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Labor Day 2023

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Labor Day Party!



50th Anniversary picnic photo from Kirk (E-17)



Sisters' faces painted at the 50th Anniversary Party (A-4)

Please join us for our complimentary Holiday Picnic, 12-2:00, on Sunday, September 3rd at the playground picnic area. Our family will be firing up the grills and cooking sausages, chili-dogs, and grilled fish for all of our boaters and guests. Chips, ice-cream sandwiches, water, and cold beer will also be provided. Thank you Mark (E-12) and Mike (E-1) for the fish!

Help Us with Haul-out?

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

Slip Deposits are Due by Nov. 1st

Slip deposits for next season are due by Nov. 1st. We have many new boaters trying to find a slip and are on our waiting list. If you do not plan on returning, please send the form back so we can offer the slip to someone new and they can start to make their boating plans. If you are planning on returning, make sure we receive the \$500 slip deposit prior to Nov. 1st to insure that your slip is not reassigned. In regards to slip assignments and reservations, we do give priority to our year round slip & storage customers.

Dock Box Repair on E-Dock!

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

The Fall Store Sale has begun!

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

Reserve our Vacation Rentals...

The prime locations of our waterfront vacation rentals along our marina property in Macatawa make it easy to relax and enjoy your family vacation and also your boat. We have several boaters that rent these accommodations for their family members or for a family reunion so their relatives can also come enjoy time on the boat as well as Macatawa. Go to LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com to check-out our accommodations. Jessica is our Vacation Rental Manager and head of cleaning at the marina. It's not too early to be thinking about next summer's plans, so please talk to Jessica if you would like to check our availability.

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Season Ending & Haul-out Dates?

End of season dates:

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

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

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

Fuel Dock Closing at 5pm

The fuel dock will be closing at 5pm beginning Tuesday Sept 5th and the final Sunday that the fuel dock is open is Sept. 10th (and Shipstore too).

Pool Closes at 8pm

The pool will be closing at 8pm for its final week of the season (Tuesday Sept. 5 to Sunday, Sept 10). Beginning Sept 11th, the pool area and clubhouse will be closed for the season.

Other Dates & Hours...

If you are wondering, please check our [on-line calendar of events](#) for fall/winter/spring hours and dates for which slip and storage payments are due. Our store & buildings will be closed on Sundays, beginning Sunday, Sept. 17th.

Holland Symphony Success!

The Holland Symphony Orchestra put on an amazing performance again this year! They have been working hard to expand their audience with special guests, sounds, and performances and it is working. It was a record attendance at Building 3 this past June, with 910 tickets sold.

Food Trucks for Dinner...

I certainly enjoyed the food truck options this summer. If you also like having this option, please continue to support them when they are here and we will continue to have them here to serve you

The Usual & Important Stuff...

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

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

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

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

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

Offices for Rent

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

Mac Adventures!

Boats and fun experiences are still available through September, including pontoon boats and inflatable RIBs!



The Service Department...

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

Fall Storms and Haul-out...

With the summer coming to an end and the fall approaching, our boaters need to be aware of the more prevalent and likely foul weather that the change of seasons generally brings. As most of you know, when there are 6'-12+' waves on Lake Michigan from the West and Northwest, we get a "Surge" or heavy movement of water into Lake Macatawa. In addition, 30-60 mph winds also add to the movement.

In preparation, please tie your boat off the dock and near the center of your slip when you are away. Additional lines should be added to the windward (NW) side. And, if you are in the area when a storm comes through, please stop by and check out your boat (and your neighbors too). When we know a storm is coming, we often have marina staff on the docks helping to adjust lines and help everyone's boat smoothly ride out the storm. [Click here for more suggestions](#) on tying up your boat in foul weather. *One common mistake* is that the power cord is not long enough and when your boat moves in the slip, the power cord or receptacle is damaged because of there was not enough slack in the power cord.

When in Doubt, Just Haul-Out! Why wait for a storm to hit, if you are done boating, email [Heather](#) for a haulout. **Our schedule is very full at the end of September and early October, so early September is a good time to haulout if you are done boating for the year.**

Weather Apps and Resources

[This is a good list](#) of apps, free websites, and other weather resources compiled by the Waterway Guide.

News from Holland Yacht Sales!



Holland Yacht Sales

With fall around the corner, (our traditional windy season) I think it is a good time to review the proper way to tie up your boat. One of the very first important skills to learn is how to tie the boat to a dock piling from a deck cleat on your boat. There are many online sites as well as numerous publications that demonstrate this. As far as the line locations, you should have at least six dock lines set, two each on the bow and stern plus a forward and aft spring lines. During especially windy times I always feel it is good to double up my windward lines. It is also a very good idea to keep an extra set of dock lines aboard for travel or doubling up lines in storm events.

Boat sales have been very steady throughout the summer season. Both power and sail brokerage boats contributed to the brisk sales activity.

If you're in the market for a boat or are thinking of selling you present boat please give me a call or stop by my office in the Ships Store.

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Social Media Connections...

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

www.instagram.com/eldean_shipyard

Lightning Advice for Boaters

The Waterway Guide provided [this helpful article](#) to help demystify and educate boaters on the misconceptions, dangers, and prevention of lightning strikes when boating.

TP52's Championships in Macatawa!

From Sept. 29 through Oct. 1, MBYC and Quantum sails are again sponsoring the TP52 Great Lakes Championships held just off shore of Holland channel. There will be 8 races over 3 days to decide this freshwater champ. These are the best of the best, so this is a great chance to see some of the fastest boats and best sailors in action!



Windquest

Congrats Mac Racers!

The 114th Race to Mackinac, had mostly light winds on Friday and Saturday but a squall and rain also passed through the course. A few of our local racers competed, but special congratulations are in order for Mitch Padnos and his crew aboard "Sufficient Reason" who took 2nd in their section and Chris Saxton's "Evolution" team that finished 4th in their Section!

What a blast!

Thanks for the ride Dan (D-27)! I was able to skipper this M32 Extreme2 for a bit and while we were rippin' about 25mph I heard a bit of commotion and the crew let some air out of the main sail so we stopped heeling over so much. Later I was told the camera woman at the bottom/low side corner fell in the water as we heeled so far over! They scooped her back up and I never knew... Dan took a lot MBJA sailors out and put smiles on a lot of faces. This was a special visit to Lake Macatawa as Dan is normally competing out east and in Florida with the M32.



Wade Eldean skippering the M32 Extreme2 with MBJA

Race Crew Parking

On race nights during the week (Mon-Thurs), we do allow for your crew parking in one of parking spots across the street from the marina docks. Should there be a race on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or overnight, your race crew will need to get a temporary parking pass from our Shipstore and they will likely be directed to park in Building #7 as our other lots can fill up on these days.

Free Sail Inspections & Sail Storage...

Quantum Sails, in conjunction with Eldean Shipyard, is offering free multi-point inspections for your sail & canvas inventories. Regular inspections are the best way to extend the life of your sail. Addressing small problems early prevents costly service work later. We'll also store them during the offseason at no cost. Clean and dry storage is just as important to extending the life of your sail investment. Please contact [Heather](#) at the Shipyard, or Jimmy Frisinger with Quantum Sails to schedule a free pick-up. Additional Service Offerings from Quantum Sails Include:

Precision Re-Cuts – Squeeze more speed and performance out of older sails with a re-cut to restore shape. Our team can help you extend the life of your sails.

Washing & Waterproofing – Keep your sails and canvas looking great and extend their lifespan with regular washing and treatment of trouble spots.

New Sails? – Are you considering adding to or replacing a portion of your sail inventory? Our expert sales team would enjoy a chance to meet with you and discuss options. The fall season is a great time to consider a sail purchase.

Thanks, Jimmy

Jimmy Frisinger, Quantum Sails

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The High/Low Water Blues...

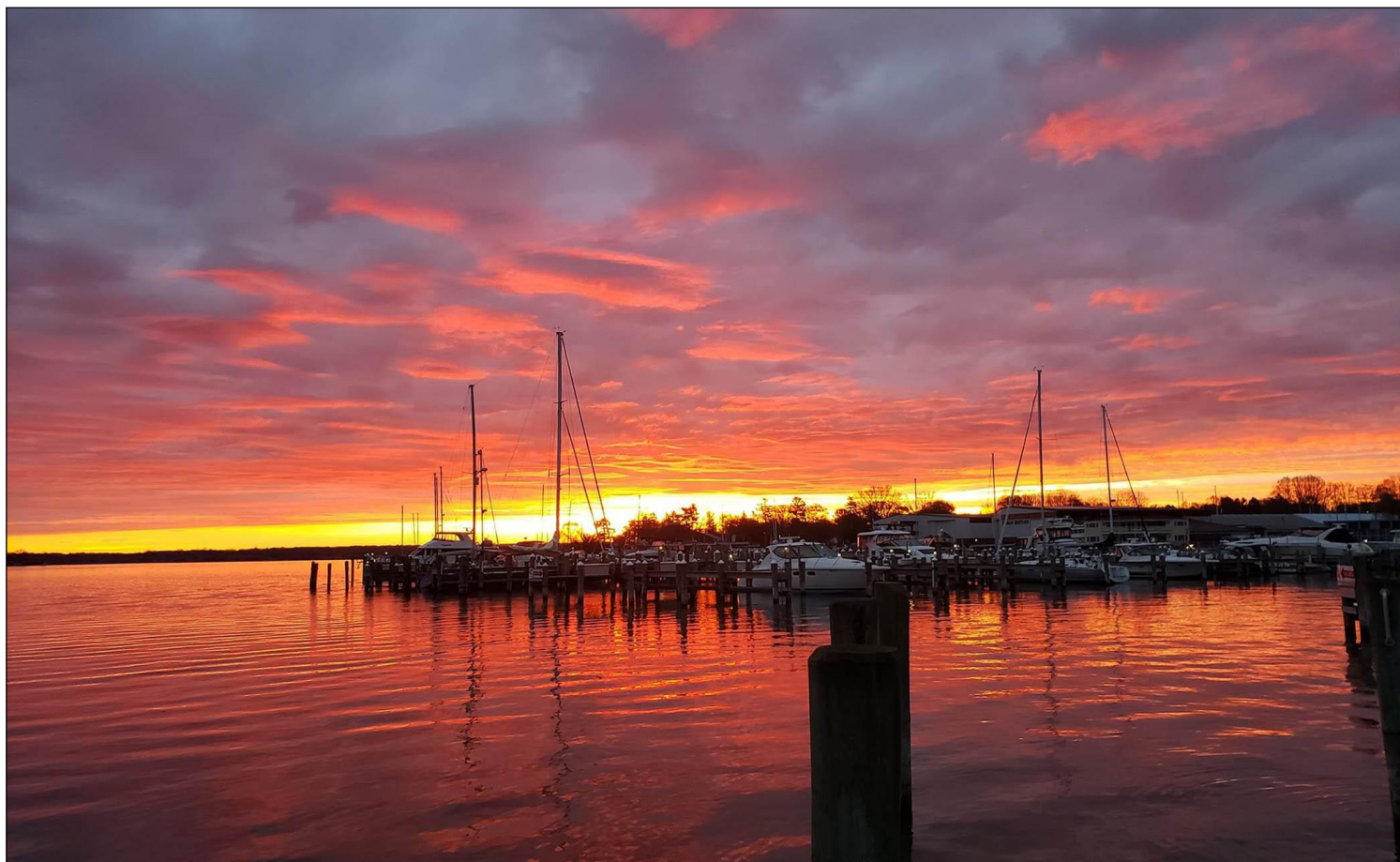
After a very low water spring, the water did bounce back a little this summer. The report from the USCOE shows that the water level was down about 4" this summer when compared to last summer. Let's hope that we don't continue this trend downward, as a few inches higher is preferred. For the recent water level graphs, [click here](#).

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Sunrise Photos!

Our sunrises compete with our sunsets and some of us are fortunate to see them on our way to work!



Sunrise from A-dock (from Phil)



A Framed Sunrise at the Bungalow (from Wade)



Sunrise from A Dock Boardwalk (from Wade)

Dudes! My Mom took our family on a great trip this summer to the Majestic Dude Ranch, located outside Durango Colorado. While I don't like to leave our marina and Michigan in the summertime, this dude ranch experience was a blast for all ages and we would do it again. Thanks Mom!



Wade, Alexander, Lachlan, Pat, Kris, Ella, Kori, Doug, Bethany, & Ryan



Michigan State Parks News

Our great state of Michigan offers a ton of outdoor programs and event. Here are their offerings over the next month. Click the links for more information.

August 23

[Outdoor Adventure Center - Aug. 23, Yoga and Mindfulness in Nature](#) Join OAC staff and yoga instructor Mollie Flores for a yoga and mindfulness practice in an outdoor setting.

August 24

[Outdoor Adventure Center - Bat Hike at Maybury State Park](#) Learn about our flying mammals, bats! We will explore bat biology, their habitat and ecosystem benefits they offer.

August 25

[Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area - Pheasant Friday](#) Join representatives from Pheasants Forever and learn about firearm safety and this organization's effort to restore the habitat for these beautiful birds. Location: Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area

August 25 - August 26

[Porcupine Mountains - Music Festival](#) Performers bring to the Porkies' stage a diverse selection of musical styles: blues, country, bluegrass, rock, folk and more. Location: Porkies Winter Sports Complex

August 26 - August 27

[Hartwick Pines State Park - Black Iron Days](#) Join blacksmiths and other artisans as they demonstrate how they make their crafts. Observe the steam-powered sawmill in operation. Location: Hartwick Pines State Park

August 26

[Outdoor Adventure Center - Little Cub and Explorers Club: Macros in the Marsh](#) Meet us at the wetland at Milliken State Park (across the street from the OAC) to explore the tiny creatures we call "macros" and find out what can they tell us about the health of our wetland. Location: Outdoor Adventure Center

August 26

[Cambridge Junction Historic State Park - Walker Wheels Vintage Base Ball Invitational](#) Cheer on the home team in a full day of America's pastime played by 1860s rules. Location: Cambridge Junction Historic State Park

August 27 - August 29

[Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park - Intermediate Backpacking in the Porkies](#) This class is full. Location: Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park Visitor Center

August 30 - September 01

[Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park - Beginner Backpacking in the Porkies](#) This class is full. Location: Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State

Park Visitor Center

August 31

[Outdoor Adventure Center - Thrilling Thursday: Outdoor Cooking](#) All set to go camping but not quite sure what to serve? Learn some tips and ideas, then join us for an outdoor treat! Location: Outdoor Adventure Center

September 01

[Sleeper State Park - Pheasant Friday](#) Join representatives from Pheasants Forever and learn about firearm safety and this organization's effort to restore the habitat for these beautiful birds. Location: Sleeper State Park

September 06

[Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery Visitor Center - Sept. 6, Volunteer Stewardship Workday](#) Help with invasive species removal, trail & visitor center maintenance, seed collections, and much more! Location: Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Visitor Center

September 08

[Muskegon State Park - Sept. 8, Stewardship Volunteer Workday](#) Join in to help protect the dunes by preventing the spread of spotted knapweed. Location: Muskegon State Park - Channel Campground

September 09 - September 10

[Outdoor Adventure Center - Harvest Family Campout](#) Join us for a Harvest Night at the Outdoor Adventure Center! Learn how to pitch a tent and roast marshmallows. Fun for the entire family! Location: Outdoor Adventure Center

September 09 - September 10

[Harrisville State Park - Annual Hunter Education Weekend](#) Learn trapping, archery, tree-stand safety, field safety and more. Location: Harrisville State Park Recreation Area

September 09

[Cambridge Junction Historic State Park - Evening Prairie Stroll](#) Candles and music at the Tavern. Location: Cambridge Junction Historic State Park

September 15 - September 16

[Fayette Historic State Park - Sept. 15-16, A Paranormal Event](#) Come join us for two full nights of unearthly surprises! Location: Fayette Historic State Park

September 15 - September 16

[Mears State Park - Sept. 15-16, Luminous Trail](#) For two nights only the Old Baldy Trail will be lit up for a wondrous night hike experience. Location: Mears State Park

September 15 - September 17

[Van Riper State Park - Sept. 15-17, Harvest Fest Weekend](#) Join us to celebrate harvests and haunts! Location: Van Riper State Park

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