

# ELDEANews

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## ***Welcome all new slip holders!***

Ahoy! You will see quite a few new dock neighbors this summer. Please give our new guests a warm welcome!

## ***New Head Keys and Pool Cards...***

New head keys and pool cards are now available in the Shipstore. Please return your old keys for a complete refund of your key deposit--\$10/key. A traditional key will continue to operate bathrooms, dock-carts, and the laundry facilities. However, the pool gate will now operate on an electronic "proximity" lock. This is a credit card, shaped "key" that can be kept in your wallet or on a keychain. The card does not need to be swiped through a card-reader, it only needs to be in close "proximity" to or nearby the gate. The new deposit amounts are:

Head Key - \$20/key  
Pool Card - \$20/card

We expect that this change will bring an increased level of security at the marina and further discourage unauthorized use of the pool and hot tubs. We thank you in advance for your patience in making this change.

## ***Members Info...***

Are you having trouble remembering the names of your neighbors and boaters that you meet? Our "Members Page" lists names, slip numbers, and boat names of our summer slip holders. It is password protected for your privacy, and only slip holders are provided the log-on information. Click on "Members Page" at [www.eldean.com](http://www.eldean.com), and when prompted, enter the user name and the password. You can obtain the password at the shipstore or by emailing us. Just email me ([wade@eldean.com](mailto:wade@eldean.com)) if you would like to make changes to your "Member" information.

## ***Wind, Waves, and Bouncing Boats...***

Make sure your boat is tied up to prevent any damage from spring storms. If you are a new slip-holder ask your dock neighbors for suggestions and [click here for more information](#).

## ***Weddings Abound!***

Congratulate Bill Leep and Denis Tabachuk on their respective nuptials. Bill and Denis are techs in our service department. *Congratulations Denis & Patti and Bill & Michelle!*

Its official, Roger & Carol Eldean are newlyweds. *Congratulations Rog & Carol!*

It must run in the family. Matt Eldean is engaged to be married next February. *Congratulations Matt & Jami!*

## ***The Fish are Back!***

For the third year in a row, we are hosting the DNR fish stocking program. **The estimated 43,000 Chinook Salmon are at the foot of A Dock in a net-pen.** These Salmon were pumped into this temporary home by the DNR on April 18<sup>th</sup> and will be staying with us up to 4 weeks. The fish were about 3 inches on arrival, and they will be 5 or 6 inches long when they are released. The longer they are able to stay with us, the more likely the fish will imprint to Lake Macatawa and return to spawn in 4 years. There are 3 daily feedings (7AM, Noon, and 7PM) where you can view the fish eating. To get a closer look at the fish, view the aquarium that is located in the PIPER. But hurry, they won't be here much longer!



The fish-stocking program helps control invasive aquatic species in the area's waterways and also makes the recreational fishing experience a ton of fun every summer. Check out the [Salmon fishing report](#) at Eldean.com for a few helpful tips to catch more fish.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Paddle Fest



The celebration's events will include watching great paddling films and paddling in local waters. Any funds raised during the celebration will support the Macatawa Greenway Partnership in its efforts to protect and connect lands along the Macatawa River and its tributaries. For more information, [click here](#) or call Derk at Macatawa Greenway (616-396-2353) or Skip at Kayak-Kayak (616-366-1146).



## Holland Yacht Sales

Spring is here and boating season is around the corner. On the brokerage side of things the activity has been very good and several of our nice fresh water boats are under contract or have been sold. Buyers have traveled some considerable distances for our boats. The most distant buyer came from Bermuda to buy one of our fine used Island Packets.

Our Island Packet 440 has been sold to a local couple, who will be cruising out of Holland for a short time then off to more distant horizons.

Island Packet is talking about introducing a smaller boat, hopefully sometime this summer.

If you are looking for that special boat or are in need of assistance brokering your present boat please give me a call (616-335-3144) or stop by my office in the Ship's Store.

Henry DeJong,

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Web site: [www.yachtworld.com/hollandyachtsales](http://www.yachtworld.com/hollandyachtsales)

## Fractional Boat Ownership...

New to the Marina this year is **WindPath Fractional Sailing**. Previously the only alternative to boat ownership was chartering. Fractional Sailing gives a boater the ability to sail throughout the summer at only a fraction of regular costs. WindPath removes the hassles, worries and expenses associated with yacht ownership so boaters "Always Leave the Dock Happy". They will have a Catalina 350 available this summer. The Catalina will also be available for daily or weekend charters. For more information visit [www.friendshipsailinggroup.com/](http://www.friendshipsailinggroup.com/)

## Friendship Sailing Academy Lessons...

Sailing lessons of all levels will be offered throughout the summer on a Catalina 350 by a certified American Sailing Association instructor. The lessons are predominantly on the water instruction where you can learn new skills and put your own skills to the test. For more information visit [www.friendshipsailinggroup.com/](http://www.friendshipsailinggroup.com/)

## Shipyard Ambassadors Wanted!

A Shipyard Ambassador is a slip holder who enjoys talking to people and giving a helping hand. The idea for our ambassadors came from just this type of friendly person. He noted that, on occasion, new slip holders and transient boaters have questions that are often best answered by their boating neighbors.

*What a great idea!*

Ambassador programs are common at ski resorts out west. If you are willing to be a Shipyard Ambassador, please, email me ([wade@eldean.com](mailto:wade@eldean.com)), call, or stop in to talk.

## Clean (& Green) Marina Corner...

We are **now recycling** a majority of your trash but **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Chef Container will save your recyclables from going to the garbage dump if you follow a very simple process: First, use one of the recycling bags that Chef provides. Next, put all of your recyclable garbage together in the bag (plastic, metal, cardboard, paper, junk mail, newspaper, glass, etc.). Then, throw your special recycling bag in the dumpster with the rest of the regular trash. Chef Container will sort the special bags from the rest of the trash after they haul it away. The complimentary bags and a list of acceptable recycling materials are located at our dumpsters. Please, do not use these special bags for regular, non-separated, garbage.

### ***A New Shipstore Manager...***

After several years here, Brandon decided it was time for a change and has moved on to selling boats. Fortunately, we feel very lucky to have found an excellent replacement. Angela Dalman, our new Ship Store and parts manager, comes to us from Tower Marine. She is experienced in sailboat rigging, fiberglass, and other boat repair work and is an experienced sailor and cruiser. Interestingly, Angela has lived on her 34' Hunter year-round, in Michigan, for the past 5 years. Angela will be able to help answer most questions you will have regarding your boat and any cruising plans that you have. Stop in and introduce yourself to the new crew and Ship Store Manager.

### ***Summer Crew...***

Besides Angela, there are few other new faces in the Shipstore this summer. You'll still recognize Justin, Ryan and Tyson, but new this year are Michelle, Morgan, Rachelle, and Will. Between the veterans and the new crew, we are very excited about our summer staff and are looking forward to a great summer season. All of our summer crew have boating experience and are happy to assist you. Just ask...

### ***Parts, Clothing, & Safety Equipment...***

The Ship's Store has a wide variety of parts on hand, and a vast network of distributors so we can order most anything you may need. Be sure to stop in and talk to Angela before you head out to West Marine. While in the store, check out the 2008 t-shirt and clothing collection, featuring an attractive selection of Gill apparel and Sebago footwear.

The Shipstore also supplies all of the essential safety equipment for your boat. Do you have the required amount of fire extinguishers, flares and life jackets? The U.S. Coast Guard requires all recreational vessels to carry one life vest per person aboard and vessels over 16 feet must also have one throwable PFD. The Ship Store stocks the safety equipment your boat requires, including Extra Sport life jackets in a variety of sizes and colors.

All Extra Sport Life Jackets are U.S. Coast Guard approved and have reflective tape and patches to aid in recovery if a person goes overboard. The jackets also feature zipped pockets, extra large armholes

for freedom of movement and neoprene shoulder straps to prevent skin irritation. Come in to the Shipstore for a new life jacket or any other safety equipment that your vessel requires.

### ***Boat Inspections June 21...***

To make sure you have all the proper safety equipment, sign up on the shipstore bulletin board for a free Coast Guard inspection. By having an inspection now, you may avoid the hassle of being boarded and inspected at a less convenient time.

### ***Info and News is available on-line...***

Go to [www.eldean.com/news](http://www.eldean.com/news) and learn more about the many noteworthy happenings at the Shipyard. Click on the "[More Fun Stuff](#)" heading (left side) for info on marina services and nearby attractions.

### **REMEMBER....**

**Notes:** *Please remember item #11 of your berth rental agreement states that you must notify the marina if your slip will be vacant for more than 24 hours during the summer season.*

### **Dock Carts are a Nice Convenience...**

Please return dock carts to their proper positions at the base of each dock and **LOCK THEM UP.**

### **Doggie *Doo-Doo* Bags Available...**

Grab a bag in the receptacle by the dumpster so you can pick up after your canines

### **Clean Off Grills...**

Please clean the grill **AFTER** you use it. If a piece of steel wool, or a wire brush doesn't do it, just leave all three burners on high for 5 to 10 minutes while you enjoy your meal.

### **Parking Permits are Available...**

Please obtain a parking sticker from the Ship's store for your vehicles. We do not want to make any mistakes when we start towing unauthorized vehicles.

**For boats on Z-Dock and A-Dock:** Please have your guests and racing crew park in the gravel lot across the street. This will free up some prime waterside parking for boat owners.

### ***Do you need internet Access?***

This year, Air2Access chose to no longer provide Wi-Fi service at Eldean Shipyard. Unfortunately, this was not known until a few weeks ago, giving us little time for a substitute service to be installed.

Fortunately, for 2008, **Sprint and Ottawa County have partnered** to provide high speed wireless internet access county-wide. The service is currently offered at a discount to Ottawa County Residents and those located at Eldean Shipyard for the summer months. Boaters will be able to enjoy internet service at the dock as well as several miles off-shore and up and down the coast. Besides being available in Ottawa County, subscribers will be able to use the service nationwide where Sprint has service – *at no additional cost*.

**Current Sprint Rates:** A yearly contract for unlimited service is \$59.99/month or there is a casual user (40 mb) service contract is \$39.99/month. A month-to-month unlimited service is available for \$79.99/month.

This is a secure network so a sprint card is required for access. The cards are available for \$79.99 (normally \$150 for non-residents).

Contact: Dudley at the Holland Sprint Store (off US 31): 616-738-4727. Other salespeople can help, but Dudley can more effectively help with specific questions about being at Eldean Shipyard and if your home address is outside of Ottawa County.

### **Free Internet Access?**

To alleviate some of the problems caused by the change of Wi-Fi service, we are planning to set up a complimentary (FREE) hotspot location at the Pool Clubhouse. It is anticipated that the Wi-Fi area will extend to the playground picnic tables and also the pool deck.

### ***The Waterfront Film Festival***

Waterfront is held in Saugatuck, June 12 – 15. Don't miss this fantastic four-day event, which will screen more than 30 feature films and 40 shorts over the course of the weekend! The festival kicks off on Thursday, June 12 with a beer garden, live concert and a free outdoor movie screening at dusk. ([www.waterfrontfilm.org](http://www.waterfrontfilm.org))

### ***Check the Charts...***



If you are unfamiliar with Lake Macatawa, please check the charts and find out from fellow boaters where the navigatable water is located. The Pelicans, in the photo above, have found a nice resting place at Chippewa Point (located on the N. side when approaching Yacht Basin Marina). Check [www.lre.usace.army.mil/](http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/) for info on Lake Michigan water levels (Under shortcuts on the right side, click on Water Level Forecasts).

### ***Would you like Kayak Storage?***

If there is enough demand, a small kayak livery may soon be located at the beach next to the Piper. If you are interested in a convenient and lockable location to store your kayak, please email me ([wade@eldean.com](mailto:wade@eldean.com)).

### ***The Launch Cam...***

When its time for your boat to be launched, tune into our [Launch Cam](#) and watch your boat as it starts to float. Check back this fall to see your boat lifted and set on its cradle. If you are sitting indoors at your office, seeing your boat go in will certainly get you in the mood for boating!

### ***No-Smoking Areas...***

Ottawa County has imposed new regulations specifying “Smoke Free” areas for customers and employees at county businesses. At the marina, smoking is not allowed in buildings, near any building entrance or operable window, on the Fuel Dock, and at the pool. [Click here for more information and a diagram of “Smoke Free” zones.](#)

# Memorial Day Dock Party Kicks off our New Season!

## ***Prepare Now for Feasting and Friendship***

Mark Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> as the date of the first of two summer holiday parties. Our traditional Labor Day Weekend Pork Fest will be held on Sunday, August 31st.

You regulars already know the drill, but for the benefit of all you newcomers, here's how it works:

### ***Everyone is invited...***

You, your crew, and friends of all ages are invited to attend and participate. We need your reservations a week ahead of time in order to get an accurate count for the food that we furnish. **Deadline for this is Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, and you may do this by phone at 616-335-5843, fax to 616-335-5848 or email to [jill@eldean.com](mailto:jill@eldean.com). We have a modest per-person charge of \$5.00 to cover the main course, beer and other beverages. Sorry, this requires cash or check, as our accounting system has no provision for *partying*. All reservations must be paid in the store by the day before the party.

### ***Bring a dish to share...***

Half the fun is enjoying a variety of tasty dishes. Roger will be popping his outstanding popcorn and our volunteer chefs will be grilling chicken and brats. Wade and Pat will be grilling fresh salmon for fish tacos. When you make your reservation, if necessary, we will suggest which categories still need filling: Appetizers, Salads or Desserts. Show off your specialty.

### ***We are weatherproof...***

Our parties run rain or shine as the tables and food are set up in boat barn #3, across the street, attached to the post office. You may personalize and outfit your table with a tablecloth, centerpiece, or even fine china—whatever makes you happy. The action starts with appetizers at 5:30 or whenever you are aware of the smoking grills!

***See You There!***

## **Save these Dates...**

**A Marina Party at the Piper** will on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. You and your guests are invited. It's a chance to mingle and meet other boaters while enjoying a few appetizers and drinks (cash bar). There is a \$5 per person charge. Please sign up in the Shipstore.

**Our summer dock-parties** will be held on the following dates at the base of each dock or nearest picnic area. More information will be coming in June ([or click here for more information](#))

A-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, June 28  
B-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 12  
C-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 19  
D-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 26  
E-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 2  
Z-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 9

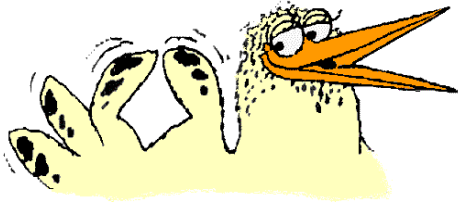


Kris & Wade Eldean, B-Dock Party '07

**Crew picnics this summer**, will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays during June, July and August. Promptly at noon, our grill masters will serve you and our crew lunch, lakeside at the playground. We can accommodate 5-10 guests, so please sign up in advance if you would like to join us. If you are a new slip customer, this is an excellent way for you to get familiar with our entire staff.

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# News from the **PIPER** and Pat Eldean



## ***Cheer Without Beers***

**(Please don't "wine" over our Sunday liquor laws)**

What we are dealing with here in Park Township on Sunday is the convergence of two different laws dealing with alcohol consumption. The result is a masterpiece of perplexity that no one can explain. Beer and wine have been banned ever since the glacier pulled back and left us without ice in the summer. More recently, the sale of liquor was approved. However, the narrow definition of the "L-word" leaves us with the quandary of only being able to serve you the hard stuff on Sunday.

There is, however, a plan for change. This summer, Pat will have petitions available seeking to repeal the ban on beer and wine sales in Ottawa County. Over 38,000 signatures are needed to place this issue on the November ballot. If you live in Ottawa County and would like to see this on the fall ballot, please sign one of the petitions in the Piper. If you are really enthusiastic about the potential of wine with your Sunday supper, Pat can give you petitions so that you can secure additional signatures of Ottawa County residents.

## ***Mother's Day***

Continue the tradition of entertaining Mom at the Piper. Hours for reservations are from 11:00 to 3:00. There are several delicious brunch choices this year as well as traditional main course items. Please see our special **MOTHER'S DAY** menu on the following page.

## ***New Menu!***

Chef Keaton continues to entice our guests with another new menu. Yes, Almond-Fried Walleye and Crusty Mustard Chicken continue to be favorites. The Café Plates, which are smaller portions of very flavorful stylish dishes, were extremely popular last season. These items are front and center on our menu. View the entire menu on the [web site PiperRestaurant.com](http://PiperRestaurant.com).



**Enjoy a bottle of wine  
with your take-out pizza.**

*Now offering a bottle of*

**Opera Prima  
Cabernet Sauvignon**

*for the amazing take-out price of*

**\$5.99**

## **Dining Hours**

The Piper continues to be open year round. In May, except for Mother's Day, the Piper is open Tuesday thru Saturday for dinner only. Starting memorial Day Weekend, Piper will be open seven nights for dinner starting at 5:00. Yes, Piper does accept reservations, but call a few days ahead for prime Saturday evening spots. For those spontaneous people, Piper does call-ahead seating. Please call us 30 minutes before you plan on arriving, and we will put your name on the waiting list. Calling ahead gets you a jump-start on the waiting list.

# Mother's Day Menu

Sunday, May 11, 2008

11:00 - 3:00

## Soup

Creamy Mushroom and Asparagus  
Roasted Vegetable with Orzo Pasta

## Salad

Lettuce Hearts with Grape Tomato, Bell Pepper and Onion  
with Balsamic Vinagreta  
Butter Bibb with Apple, Walnuts, Blue Cheese  
and Warm Bacon Dressing

## Brunch Plates

*Served with Choice of Soup or Salad*

Roasted Onion Tart with Scrambled Eggs, Sautéed Spinach  
and Crisp Cider Bacon 12.50

Sweet Pepper-Asparagus Frittata with Grilled Pork Sausage  
and Sautéed Gold Potatoes 12.50

Smoked Salmon Hash with Poached Eggs  
on Toasted Rosemary Bread with Hollandaise 14.50

## Main Plates

*Served with Choice of Soup or Salad*

Carved Berkshire Ham with Potato Gratin, String Beans,  
Honey-Baked Pineapple and Tart Cherry-Sherry Glaze 17.50

Oven-Roasted Beef Filet with Roasted Red Potatoes, Caramelized Leeks,  
Oven-Dried Tomato and Smoky Pan Sauce 24.50

Grilled Lamb Chops with Whipped Potatoes, English Peas,  
Pearl Onion and Mint with Red Wine Glaze 21.50

Free-Range Chicken Breast Roasted with Root Vegetables,  
Spanish Ham and Spinach with White Bean Ragout 16.50

Pan-Fried Whitefish with Gulf Shrimp on Roasted Pepper Rice  
with Asparagus and Lemon-Scented Brown Butter 17.50

## Kid's Plates

Baked Ham with Whipped Potatoes and Green Beans 7.50

Fried Chicken Breast with Whipped Potatoes and Green Beans 6.50

Fettuccini with Cream Sauce, Parmesan and a Side of Green Beans 5.50

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