

ELDEAN News

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INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE

Happy Holidays!

The entire crew at Eldean Shipyard wishes you a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! Thank you for choosing Eldean Shipyard! If you live in the area, be sure to stop in the Piper or drive by at night to see our display of Holiday Lights.



Anchor, Flagpole and Gas Dock (2007-8)

It was a Fantastic Fall Season...

In a dramatic contrast to last fall's huge storms, this fall, particularly September, brought many beautiful summer boating days.

2007 Summer Party & Flower Pics...

During these cold winter months, it may warm you up a little to relive this past summer. [Check out the photo tour at eldean.com](http://eldean.com) to see our 2007 Party Photos and a great new Flower Tour.

Norma, Barb, Tom, and Herb (yep, even Herb) are responsible for creating and maintaining these lovely gardens, and they've done a fantastic job! Photographer, Jim Canel (C-16), snapped hundreds of photos this summer of these gardens. Our favorite images are located on [The Photo Tour](#). Thanks Jim for sharing these images with everyone!

Service and Work Orders...

Have you ever stepped aboard your boat at the beginning of the summer and said, "Oh, I was going to fix that over the winter?" I have, and it was usually simple things that would have made for a smooth start to summer boating. We recommend you stop in and visit your boat this winter and take a walk-through and walk-around your boat. Take some notes and get started on the projects.

Matt and Dick are both available for a walk-through to help pinpoint any maintenance areas. Brandon can give advice and help order parts for any do-it-yourself projects. If you'd like our techs to perform the work, talk to Matt soon, to insure the work order will be completed by your launch date.

Bring Your Shoehorn...

If you do stop in for a visit, you may want to bring a Shoehorn and a little Vaseline, T9, or some sort of Lubricant to help squeeze through. The winter storage buildings are full as Herb and Dick really packed the boats in this year! If you're hoping to wax the hull before launch, don't worry, things will spread out a bit in the spring and we can always move you to a more spacious location.

Schedule early for Mast Rigging...

In May, sailboat masts don't go up on short notice. There is usually a line-up of sailors that want their boat ready by Memorial Day Weekend. Unfortunately, Dennis and James can only rig a few masts per day, so it takes some planning to attempt to satisfy all requests during this busy month. In an effort to have 100% of sailboats rigged by your deadlines, we just ask that you schedule your launch and rigging early, as we may not be able to fulfill last minute requests.

Boating Made Easy...

Innovations in engine drives have made driving effortless in many new power boats over 35 feet. New "Pod" Drives and complex computer programming have removed almost all anxiety and intimidation from the family Captain. The computer does all the work for you, adapting to current and wind conditions. All the driver needs to do is point or twist the joystick in the right direction. Pushing the joystick sideways will actually move the boat sideways. Twisting it will spin the boat circular. It's amazing! It is so easy that there is no need to interrupt your conversation, set down your drink, raise your voice, or call ahead for help getting the lines. This new technology is so user friendly, it will transform the way powerboats are captained and who is captaining them.

I personally test drove a new Tiara with IPS pod-style drives and was completely amazed with the simplicity and intuitive performance. For kids, driving with this type of intuitive video game control will probably be second nature and they'll easily be able to dock the boat.

This type of drive system has many other performance improvements. Volvo reports that fuel economy increases up to 50%, acceleration up to 100%, overall speed up to 20%, and noise and smelly exhaust fumes are reduced. If that doesn't sound good enough, the drives take up less space allowing for more room in the cabin.

No More Sea-Sickness...

I was sea-sick 2 or 3 times last summer, including once when I lost my lunch. Each time, I ended up calling it quits on my fishing trip. Yes medications are available to treat sea-sickness, but why not just make a boat that doesn't rock-and-roll? Well, another innovation is taking the *rock'n and roll'n* out of boating. A beach ball sized Gyroscope can be added along the centerline of a boat (like in a cockpit fish box) to minimize the force of waves. The Gyro's spinning flywheel will counter act the forces of nature and allow you to sit at idle or cruise along in 6 foot beam seas without rolling side to side or front to back. Though this is a relatively new and costly innovation, it shows that there is progress in making boating more family friendly.

A New Edition to the Eldean Family...

Kori (Eldean) Rentz and Doug Rentz are the proud new parents of Alexander Quinn. His grandparents (Herb & Pat) are so excited! Pat has already made 2 visits to their New York City home to spend some quality time with the little guy. Alexander will be boating on Cape Cod this summer (and hopefully a stop in Macatawa).



Alexander Quinn Rentz – Born Nov. 26, 2007

In Water Small Craft Storage?

Let us know if you are interested in a floating dock area for your Sea-Doo's, dinghies, kayaks, or small sailboats. If enough people are interested, we will look into the products that are available.

Don't be a Dinghy...

If you have a dinghy in the building, please make sure it is adequately marked with your name. Unmarked dinghies will be disposed of.

Clean and Green...

Lake Michigan and all Fresh Water lakes are no discharge zones. It is illegal to discharge raw and/or treated sewage from your boat. Most boat owners are in compliance with this law. However, there are still a few boats that are not in compliance. Either the boat is older and has yet to be converted to prevent overboard discharge, or the boat has a Y-Valve that must be switched to the no discharge position. **Violating boat owners risk heavy fines.** To resolve the problem and preserve the continued health of our lakes, our crew can easily check your boat for compliance, and, if necessary, make the appropriate alterations.

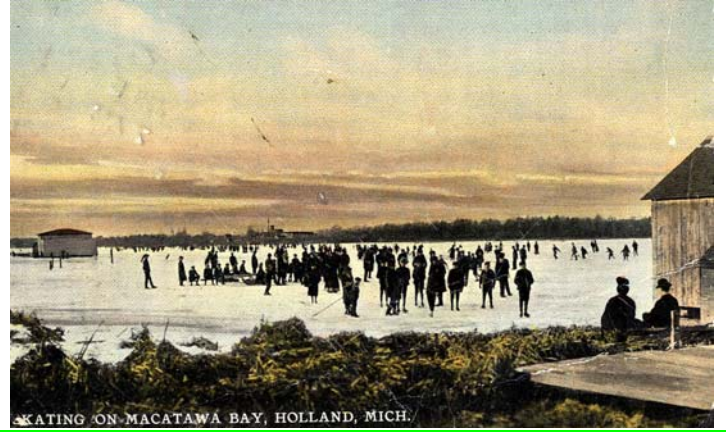
The Boathouse at Sea...

A few interesting photos of the Boathouse surfaced. Lee Garvelink (C-15) found these pictures in his collection showing the Boathouse being moved to its current location from a barge on Lake Macatawa. Anyone know when?



Macatawa of Yesteryear...

There are many great post cards depicting Macatawa in the early 1900's. The image below shows that ice skating was a very popular winter activity on Lake Macatawa.



Thanks for the Tip...

Our shipstore crew really appreciate your generous tips this year, both during and at the end of the season! The extra cash helps them out with their school expenses.

Fast Facts...

In Michigan, there are 11,037 lakes & 36,350 miles of rivers and streams!

Aerial Photo Available...

The aerial photo of the harbor and channel is available. The price of a 10" x 14" print is \$24.95 and a 16" x 24" print is \$59.95. A framed and matted version is also available. Check in the shipstore for details.



Winter Time at The Piper



Even though the boats are not in the water, the view from the Piper is sensational year round. The Piper is open all winter for dinner, Tuesday through Saturday, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

All menus (dinner, banquet, beverages and dinner specials) can be viewed on our web site at PiperRestaurant.com.

Also on our website are recipes from Chef Keaton and bios of the kitchen staff. The latest video is of Chef Keaton cooking Brussels sprouts in a healthy, delicious way.

New Year's Resolutions...

How many times have you said to some very special people, "Let's get together in the new year?" Pick up the phone now and make plans to meet at the Piper.

Gone is the hustle and bustle of the summer. What remains is a warm, hospitable ambiance that promotes great conversation.

The Piper staff hopes to see you soon.

Piper Holiday Dollars...

For those who received our Holiday Dollars while dining in the restaurant in December, remember that they are worth double their value in January.

Upcoming Events...

January is a great time to look ahead and make plans for upcoming special occasions. Let the Piper be your party headquarters.



Do you have any of these occasions in the New Year?

- ◆ Rehearsal Dinners
- ◆ Wedding Receptions
- ◆ Silver and Golden Anniversary
- ◆ Significant Birthday Milestones
- ◆ Graduations
- ◆ Retirements

Julie, Piper's event coordinator, can make any party stress free. Call Julie at 616-335-5866 or e-mail her at Julie@PiperRestaurant.com.

Piper Post...

If you haven't already signed up for the Piper Post, go to our home page on our web site (PiperRestaurant.com) to sign up for the latest updates on our menus, specials, promotions and Piper perks.

