

# 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!

Stop by the Shipstore for your bathroom key and pool key card. Also, please register your car(s) and obtain a parking sticker for your windshield.

**For more marina information regarding news, amenities, events, suggestions, and policies:** Go to [www.eldean.com/news](http://www.eldean.com/news) and also Click on the "[More Fun Stuff](#)" heading (left side) for additional info on marina services and nearby attractions.

## ***A Skipper is Born!***

Matt and Jami Eldean are celebrating parenthood with the birth of Kellan Roger Eldean on April 7, 2010.



*Ahoy Skipper Kellan*

## ***Boat Inspections June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9AM to Noon...***

To make sure you have all the proper safety equipment, sign up on the shipstore counter 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.

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

You will probably notice many new faces in the Shipstore this summer. Besides Ryan, Angela has a whole new crew of summer help, including Hailey, Jake, Sean, Megan, & Josh. Of course, Angela will have them well trained and ready to help you in the store or on the fuel dock. We are excited about our new summer staff and are looking forward to a great summer season. All of our crew are happy to assist you. Just ask...

## ***New Flowers and a discount for you!***

This year, we ordered many of our flowers from a new greenhouse, including our famous, enormous, flowering hanging baskets. Joe & Wanda at [JW Greenhouses](#) were quite familiar with our extensive and well maintained gardens and were happy to provide their services. **JW Greenhouses would also like to extend a 10% discount to our Shipyard Customers.** You can find JW at the Holland Farmer's Market and their greenhouse is located north of Holland at 6731 120<sup>th</sup> Ave and the phone # is 616-875-7966. Just print out this page and present it to Joe or Wanda to receive your discount. Happy Gardening!

## ***Spread the Thrill & Enjoyment of Sailing!***

"Summer Sailstice" is a concept that matches sailors with interested crew. Summer Sailstice is held annually on the Saturday (June 19<sup>th</sup>) closest to the summer solstice, the longest sailing days of the year. There is no cost to participate and the website makes it easy to get matched with some people that would love to go sailing. Please visit this website for more information [www.summersailstice.com](http://www.summersailstice.com).

## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Happiest Place to Live is Right HERE!***

The Holland/Grand Haven area received some great press this past February. Based on interviews of over 353,000 Americans in 2009, the Holland area was 2<sup>nd</sup> to only Boulder, Colorado on the "Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index". The study asks questions regarding employment, finances, community, and both physical and emotional health. Coming in a close third was Honolulu, Hawaii.

### ***The Threat of Asian Carp...***

Also known as Bighead & Silver Carp, the Asian Carp is an invasive species that threatens the Great Lakes ecology, fisheries, and boating as we know it. The carp are currently on the doorstep of Lake Michigan coming from the Mississippi River. Although they are presently being deterred by electric fences and poison, the government is considering closing the Chicago locks to further prevent their access to Lake Michigan. For more information, the US Coast Guard has a website set up: [www.uscg.fishbarrierinfo.com](http://www.uscg.fishbarrierinfo.com).

### ***Lake levels falling...***

Because of the dry winter, Lake Michigan is projected to be five inches lower this year. [Click here for more info.](#)

### ***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!

### ***Batteries issues—A common problem...***

Most likely a result of skimping on routine maintenance in an effort to save money, Boat US Towing Services saw an 8% increase for non-emergency assistance calls in 2009. Over 65,000 calls were made and Battery issues climbed from the 4<sup>th</sup> most common complaint in 2008 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2009. The Top Five reasons were:

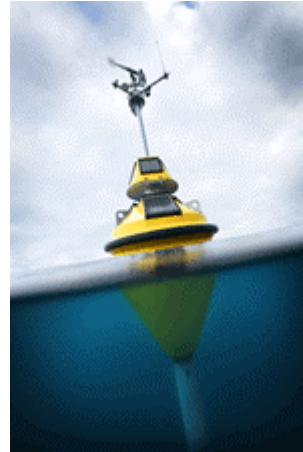
- #1 – General engine failures
- #2 – Battery problems
- #3 – Groundings
- #4 – Out of fuel or fuel related problems
- #5 – Propulsion system failures

This is just a reminder that while routine maintenance items can be easily neglected and the cost of a tow can be upwards of \$500. Let us know if you would like your batteries inspected and serviced this spring so you don't get stranded on the water. (Boat US does offer yearly towing program for around \$50 for unlimited tows - [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com)).

Also, regarding "general engine failures," it's a good idea to inspect the raw water cooling system to insure that your engine runs/cool properly. Unfortunately, impellers will break down over time. And, unless the impellers are inspected, it is usually after the engine alarms sound that you figure out that there is a serious problem.

### ***Tiara/S2 Yachts...***

The recession has hit most industries very hard, and few were hit worse than the boat manufacturing industry. Our favorite local builder, S2 Yachts, has been creating novel ways to weather this storm and expand their manufacturing businesses while the demand for new boats has decreased. Many of our boaters enjoy Tiara, Pursuit, or S2, and many of you have heard that S2 Yachts is advancing quickly into Wind Turbine



production under the name Energetx. However, a lesser known product that S2 has been making is the Marine Research Buoy called the TIDAS. The TIDAS 900 Buoy is a marine research station developed for coastal freshwater and saltwater data monitoring. A new environmental monitoring buoy for the Upper Great Lakes Observing System will

help researchers at U-M track pollution in Lake Michigan's bays.

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

Wi-Fi service is currently available for the 2010 season. Connect to the "Eldean Public" Antenna from anywhere in the Marina. This year, an additional antenna was added at A-dock to help improve our overall coverage.

#### ***Subscription Rates:***

Daily: \$6      Weekly: \$20      Summer Season: \$100

Daily & Weekly subscriptions are paid for by credit card on-line when subscribing.

**For a Seasonal Subscription**, please [email](#) or call us to set up your Wi-Fi access and we will bill your account. This will save you \$25 over the on-line price (it is \$125 on-line).

The Wi-Fi service is now operated by [www.Air-Waves.net](http://www.Air-Waves.net). Airwaves has 10 locations in West Michigan and your service will be active at all of these locations. Check their website for locations and information.

For any issues with the Wi-Fi, please contact Air-Waves. If you wish to speak to someone, please call (616) 988-1600 ext.2 (weekdays 8am-5pm). Weekends or after hours, call Chris: (616) 318-3850, or Mike (616) 843-1004. However you may send an email to [marina@specialized-computers.com](mailto:marina@specialized-computers.com) at any time and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

## 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.*

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

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

**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.

Click Here for more [Marina Policy Information](#)

### ***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.

### ***Ethanol-Free Again in 2010!***

**Update:** It is our pleasure to inform you that Gas at the Eldean Fuel Dock will once again be ***Ethanol-Free*** this summer. This season we will dispense 90 Octane (last year was 89), Ethanol-Free Gas with Valvtect Additive.

Be careful when filling up at other stations. Many marinas may be selling 89 octane gas ***WITH*** Ethanol. Fuel pumps will probably not be labeled stating that the gas includes ethanol. You will want to ask at every fuel dock. 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>



## Holland Yacht Sales

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,

E-mail: [hollandys@wmol.com](mailto:hollandys@wmol.com)

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

### ***Pops at the Piper returns for 2010***

It's an unforgettable evening of music, food, and fun with the [Holland Symphony Orchestra](#) and the Holland Jazz Orchestra. Pre- and Post-dinner reservations may be made at the Piper Restaurant. 10% of your dinner bill will be donated to the Symphony. Concert tickets are sold separately. Bring your appetite to enjoy great food and music!

Thursday, June 17, 2009, 7:00pm

Location: Eldean's Boat Shed

Adults - \$15 Seniors - \$12 Students - \$5

**Tickets available at Symphony Office, 616-796-6780**



Featuring Kathy Wagner, vocalist

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

We've been working to reduce our Carbon Footprint. A large scale test of LED lights is currently occurring on C & D docks. These LEDs require only 5% of the electricity of a standard light bulb. Provided we see positive results and the lights survive the harsh marine environment, the remainder of this style dock light will be changed later this summer. The bulbs were purchased from Eco Wind Solar in Holland. This is a local company specializing in LED, Solar, and Wind Solutions. Check out <http://ecowindsolar.com/> and give Rob a call to find a solution for you!

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

Waterfront is held in Saugatuck, June 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> with a beer garden, live concert and a free outdoor movie screening at dusk. [www.waterfrontfilm.org](http://www.waterfrontfilm.org)

## ***Keep in touch on Facebook...***

"Eldean Shipyard" is also on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/eldean). For those of you that are unfamiliar with the social networking site, Facebook is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family. Throughout the year we will be posting photos and updates to our Facebook page.

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

For the fifth year in a row, we are hosting the DNR fish stocking program. **The estimated 45,000 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 21st 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.



Ryan and Wade Eldean with the Catch of the Day

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.

## **The 2010 Party Schedule!**

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

**Big Barn Parties:** This year we will be holding the "Labor Day Luau" on Sunday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Musician Jam Session:** Fred Gore, Slip C-40, long-time musician, artist, & yachtsman is putting together an impromptu Jam Session for any marina boaters with an instrument (and musical skills). We're planning on holding the session at the B & C-Dock Party. Touch base with Fred for some practice sessions and send me an email if you are interested in playing ([wade@eldean.com](mailto:wade@eldean.com)).

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

D & E-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, June 26  
B & C-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 10  
Z & A-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 17



D & E-Dock Party, July 2009

**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 call us 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.

Check our [Calendar of Events](#) for more information.

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

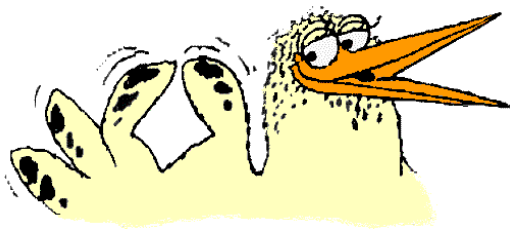
**\*\*\*Charity Nights Generated \$3073 this winter for 3 local charities\*\*\***

Piper has partnered with several charities over the past two years by hosting a benefit night for the charity where 20 % of the gross sales on the night are given to the charity. This winter's line up was:

February - *Outdoor Discovery Center*  
March - *Holland Area Arts Council*  
April - *Evergreen Commons*

The charity nights are a great example of a win-win. The group encourages their staff, boards, and members to dine at the Piper for one evening. It is a great deal of fun because the Piper has a definite "club" feeling—lots of table-hopping and laughter. The executive director has an opportunity to meet and thank people for their support. Board members invite friends and share their passions for their organization. It is simple and easy for the charity, but still provides a great forum to educate the community on their mission.

***Please don't whine about your hectic week on Friday nights. Sip some wine instead!***



## **Our new Spring Menu:**

A new updated menu for the spring has just started. Check out the entire menu at [www.PiperRestaurant.com](http://www.PiperRestaurant.com). Here are few of the new dishes: Fried Oysters, Seared Scallops, Chili Grilled Pork, Kobe Sirloin, and Seared Tuna Club. Not to worry, the Almond Crusted Walleye and Pesto Chicken Pizza remain on the menu.



Stop in at the Piper and try one of our four \$15.00 wines featured only on Fridays. Enjoy the entire bottle while dining at the Piper or have a glass and take the remainder with you (Michigan law allows opened bottles that are properly recorded to be taken home).

It is a great opportunity to try some unusual Spanish, French and South American wines. If you are just seeking the solitude of your boat, these special selections, as well as the entire wine list, are available for take-out at a reduced price.

***Please join us for Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-3:00. Reservations are recommended. The special Mother's Day menu is presented on the following page.***

***Piper Restaurant 2225 South Shore Drive Macatawa, MI 49434  
616-335-5866 Fax: 616-335-6797 [piperrestaurant.com](http://piperrestaurant.com) email: [pat@piperrestaurant.com](mailto:pat@piperrestaurant.com)***



# Happy Mother's Day

*Sunday, May 9, 2010, 11:00-3:00*

**Brunch Plates or Main Plates include Choice of Starter with Bread**



## *Starters*

**Butternut Squash Bisque with Serrano Ham**

**Wild Mushroom Soup with Crusty Bread**

**Baby Spinach with Strawberries, Chèvre  
and Warm Balsamic Dressing**

**Leafy Greens with Crisp Gala Apple, Cheddar,  
Walnuts and Bacon Dressing**

## *Brunch Plates*

**Gulf Shrimp and Cheesy Grits with Sautéed Greens,  
and Oven-Dried Tomato Salsa 15.50**

**Seared Salmon with Potato Pancakes, Asparagus,  
Pancetta, Egg Confetti and Watercress Vinagreta 17.50**

**Poached Eggs on Corn Flour Biscuits with Berkshire Ham,  
Asparagus and Onion Gravy 14.50**

## *Main Plates*

**Carved Berkshire Ham with Potato Gratin, Baby Carrots,  
Green Beans and Mustard Glazed Apples 16.50**

**Grilled Bistro Steak with "Twice Baked" Blue Cheese Potatoes,  
Asparagus and Merlot Mushrooms 17.50**

**Roasted Leg of Lamb with Creamy Polenta, Root Vegetables,  
Baby Spinach and Red Wine Sauce 19.50**

**Pan-Fried Whitefish with Lemon-Herb Crust, Pecan Rice,  
Crunchy Vegetable Salad and Apricot Allioli 16.50**

**Grilled Natural Chicken Breast with Potato Pierogies, Asparagus,  
Baby Carrots, Pearl Onion and Bacon Vinagreta 17.50**

## *Kid's Plates*

**Baked Ham with Whipped Potatoes, Baby Carrots,  
Green Beans and Apple Slices 7.50**

**Grilled Chicken Breast with Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans  
and Orange Segments 6.50**

**Macaroni and Cheese with Kid's Finger Salad  
and Bread Roll 5.50**

## *Desserts*

**Pineapple Tart Tatin with Vanilla Bean Cream 4.50**

**Chocolate Pot de Creme with Fresh Raspberries 4.50**

***Piper Restaurant***

2225 South Shore Dr., Macatawa [PiperRestaurant.com](http://PiperRestaurant.com)

