

ELDEANews

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INTERESTING STUFF COMPILED BY WADE

Please Welcome our new slip holders!

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

-And the word has been getting around-

Lately, we have been reaching more boaters that live outside our typical community – those living within a 3-hour drive. For instance, we have 3 customers that reside in Colorado and summer at Eldean Shipyard. Another interesting phenomenon has been an influx of boaters from Lewis & Clark Lake in Yankton, South Dakota. *That's right, SOUTH DAKOTA!* Unlike the coincidence of having 3 Colorado boaters, the two new families from Yankton have relocated to Macatawa because of great word-of-mouth from a Yankton transplant that moved their boat to Macatawa a few years ago (Thank you John and Elizabeth!).

The slip holder that travels the furthest is also required to clear customs upon their arrival. The statement, "We're going to spend the weekend on the boat," has a little more impact when you are traveling all the way from Alberta, Canada.

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

Summer Crew...

You will probably notice a few new faces in the Shipstore this summer. Hailey, Ryan, and Jake are returning staff, while Tony, Danielle, & Zack will be new. Angela will have them well trained and ready to help you in the store or on the fuel dock. We are excited about our summer staff and are looking forward to a great summer season. All of our crew are happy to assist you. Just ask...

Introducing Shelley Plaggemars...

Shelley began last fall and has been an excellent addition to the Eldean Crew. Shelley's office is upstairs at the Shipstore and will be assisting with running the office, customer billing, customer service, and several other responsibilities.



Introducing Tartan C&C Yacht Sales...

Rick Johnson has moved his Chicago office to Macatawa, located next door to the Post Office. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Rick grew up sailing on his grandfather's Alden Schooner and later, his father's 1969 C&C 35 (Hull #3). Rick has extensively sailed throughout the Great Lakes including numerous trips through the North Channel, a total of 31 Bayview and Chicago Mackinaw races, and even a few deliveries from South America.

Rick began selling sailboats in 1973, founded Active Yacht Brokerage in 1990 and later Tartan C&C Yachts Sales Michigan and Tartan C&C Yacht Sales Chicago. Personal boats (in chronological order) include Custom Frers 38, Custom C&C 44, C&C 41, Allied 42 Yawl, C&C 37, Sabre 402, and a C&C 115 "Night Ops".

Lodging Special for Marina Customers...

We have partnered with [Marriott's Residence Inn in Holland](#) in order to help you with finding reasonable lodging rates for you and your guests. The Residence Inn, off M-40 near I-196, offers suites with full kitchens and separate sleeping and living areas. Eldean Shipyard customers are provided a 15% discount off their regular rates – Flyers are available in the Shipstore and a flyer MUST be presented at Check-in. This is another option whether you are coming to the area to work on your boat in the winter or are looking for accommodations for your summer guests.

Introducing JD Charters...



Fishing Charters aboard 'JD Lady'

Captain Steve Orosz and Crew are offering fishing charters departing out of slip R-8, in front of the Piper. The J D Lady is a 30 foot Sea Ray Weekender with twin 260 HP inboards. She is a wide and stable riding vessel. There is a full galley with a refrigerator and a microwave. The enclosed head is spacious and clean. If you are looking to hook into Salmon, Trout, or Perch, give Steve a call at 616-550-6248 or go to www.jdcharters.net for more information.



It's fun for the whole family!

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!

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 18th) closest to the summer solstice, the longest sailing day 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.

Do you need internet Access?

Wi-Fi service is currently available for the 2011 season. Connect to the "Eldean Public" Antenna from anywhere in the Marina.

Subscription Rates:

Daily: \$6 Weekly: \$20 Summer Season: \$95

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 \$30 over the on-line price (it is \$125 on-line).

The Wi-Fi service is now operated by www.Air-Waves.net. Airwaves has 12 locations off Lake 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 at any time and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

Pops at the Piper returns for 2011

It's an unforgettable evening of music, food, and fun with the [Holland Symphony Orchestra](#) and the Holland Jazz Orchestra. Pre-concert 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 16, 7:00pm
Location: Eldean's Boat Shed
Adults/Seniors - \$15 Students - \$5

Featuring Diane Penning, vocalist



Tickets available at Symphony Office, 616-796-6780

Ethanol-Free Again in 2011!

Update: It is our pleasure to inform you that Gas at the Eldean Fuel Dock will once again be 90 Octane, **Ethanol-Free** 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>

Regarding an increase in the percentage of ethanol in fuel, an article in Great Lakes Boating Magazine this winter stated: "The list of how high-grade ethanol (E15 and above) can harm marine engines is well-known. For marine and other small, gasoline-powered engines that are designed, calibrated, and certified to run on no more than E10, higher concentrations of ethanol in fuel pose serious problems, including (1) performance issues, such as drivability; (2) increased water absorption and phase separation of gasoline and water in the gas tank; (3) fuel tank corrosion, leading to oil/fuel leaks; (4) increased emissions; (5) damage to valves, push rods, rubber fuel lines and gaskets. All of these concerns raise significant issues, particularly for boaters who operate in harsh marine environments, often miles from shore." Please check out www.greatlakesboating.com for the magazine.



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

Web site: www.yachtworld.com/hollandyachtsales

The Loopers hit the Airwaves...

The America's Great Loop Cruisers Association (AGLCA) is excited to announce the launch of a live radio show. Each episode of the weekly show, which will air Fridays at 10 am EST, will focus on an aspect of preparing for, planning or cruising America's Great Loop. The show is part of AGLCA's commitment to providing **Great Loop Information & Inspiration** to everyone who dreams of taking the trip or is already in the thick of it.

Members may access the show via a link on the GreatLoop.org website, as well as the BlogTalkRadio.com website, in the Travel section.

Eldean Shipyard is a proud sponsor of the AGLCA. **As a sponsor we have several complimentary memberships available to our marina slipholders.** If you would like a membership or more information, stop by and see Wade.

This Just In [Stock]

This years clothing selection has arrived in the Shipstore. You'll see that we brought a few favorites back this year along with a variety of new Macatawa Clothing and Gil apparel.



Ladies Zip-up Hoodies



A new perspective on the our Shipstore "Crew" Uniforms



'4 in 1 Performance Polo': moisture wicking, anti-microbial, UV protection & anti-static

The Waterfront Film Festival

Waterfront is held in Saugatuck, June 9th – 12th. 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 9th with a beer garden, live concert and a free outdoor movie screening at dusk.

www.waterfrontfilm.org

The Fish are Back!

For the sixth year in a row, we are hosting the DNR fish stocking program in partnership with the Outdoor Discovery Center of Holland. **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 in April 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.



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 2011 Party Schedule!

Save these Dates...

Big Barn Parties: This year we will be holding the "Labor Day Luau" on Sunday Sept. 4th.

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 combined A & C-Dock Party on July 16th. Touch base with Fred for some practice sessions and send me an email if you are interested in playing (wade@eldean.com).

Our summer dock-parties will be held on the following dates at one of our picnic areas. More information will be emailed and posted in June.

Z & E-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, June 25

A & C-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 16

B & D-Dock 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 23



D & E-Dock Party 2010

Memorial & 4th of July Weekends!

The Eldeans will be firing up the grills again! Stop by the picnic tables at C-Dock for grilled salmon, hot dogs, chili-dogs, & brats on Sunday afternoon, compliments of the Shipyard. **We will be cooking from 12-3.** If we are rained out, we will try again on Monday. This year Tombo will be singing and playing music while we feast. Besides being a talented musician, Tombo is an old friend, former Shipstore Crew, and new slip holder this year.

'Bring your Car to Brunch' – Auto Show

(At the Memorial Day cook out mentioned above)

Bring your favorite car to lunch. Enjoy a complimentary lunch while looking at some very cool cars. We'll have a parking lot reserved for the participants. More details to come & contact wade@eldean.com to participate.

News from the **PIPER** and Pat Eldean

PIPER HAPPY HOUR AND **SUNSET HOUR** TOO!

The **Piper Bar** is a great gathering place to meet your marina friends. Happy hour will be celebrated every day (except Saturday). Happy hour is only offered in the BAR AREA.

When: 5:00 to 6:00 and Sunset time (9:00 to close)

Half-off Starters from the dinner menu!

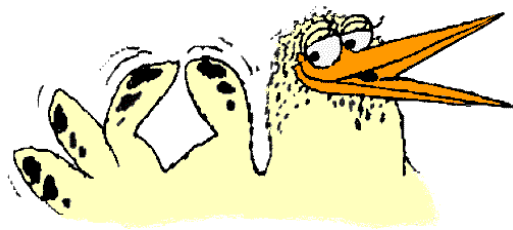
Tap Beers 3.00

Well Drinks 3.00 to 4.00

House wines by the glass 3.00



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



FYI: Dinner Reservations

The Piper can be very busy, especially on weekends in the summer. Please call a few days in advance so that we can reserve a table for you at your desired time. We don't want to disappoint you when you arrive on a busy weekend.



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).

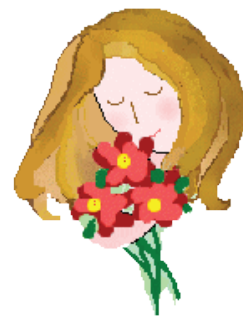
It is a great opportunity to try some unusual Spanish, French and South American wines. If you are just seeking the solitude of your boat, these special selections, as well as the entire wine list, are available for take-out at a reduced price.

Please join us for Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 8th 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 email: pat@piperrestaurant.com***



Happy Mother's Day



Sunday, May 8, 2011

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

Starters

Creamy Asparagus Soup with Aged Cheddar and Crusty Bread

Button Mushroom Soup with Spring Chive and Pancetta

**Romaine Hearts with Watercress, Radish, Carrot
and Creamy Herb Dressing**

**Baby Leaf Lettuces with Grapes, Pecans,
Chèvre and Honey Sherry Dressing**

Brunch Plates

**Jumbo Shrimp and Cheesy Grits with Oven-Dried Tomato Salsa,
Sautéed Greens and Bacon Strips 18.50**

**Scrambled Eggs, Berkshire Ham Slices, Fried Yukon Potatoes
and Asparagus with Focaccia Toast 14.50**

**Sweet Pepper Frittata, Grilled Pork Sausage, Sweet Potato Hash
and Red Eye Gravy with Corn Biscuit 14.50**

Main Plates

**Carved Berkshire Ham with Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans
and Glazed Apples with Fennel and Leeks 17.50**

**Seared Beef Tenderloin with Blue Cheese Potatoes, Arugula,
Baby Carrots and Mushroom Medley 23.50**

**Mint Grilled Lamb Rack with Spaghetti Squash, Asparagus,
Red Pearl Onions and Huckleberry Jam 23.50**

**Nut-Crusted Whitefish with Jasmine Rice, Green Beans
and Brown Butter with Orange Salsita 19.50**

**Grilled Chicken Breast with Lemon, Rosemary,
Grilled Vegetable Medley with Scalloped Potatoes 18.50**

**Roasted Vegetable Medley: Baby Carrots, Asparagus, Fennel and Leeks,
on Coucous with Arugula and Roasted Mushroom Medley 14.50**

Kid's Plates

(Meals do not include soup or salad)

**Baked Ham with Cheese Potatoes,
Green Beans and Apple Slices 7.50**

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

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

Piper Restaurant

2225 South Shore Dr., Macatawa PiperRestaurant.com

