



ELDEAN News

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INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE

Just a Few Updates



Ethanol Avoided!

It is our pleasure to inform you that Gas at the Eldean Fuel Dock will once again be **Ethanol-Free** this summer. We will be offering a 91 Octane Marathon Gasoline with ValvTECT Additive. Be careful when filling up at other stations. Most marinas will only be offering 89 octane gas *WITH* Ethanol. Problems with ethanol fuel include having a short shelf life (it may not be good after sitting in your tank for 6 months), absorbing moisture, and causing problems for fuel filters and gas tanks (it eats away some fiberglass and metal tanks). This

higher octane fuel will also improve engine efficiencies and burn cleaner. It is projected that the higher octane, ethanol-free fuel will cost 5 to 10 cents more per gallon. However, by avoiding ethanol associated problems and costs and by increasing engine efficiency, it is likely that you will be saving on maintenance associated costs and be a much happier boater! Regardless, fuel costs are projected to be much lower in 2009 than in 2008 when summer prices peaked around \$5/gal. For more information on Ethanol, please check:

<http://www.eldean.com/news/Alerts/Ethanol.pdf>

Dick is Recovering Very Well!

Dick Israels sends his thanks and Appreciation for all the nice notes, thoughts, and prayers that he has received over the past several weeks. In January, Dick had a Quadruple Bypass surgery. The surgery was successful and Dick is in the midst of recovery and rehabilitation. As you may know, it's a long recovery process. We hope to see Dick back at the Shipyard for Launch. If you would like to contact Dick, his home phone is 616-335-8814 and his mailing address is: Dick Israels, 4513 62nd Street, Holland, MI 49423.



Congratulations Jami and Matt Eldean!

Jami and Matt wed this February in the tropical paradise of the Bahamas. Customers were always #1 to Matt. I guess customers will now take a close second.

Last Minute Work Orders, just Call our Newlywed...

Is there work that you still need completed before we launch your boat? Did something break last summer? A canvas that ripped or gel coat that cracked or chipped? Contact Matt for repairs and maintenance.

We'll Launch at Your Request...

Just give us a call when you are ready for your boat to be launched and we'll do our best to get in the water the day that you want it. For those needing the mast rigged, make sure to allow us time to put up the spar.

Easter at the Piper - Sunday, April 12, 2008, 11:00 to 3:00

Piper will be offering a special Easter menu with Brunch Dishes as well as Main Plates.

The menu can be found at www.PiperRestaurant.com after March 1.

Be the first to enjoy a beer or wine with your Easter dinner (The new law is now in effect)

Fun Fact: Herb Eldean will be sharing his birthday with the Easter bunny this year.



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