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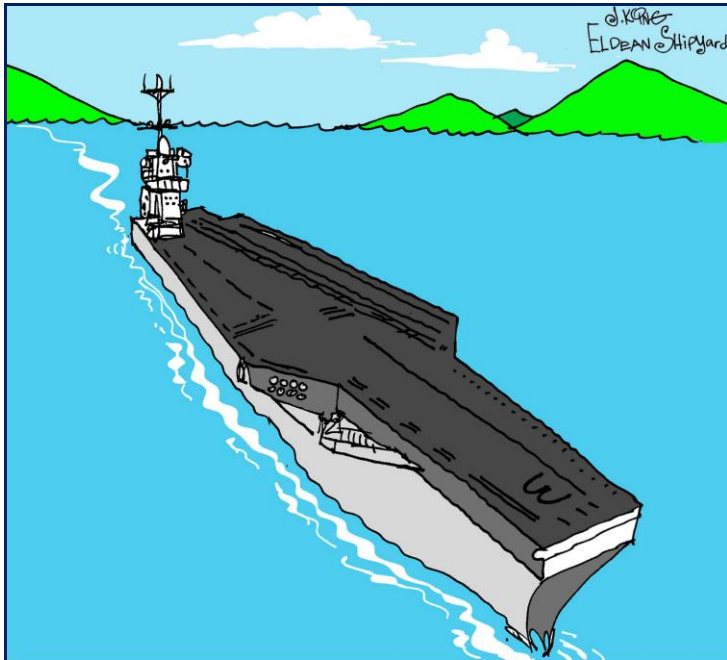
May 2020

INTERESTING STUFF COMPILED BY WADE

Boating and Covid-19

Boating is allowed! Currently, under the Stay-at-Home order that goes through May 28th, both powerboats and sailboats are allowed on the water! Our crew is again busy prepping and launching boats. Once we have your boat launched, you are welcome to come to the marina to use your boat, however, besides the parking lots, all of our other services are currently closed to customers (The fuel dock will open soon).

There are many recommendations for boating as we try to slow the spread of Coronavirus. We will continue to observe and implement the recommendations through the Stay-at-Home order or as otherwise necessary. Our trade organization, the MBIA, has provided a list of recommendations for boaters. Please review and observe the recommendations [on this list](#) and **make sure to wear a face covering at the marina** until you have boarded your boat.



"It was decommissioned years ago. I wanted to buy a big enough boat so we can go boating, and still practice social distancing."

Michigan DNR updates / Covid-19

From the DNR: Public health and safety are our biggest priorities, and we will continue to share news and information about the safest, and sometimes new, ways to enjoy our state's natural and cultural resources in this uncertain time. With Gov. Whitmer's "[Stay Home, Stay Safe](#)" [Executive Order](#), it's important to note that you are still able to go outside and enjoy nature as long as you practice proper social distancing. When you're anywhere in public, be sure to keep at least 6 feet between yourself and other people not from your immediate household. Keep your health and safety – and the safety of your fellow Michiganders – in mind and use good judgment.

Follow our [DNR COVID-19 response page](#) for updates on facilities and closures/cancellations and stay up to date on the latest public health guidelines and news at: [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](#) & [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](#)



You might not have known that we use a lot of the 3M, N95 dust masks when we are doing work on your boats. These are the highly coveted particle filtration masks being used to protect against the transmission of Coronavirus in care facilities. To help with the effort, Jake delivered our Shipyard Donation of N95 Masks to Holland Hospital this March.

Our Summer Crew...

You will notice a few familiar faces in the Shipstore this summer. Maddie and Morgan (my niece) will both be returning and helping out Jake in the Shipstore & Fuel Dock. Jake is still hiring 1 or 2 more to round out the crew. 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.

- 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 and Dockbox 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. When we are doing dock work, we may need to remove the dockbox.

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 2020 Party Schedule - Save these Dates...

If Social Gathering is allowed, 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, August 1
A & Z-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 8
B, C & R-Dock, 6:30 pm, Saturday August 15



The A & Z Dock Party, 2018

Memorial, 4th of July, & Labor Day Holidays

We hope that we will be able to fire up the grills for you this summer! Because of Coronavirus, we have canceled the Memorial Weekend Picnic. We still hope to have the 4th of July and Labor Day Picnics. If so, stop by the picnic tables at the playground for grilled salmon, hot dogs, chili-dogs, & brats on Saturday 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).**

Launch Date?

As we will have a shortened launching season, we will try to be more efficient, attempting to launch more boats in a shorter period of time. In doing so, we will start to launch boats near the building doors or boats stored outside and then work our way into the buildings. If your boat is near the door, you may receive a phone call that it is a good time to launch your boat (even if it earlier than you normally prefer). Please let matt@eldean.com know if you ready to be launched.

WATER LEVEL UNCERTAINTY...

This is a very good explanation from EGLE:

High water levels have taken a toll across Michigan and it doesn't look like it's going to get any better this year.

We've gone from record low lake levels six years ago to record highs in record time. That has had a devastating impact on homes, shorelines, parks, even campgrounds. It also threatens key infrastructure such as wastewater treatment facilities and roadways across the state.

At our recent Michigan High Water Coordinating Summit, which brought together state agencies, emergency managers, federal partners, and organizations representing local government officials, we heard scary numbers about how saturated our state is. **Michigan is in the middle of the wettest one-year, three-year, and five-year periods since records began 125 years ago.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the Great Lakes recently had the largest 24-month rise in the period on record. And, **it's been the wettest September through December on record,** according to the National Weather Service.

We're seeing the impact across the state. More water has flowed past Grand Rapids down the Grand River in the first four months of the current water year — which started in October 2019 — than usually passes through in an entire year. The situation is similar on the Tittabawassee River near Midland, the Manistee near Traverse City, and the Manistique in the Upper Peninsula.

To see the water data from the USACE:

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

High Water Issues to look out for:

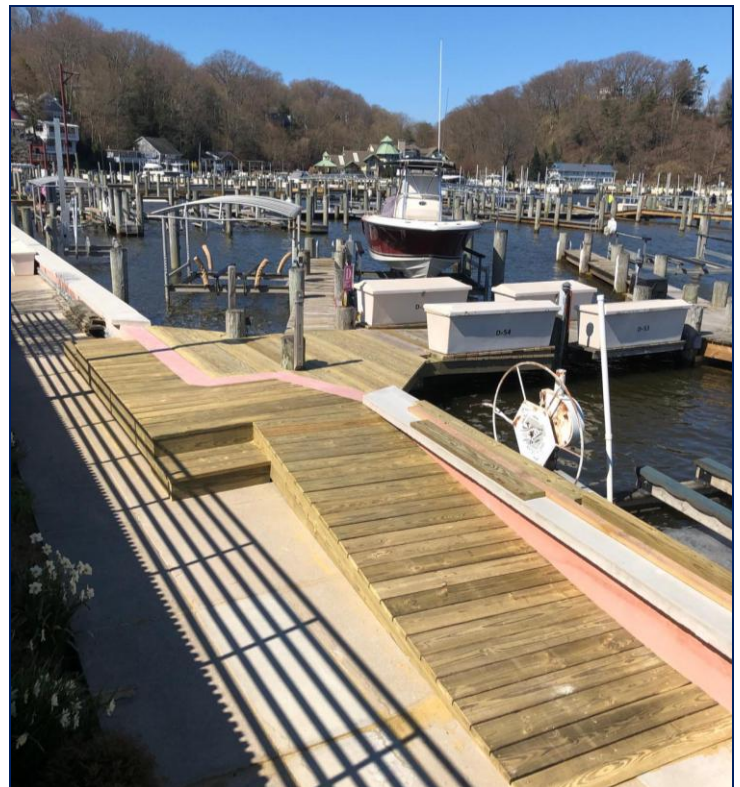
Please be aware of some high water safety issues:

- Slippery Docks & Sidewalks
- We added some “speed bumps” at the entrance to the main parking lot. Vehicles with low ground clearance (sports cars) may want to park in a different parking lot.
- Electricity in the water. **No swimming off your boat/docks at marinas**
- The pilings are not as tall as they once were, so be aware that if your rub-rail is higher than the piling then it will not keep your boat from getting damaged.

More Water = More Work

And more headaches too! With the high water levels, our crew and other trades professionals have been very busy raising docks and infrastructure to try to be ready for this year's record water levels. Our two main dock carpenters, Jose and Eric, have been raising docks for nearly 12 months in a row. At times, there has been a crew of 6 carpenters raising the docks. A-dock was raised this winter and new electric installed. The Fuel Dock construction is nearly complete. It was raised higher, with new fuel, electric, and water lines installed.

Specialty Concrete (Doug, E-9) has had a 4 person crew here for the last couple of months forming up concrete for the new higher seawall, sidewalks, and additional flood controls. They did a great job! Hersch Electric has had a crew of 6 electricians working on upgrading and raising much of our electrical distribution system. When 6 electricians wasn't enough, Hoekstra Electric (Paul, now B-5), sent a couple more electricians over to help us *Get-The-Job-Done*. Additionally, we raised water lines and are currently raising the grade of the playground. We also hope to complete some parking lot work this year, but that process has been slow going because of permitting and Covid.



These are the new steps and Ramp at D-Dock. There are more examples of the water work on the next pages.

HIGH WATER IMPROVEMENTS – The Levy



The biggest cement pump truck the guys had seen in 30 years!



The Great Wall of Macatawa



A, B, C, D, & E and Fuel Docks all have a new entrance



A slightly higher wall and new entrance at the Haulout too



Remember when we had lowered it in 2013?



Up with the Gas Hut!

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 **and at the same price as West Marine too!** (not West Marine Branded, of course). Just talk/email to [Jake](#) in the store. We are doing curbside pick-up at this time.

Michigan Shipwrecks Website...

From the DNR: The Great Lakes surrounding Michigan provided a blue-water highway for trade, transportation and commerce long before Europeans arrived in North America. They were essential to Michigan lumbering, mining and industry, but shoals, storms and human error could bring disaster to ships and their crews. Today, the lakes' cold, fresh waters preserve hundreds of shipwrecks — time capsules waiting to be explored by divers, kayakers and snorkelers.

In 1980, Michigan adopted laws protecting the shipwrecks on its Great Lakes bottomlands in order to ensure that they remain for future generations to study and enjoy. It also created a system of volunteer-managed Underwater Preserves. Today there are thirteen preserves around the state. One, Thunder Bay, was designated a National Marine Sanctuary in 2000.

All the preserves invite you to explore with your eyes and leave with your pictures and memories. To bring up anything else, or move anything, without a permit is to break the law.

For those who prefer to stay dry, there are glass-bottom boat tours, museums and interpretive trails with the dramatic and sometimes tragic stories of sailors and their ships.

The Shipwreck APP: Search for a shipwreck by name or location. Learn more about shipwrecks off the shores of Michigan by clicking the icons. Print a PDF map designed by you. [Click here](#) to get the APP

The Michigan Shipwrecks Story Map: Locate places to snorkel, kayak, paddle-board and dive. See a map showing the difficulty of diving at Michigan shipwreck locations. [Click Here](#) and Scroll Down

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.

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 17th, June 18th, July 15th, & July 16th. [Click here](#) for the schedule of classes and additional information.

Winter weather creates some beautiful ice formations on the water. This winter certainly lived up to those expectations!



Ice Volcanoes!



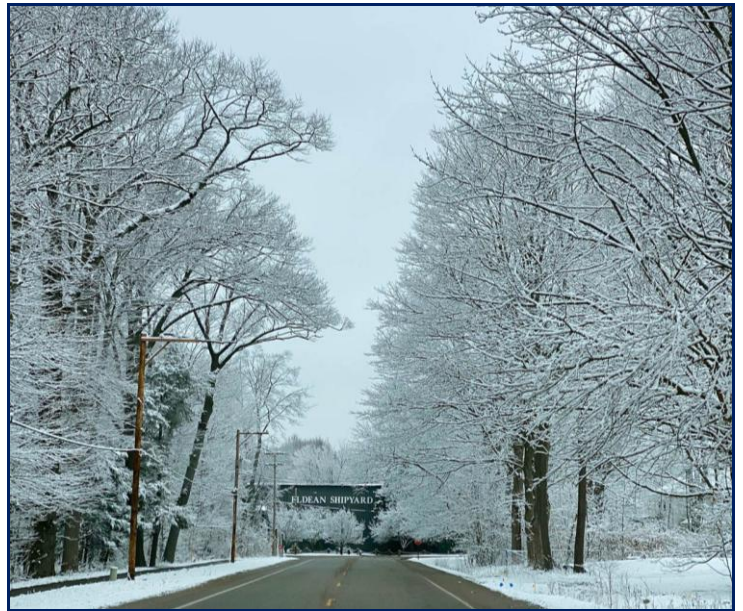
Ice Balls



Icicles (from waves splashing up)



Broken and Fragmented Ice



Approaching the marina on 66th Street



A View of Big Red that you have never seen before!



Fresh Snow at the Creek

KNOW KNOTS?



I'm guessing there are a few of you that are exhausted from homeschooling your children and are ready for a break. If you are having a hard time getting them to sit still in one place, then maybe you need to brush up on your knots? Or, learning how to tie knots could keep them busy for a while too! For instruction or a refresher course on tying useful knots, go to animatedknots.com.

Boating Crash Videos...



Are we fortunate to not have boating here on New Year's Eve?

If you have spent as much time on the water as I have, you may find yourself in a bit of pickle from time to time. As a boater, I have evacuated the passengers of another boat while it burned and I've had to abandon ship once in foul weather. I have also been in at least 3 collisions with other boats: once between wave-runners, once while pulling a water skier as a kid, and one solid T-bone during a S2 7.9 Regatta (Starboard!). I wish I had videos of some of those moments and others are best forgotten! So don't laugh too hard at these clips; it could happen to you next! [Click for Video](#)

Pops at the Pier – 2020 Event Canceled!

We regret to inform you that the annual Pops at the Pier concert by the [Holland Symphony Orchestra](http://HollandSymphonyOrchestra.com) has been canceled due to Covid-19.



What will we do today?

The Adventure Sports Rental Trailer is back & open for business. After another great summer, 1Adventure 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.



The Weather Buoys

Thanks to new technology, you can now get up-to-date wind speed, water and air temperature, wave height and more, by texting a buoy — yes, a buoy! By simply texting 734-418-7299 or 734-201-0750 with the ID of one of the 68 buoys that are part of the Great Lakes Observing System. The Holland/Port Sheldon Buoy ID is 45029.

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 Great Lakes 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).

Plan Ahead for Cruising...

The last 2 seasons have brought a lot more boats to Lake Michigan and our great harbors. 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!

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

Phone: (989) 792-8681

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

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:

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

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

News from Holland Yacht Sales



Holland Yacht Sales

I would like to share a few good boating tips acquired from the wisdom and experience of Sea Tow captains:

One of the most common mistakes that boat operators make is not having the shifter in neutral. Most boats will not start if the shifter is in gear and this can happen very easily with people moving around the boat. So if the boat will not start check the shifter first. Also, if the boat has a safety lanyard make sure it is connected.

Another common problem is running out of fuel. Many boaters don't always top of their fuel tanks and this can lead to confusion over how much fuel is in the tank. Fuel gauges are often very unreliable in terms of accuracy. One good idea is to keep a fuel log. By knowing the capacity of your fuel tank, how many hours the engine has been run, and the average number of gallons you burn per hour, you will have a good idea of how much fuel you have left. Remember the golden rule of fuel use while boating: *use 1/3 of your fuel for the trip out, 1/3 for your trip in, and keep 1/3 in reserve for the unknown.*

I hope you have an enjoyable and safe boating season. If I can be of any help with the purchase or sale of your boat don't hesitate to stop by or give me a call.

All the best!

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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](#)

Sailing Hall of Fame!

A couple of local sailors have made the Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame in 2020. Congratulations go out to Seymour Padnos and to Jean & Don Bergman! Seymour is one of our few existing customers that came with the marina when my family bought it 45 years ago. Jean & Don have been racing on Lake Mac as long as I can remember. While racing S2 7.9's I watched their stern cross the finish line more times than I care to remember.

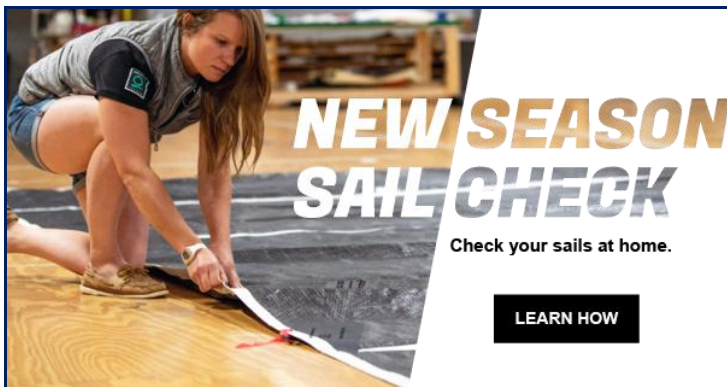
Learn to Sail Programs...

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

Quantum Sails Has Content!



Check in to see the webinar and [series schedule](#).



Quantum has provided a guide for [inspecting your sails](#).

Social Media Connections...

To follow 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.

Ethanol-Free Again in 2020!

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.](#)

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- Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales -



It has been five incredible years since Erik Krueger opened the Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales (JBYS) Eldean office. From this location, we have three highly skilled & experienced JBYS team members that can assist you: Erik Krueger, JBYS VP and Sales Professional, Mathew Ginsberg, Sales Professional, and Jody Bazen, Business (F&I) Manager. These JBYS team members, along with the entire JBYS team, will work tirelessly on your behalf throughout all stages on the buying or selling process. We will strive to make your experience EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT and best of all HASSLE FREE. *Experience Matters!*

Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales represents the finest boat brands in the industry. We are the oldest Viking Yacht dealer in the world, the oldest Sunseeker dealer worldwide and among the oldest Princess dealers in the country. Other brands in the line-up include Absolute, Valhalla Boatworks, HCB, Carver, Marquis, Lexus, Contender, Duffy Electric Boats and Williams Jet Tenders. Of course, JBYS also offers brokerage services, so whether you're looking to buy new or used, or to sell your current boat, stop in the office and discuss your needs with one of our team members.

With seven Great Lakes locations, including service to Ontario, Canada, and over 45 years of experience, JBYS is well positioned to service boaters throughout the Great Lakes Region. Recognized locally, nationally and globally for excellence, the JBYS team maintains the highest industry standards and delivers only the finest quality service and customer care. Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales takes great pride in delivering the boating lifestyle you deserve!

Stop in and see us or visit us online at www.jbys.com.

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An Asian Carp Update...



The battle to control the spread of Asian Carp continues. [Michigan recently pledged](#) \$8 Million to build a new Asian Carp barrier at the Brandon Lock & Dam in Illinois. While prevention controls continue to be built to keep the Carp from entering the Great Lakes waters, additional fishing efforts are being made to reduce the quantity of Carp that may headed towards the Great Lakes. Although it is used elsewhere, the haul seining or beach seining method for netting Asian Carp is now being tested in Kentucky for the first time. The 48 hour test netted about 60,000 lbs of Asian Carp! One reason for testing is to ensure that other fish populations are not endangered. Amazingly, only 10 game fish were caught in the nets and all of these fish were successfully released. Click here for the article from [Quimby's Cruising Guide](#).

Larson, Striper, & Rinker Discontinued

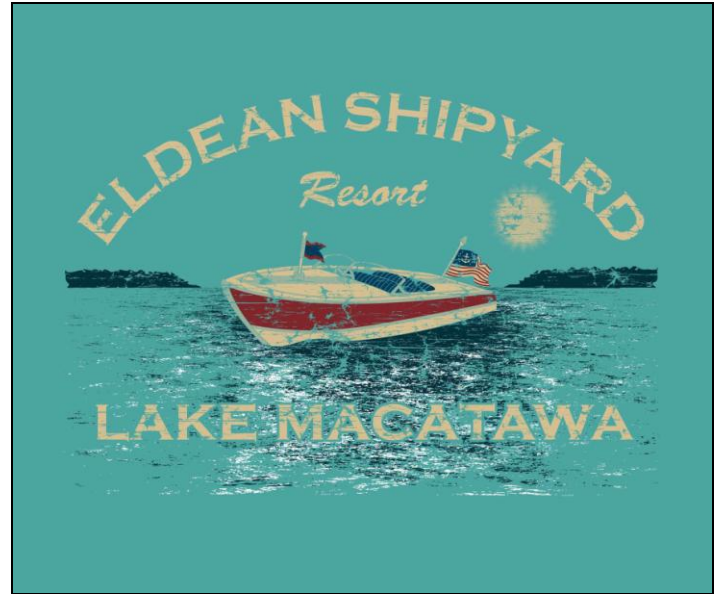
Polaris purchased these brands just over a year ago but has been unable to make a go out of it and will be discontinue manufacturing. It certainly sad to see some popular and once successful brands disappear; I wonder how much of an influence the trade wars and Coronavirus pandemic had them? Unfortunately, these boats are built Syracuse, Indiana and 120 jobs will be lost at that plant. Polaris will continue to build the Bennington, Hurricane, and Godfrey boat lines at their Elkhart, Indiana plant and relocate many jobs there. If you are not familiar with these boat lines, a quick review suggests that the Pontoon and Deck boats are money makers, while small fishing and family cruisers are not.

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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.



The Garden of Earthly Delights (on water)...

In this Art-meets-Boat-Parade experience in the Netherlands, the 500 year old artwork of Hieronymus Bosch is transformed into a piece of contemporary art; its part performance art, part kinetic sculpture, & part art happening. From Colossal.com: “A floating parade dedicated to painter [Hieronymus Bosch](#) honors the artist’s fascination with the fantastical and absurd in an annual event that embodies his philosophy and aesthetic. The 2019 occurrence of [the Bosch Parade](#) included a musical performance played on a partially submerged piano and a scene with two people straddling enormous horns, just two of fourteen vignettes devoted to an evolving story about “power and counterforce, battle and rapprochement, chaos and hope.”

“Bosch is known for his symbolic paintings often tying in gruesome representations of the afterlife and human desire and fear. He is also regarded as one of the earliest genre painters, depicting common people and their everyday experiences. The annual Bosch Parade is described by organizers as “a theatrical and musical art spectacle on water,” drawing thousands of visitors to the southern city of [’s-Hertogenbosch](#) in the Netherlands, where Bosch was born and eventually got his name from.”

The next parade kicks off on June 17, 2021. Is it time to start designing your new floating sculpture?

