes.

Stars & Stripes is being built in Holland!

The second Americas Cup challenger from the United States, Team Stars & Stripes, is being built right here in Holland, Michigan. Composite Builders, a local marine manufacturer that has specializes in custom work and carbon fiber is building the hull! They have flown in many experts to help with the build, and a few of them have been staying in one of our marina’s Vacation Rentals this winter.



AMERICAN MAGIC is the other USA Team competing

As you may know, the boats are going back to a mono-hull design. However this isn’t a traditional mono-hull design, but a high-tech, foiling system that will make you scratch your head a little the first time you see it. [Click here](#) for a short video describing the Foil Cant System (FCS), the complete list of Race Teams, and Important dates in the Race Schedule.



Team Stars & Stripes plans on testing and practicing on Lake Michigan once the hull is completed. We are hoping they launch from Eldean Shipyard! Whether they practice out of Macatawa, Muskegon, or another nearby port, it will certainly be a unique opportunity to see how these boats handle.

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 20, 7 to 9pm, Tickets \$5-\$25

Location: The Eldean Boat Shed #3



Tickets available at Symphony Office, 616-796-6780

Free Boating Safety Classes!

From the MDEQ: In Michigan, boaters born after June 30, 1996, must have a boating safety certificate to operate a boat, and boaters born after Dec. 31, 1978, need a boating safety certificate to operate a personal watercraft. "If you're on the water operating a boat, or even a canoe or kayak, it's your responsibility to do so safely," said Lt. Tom Wanless, DNR Law Enforcement Division. "We strongly encourage new boaters to take a boater safety course, so they are aware of the do's and don'ts of the water. Even if you have been on the water for years, it's important to refresh yourself on the latest regulations." The DNR offers boating safety education as a self-paced, online course and as a traditional classroom experience. Learn more or register for a class at the [DNR boating safety certificate webpage](#). Questions? Contact [Lt. Tom Wanless](#), 517-284-6026.

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 19th, June 20th, July 17th, & July 18th. [Click here](#) for the schedule of classes and additional information.

Vessel Safety Checks

USCG Auxiliary member and boater Carol Rock will provide them by appointment this year. Call Carol at: 616-994-2508 or email mcarolrock1121@outlook.com.

Plan Ahead for Cruising...

The last 2 seasons have brought a lot more boats to Lake Michigan and our great Harbours. But that means dockage space is tight, and arranging a transient reservation will be more difficult. You will want to plan ahead and call for reservations. If you do plan a trip or take the boat away for some reason, please let us know in the Shipstore of your cruising plans. When you leave, your slip becomes available for nightly rental and you are required to let us know if you will be away from the slip for 48 hours. We already have a waiting list of transient boaters and we need your cooperation in order to provide them dockage. And hopefully, when you go cruising, your destination will be trying hard to find you a slip!

Looking for Race Crew?

Do you need racing crew or are you looking for a boat to crew on? Check out [Crew Finder and Boat Finder](#), a system supported by the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation (LMSRF). The LMSRF stated, "After years of seeking a suitable platform, the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation Board has a new Crew and Boat Finder. We are grateful for the development of 'Rail Meets' and believe this comprehensive system will provide for the needs of our racing skippers and crews."

There are only a few from Michigan signed up at this time, but this sounds like it has the potential to be great solution for connecting Captains with Crew!

Leukemia Cup Regatta

June 22nd

[Click here](#) for more info on this Great Event!

Do you need Internet Access?

A Seasonal Wi-Fi Subscription is \$95. Please [email](#) or call Wade 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

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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](#)

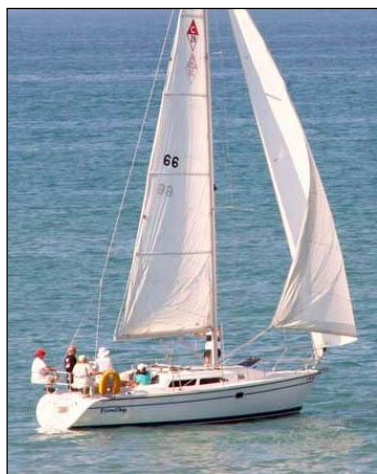
Take a Cruise to Grand Rapids?

Did you know that there is a plan to dredge 23 miles of the Grand River so that it is possible to captain your larger power boat all the way to the city? It's called the Grand River Waterway Project and the plans may have got snagged by both neighbors and the environment. To learn more, read the mLive article: [click here](#).

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, then mouse-over "Learn to Sail" on the top of the page and choose from the drop down tabs.

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.

Ethanol-Free Again in 2019!

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. There is still a lot of confusion at the fuel dock and at the gas station regarding Ethanol and what is safe to use in your boat, lawn mower or car. And, now with higher percentages of Ethanol available, like E15, it is getting any easier to understand. This label is a simple guide to E15.



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. After another great summer, Adventure continues to expand their boat rental offerings. You can usually find them in their rental trailer (Weekends in May from 10-6 and June-Labor Day 9am to 8pm,). Or, they may be helping customers with rental boats at slips R-6, R-7, & R-8. For all the Boat, Bike, SUP, & Kayak rental info, go to: 1adventurecompany.com.



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Big Red Stop is back!

Hermann is back with The Big Red Stop this summer!

Hermann and his family also own the El Rancho restaurants in Holland. The Big Red Stop is located across the street from the marina at the corner of 32nd and South Shore Drive.

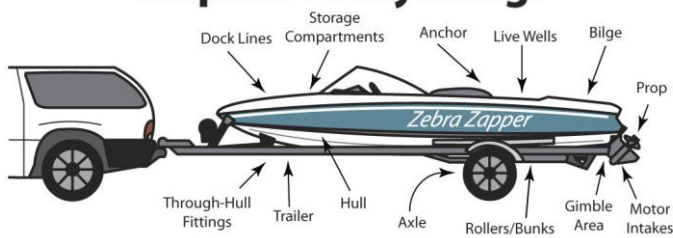


More from DNR – New Rules:

Love to boat or fish? You'll want to make note of some recent changes in Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act geared toward preventing the spread of invasive species and supporting natural resources stewardship efforts for the future.

Before leaving and before launching...

inspect everything!



In addition to the existing law requiring all aquatic plants be removed from boats and trailers before launching, the changes require the following, prior to transporting any watercraft over land:

- Remove all drain plugs from bilges, ballast tanks and live wells.
- Drain all water from any live wells and bilges.
- Ensure the watercraft, trailer and any conveyance (vehicle) used to transport the watercraft or trailer are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.

This means that after hauling out trailered boats and before getting on the road, boaters must pull plugs, drain water and remove plants and debris from all watercraft, trailers and other conveyances. [View new rules.](#)

WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

According to the most recent update, the lake level this summer should be a few inches higher than last season. However, the USACE gives a wide range in their estimation and it could mean the water drops a little or goes up a foot! With that in mind, we may raise a few more of the lowest docks in order to keep all of our feet dry. 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](#)

Mail-in-the-Pail...

Do you know there is a post office floating around the Detroit River delivering Amazon packages and US Mail to passing by freighters? The service was started in 1874 and employed a row-boat and a put-your-mail-in-a-pail technique to pick-up and make deliveries. It became an official post office in 1895 and the boat, the 45' J.W. Wescott, has its own Zip Code. If you want to send a thank you note to that nice freighter captain who didn't run over you, address your letter to their Vessel's name, Marine Post Office, Detroit, Michigan 48222.



Mail delivery to/from Zip Code 48222

Bill Dispute at Marina Hits New Level!

As Smuggler's Cove Marina in the Florida Keys closes for renovations, it appears that they have had some difficulties getting boaters to leave the marina. In this dispute, the marina manager was on video, reportedly trying to run over a couple of live-a-boards that refused to leave. [Click here](#) for the Trade-Only article or [here for more info](#) from the Florida Keys News. Although we have disputes here from time to time, we always find resolution without resorting to running you off the road!

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Beautiful New Center Consoles!

Viking Yachts have been well known and well built boats for many years, primarily in the sport fish and yacht markets. Viking Yachts recently announced the creation of a new boat building company: Valhalla Boatworks. Valhalla Boatworks will focus on the luxury center console market. Designs already include a 33', 37' and 41' models with dual, triple and quad outboards respectively.



“This is a culmination of all of our years of yacht building and helping our customers fill a need for a Viking center console,” said CEO Pat Healey in an address to dealers and owners. “These boats are going to be [both] custom and production. We can match [our] big boats to small boats that will all look the same.”

Hydrofoiling Powerboat by Beneteau!

Many of us have seen the how foiling sailboats have taken over the Americas Cup and have marveled at their technology and performance.



Now, Group Beneteau is bringing the technology to powerboats. According to Beneteau, “the result is truly outstanding: groundbreaking sensations on the water with and without the foils, improved boat performance, better comfort on board while foiling, reduced fuel consumption...This concept boat perfectly sums up the Group’s approach to innovation, with a unique and pioneering project.”

GM Enters the Pontoon Market!

General Motors is bringing their electric and battery technologies to the water with their introduction of the “Forward First Marine” division. Their prototype is a 24’ pontoon, capable of 20 mph and a maximum run time of 10 hours at 5 mph. This sounds like a great new design to me. Do you think that GM is trying to get in the boat manufacturing market or maybe just developing an electric power system that could be sold to manufactures? In any case, it will be interesting to see how it evolves!



[Click here](#) to read the article in Soundings Trade Only or www.forwardmarine.com for GM’s website.

Evinrude Helps with Tech Shortage!

As you may know from reading in a previous newsletter or from experiencing firsthand when requesting boat work, there is a shortage of marine technicians in the United States. Boaters, businesses, and even the government are all attempting to solve this problem. One recent example of a couple of marine stakeholders putting a plan into action is Evinrude motors, the National Marine Distributors Association (NMDA) and the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC). According to the Association of Marine Industries, “Evinrude will donate two million dollars’ worth of Evinrude ETEC G2 3.4L V6 outboard engines to ABYC Foundation to support the next generation of marine technician training. The donation, which is the largest of its kind in history, will support students in high schools and colleges across the U.S. and Canada. The NMDA will provide matching funds to assist schools, as needed, with costs associated with purchasing test tanks, tools and with shipping outboards. Evinrude’s donation includes access to the entire Evinrude training curriculum, including fundamentals and professional level online courses”.

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News from Holland Yacht Sales



Holland Yacht Sales

Sooner or later all boaters will probably need a marine survey whether it's a pre-purchase survey or an insurance survey. A surveyor is someone that evaluates and investigates boats. They survey the structure and machinery of a vessel and make sure that the vessel meets governmental safety requirements.

It is very important that the surveyor you select is a member of one of the national certified organizations. Some of these organizations include SAMS (Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors), NAMS (National Association of Marine Surveyors), ABYC (American Boat and Yacht Council) and IIMS (International Institute of Marine Surveyors). In the case of a pre-purchase survey it is also advisable to contract with a marina or engine manufacturer to do an engine evaluation. This may involve items like a compression check and oil analysis.

Looks like we should have a great boating season with more people enjoying the water at our great facility than ever before!

If you are thinking of making a boating change stop by, give me a call or send me an email. Have a Safe & Great 2019 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.

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

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, or go to their website for more information: www.bendinglimits.com

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.





We've come a Long Way!

This is a 1950's era photo of Jeieks Bros. Marina – Herb and Roger Eldean purchased the marina in 1973

There are a lot of interesting and notable boats and marina history in this photo:

- Well, obviously, there is an Airplane moored to a Buoy!
- Check out the 80' YP powerboat at our 40' Mast Dock!
- You can see the pilings for what will become D-dock (originally D-dock was called the "Dog Leg" dock, as it turned off the base of C-dock).
- Look at all those wooded boathouses over the water!
- The entire side of old Building #1 is a door and is open. That way they could slide out a 70' boat sideways and onto the rail system for easy launching straight ahead.
- Most of the boats are power boats, even on the buoys.