

# ELDEANews

October, 2010

*INTERESTING STUFF FROM WADE*

## *Dock Parties a Success...*



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dock Parties have been a lot of fun! Thank you for joining us! The food tasted fantastic! The most boaters attended the D & E dock party and there was barely room on the tables to accommodate all the great appetizers. Fortunately, we were blessed with sunny skies for all 3 parties.



A & Z Dock



*Some Quality Kid Time...*



*Is Tom Telling Stories again?*



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

“Eldean Shipyard” is on [Facebook](#). It is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family. Throughout the year we have posted photos and updates to our Facebook Page. You will find more our party photos on Facebook.

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## Labor Day Pork Fest was a Blast...



All boating musicians were invited to join Steve Edge's one-man-band. C-Dock's Fred Gorr and Trudy Fetters joined in on the accordion, harmonica, and spoons. D-Dock also contributed with some high kicking. If you've got talent, we would love to see you perform. Singers, Dancers, and Musicians are welcome! (Photo by Ed Kita)



Herb decided to change things up this year. After thoroughly enjoying a specially seasoned corn on the cob earlier in the season, Herb decided to bring the special recipe to this year's cookout. After he shucked the corn, Herb then boiled them, followed by Roger lightly grilling the corn, and finally the spiced-chili butter was basted over the top. Delicious!

***Thanks for joining us!***

## ***We appreciate your business!!!***

Thank you very much for spending your summer with us! We try very hard to provide you with the best services and amenities. We always appreciate positive and critical input as it allows us to improve and better serve you. Please communicate with Matt or myself (Wade) in person. You may also phone, email, or put a note in the comment card box in the shipstore.

***An extra thanks*** to those of you who slip, store, and service your boats at Eldean Shipyard! By working with us in multiple areas, we are better able to keep pricing constant, make improvements, and share overhead costs. ***Thank you very much for your continued business and all of us here at Eldean Shipyard hope you had a fantastic summer on the water.***

## ***The Great Loop...***

Two of our Z-Dockers left on their Great Loop voyage this summer. The Grahams departed aboard their 45' Island Packet and Sue Lister & Darrell Peters aboard their 50' Ocean Alexander.

*What is the Great Loop?* "The Great Loop is the circumnavigation of Eastern North America, a continuous waterway connecting inland lakes and rivers with the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the Great Lakes. It's an inland odyssey, an eastern inside passage of unusual intrigue touching the shorelines of the United States and Canada ([www.greatloop.com](http://www.greatloop.com))."



The AGLCA (America's Great Loop Cruiser Association) is a great resource if you are dreaming of going on the Great Loop or if you want to find out more information. Go to

[www.greatloop.org](http://www.greatloop.org). Eldean Shipyard is an AGLCA sponsor. With our sponsorship we are able to provide several free AGLCA memberships to our customers. If you are interested in a membership please contact Wade ([wade@eldean.com](mailto:wade@eldean.com)).

### ***Parking Spots available for cottagers...***

A limited number of parking spots in the gravel lot are being made available to rent for cottagers. If you have a cottage and have additional parking needs for renters or guests please contact Wade.

### ***The Service Department...***

If you have questions on your winter storage work order forms just ask Matt, Roger, or Angela. If you are not certain what type of maintenance is required to prepare your boat for 2011, we are available to help you.

### ***Subcontractor Policy...***

Subcontractors are allowed to work at the Marina. We normally employ several subcontractors ourselves to perform work outside of our normal scope or to assist during busy times. Subcontractors must first be approved by Eldean Shipyard to work on our property. For approval, the subcontractor needs to follow our policies, maintain proper insurance, and schedule work through our Service Department.

#### Approved Subcontractors:

Boat Services – Electronics  
Canvas Innovations – Canvas & Upholstery  
Dockside Detailing – Boat Washing and Detailing  
Quality Marine Electronics – Electronics  
The Nautical Needle – Canvas & Upholstery  
Van Eck Diesel Services – Engine Maintenance/Repair

Introducing, “Canvas Innovations” ***-Where experience and cutting edge design come together-*** Chris Ritsema, owner of Canvas Innovations, along with his staff provide over 30 years combined experience to the drawing board. They strive to design what you envision for your boat.  
<http://canvasinnovations.us/>

### ***We have room for your guests...***

Our two Vacation Rentals are viewable at [www.LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com](http://www.LakeMacatawaVacationRentals.com). If you have friends coming to visit in the summer or you need a place to stay while you work on your boat in the winter, the Boathouse and Bungalow are excellent options. Please pass this web info along to fellow Macatawa travelers. **For 2011 the summer rates have been reduced by 15%!**

### ***Prospective Slip Customers...***

It was nice meeting many of you this summer and others we spoke with over the phone or emailed. If you are interested in a slip for 2011 it will be important for you to send in a \$500 deposit to reserve a slip. This summer, we were nearly full in slips under 30 feet. The “End Slips” at the end of each dock are also highly sought after, so it is important to reserve one early (if available). We are continuing our “Summer Stimulus” to new slip customers in 2011. To read some our customer reviews please click [www.eldean.com/Reviews](http://www.eldean.com/Reviews)

### ***Big Sale and Big Bargains...***

Stop in the Ship’s store for the Annual End of Season Sale. Gear up for the remainder of the season or stock-up for next year on select clothing, footwear, and foul weather gear items.

### ***Pool News...***



The pool remained open through Sept 13<sup>th</sup> this summer and there were many happy guests. Historically, the pool has closed following Labor Day weekend as the weather begins to cool and our pool cleaners go back to school. Provided we have good weather, we’ll attempt to keep the pool open this late in future years.

### ***Where did the water Go?***

Have you sat in the Hot Tub and wondered why the water level was low? We did too. Immediately after closing for the winter, we started our investigation into the matter, employing a “Leak Detection Service”. After a variety of pressure tests, use of stethoscopes (used to listen for leaks in the ground), excavation, and pipe replacement, we think we’ve got a handle on it, and the tubs will be ready for many relaxing summer evenings.

### ***Introducing Lena Del Real...***

Long time employee Jill Hoffman is relocating to Colorado this Fall and is being replaced by Lena Del Real. While we will miss Jill greatly, Lena will be an excellent addition to the Eldean Crew. Lena's office is upstairs at the Shipstore and will be assisting with running the office, customer billing, customer service, and several other responsibilities.



Welcome Lena!

### ***Shipyard GPS is Expanding...***

I added a few more destinations to the nav station this summer. Look for more to come...



One of the *Odd Jobs* performed by your marina manager.

### ***Macapalooza 2010...***

Where were you for Macapalooza 2010? If you don't remember, then you weren't in Macatawa. Our traditionally quiet harbor took on a Spring Lake-esque, "Hanky Panky Bay" attitude for one August afternoon. Over 50 boats rafted up just beyond our moorings and a karaoke band sang music and broadcasted over the radio.



It's a little fuzzy, but it appears that there are 3 or 4 singers and a guitar player set up on the swim platform of this Sea Ray. There were some good voices and some not-so-good voices.



View from Z-dock

Macapalooza appeared to be an impromptu event. The Band announced that they would be back next year for round two.

## ***Hard at Work?***

Being the Dad & Boss, I've heard a lot of great comments about Ryan's work skills over the past couple of years. This year Ryan was our designated staff at the Dock Parties. By the looks of these pictures, it appears that "party staff" is a pretty good gig!



*Keeping an eye on Poppi's (Grandpa Herb's) diet*



*What do you think Lee?*



*Work? Just kick your feet up for a bit with Tim*

## ***Congratulations Racers!***

Many of our sailors participated in several races and regattas this summer, particularly the Bay Shore Yacht Club Wednesday Night Series. This series is the largest Wednesday Night fleet on this side of Lake Michigan! Eldean's Slip or Storage customers that you'll see on the racecourse include: Drumbeat, Tyrant, Sufficient Reason, Willie J, Black Gold, Nemesis, Shillelagh, Temptation, Highland Fling, and Kaipos. Over the spring, summer, and fall series, several of our boats placed at the top of their division. Congratulations to Division Winners Drumbeat, Black Gold, Tyrant, and Sufficient Reason. Followed closely by division runner-ups Tyrant, Nemesis, Shillelagh, and Highland Fling.

## ***A tale of two fall days in Macatawa...***



*A windy September Day on Lake Michigan*



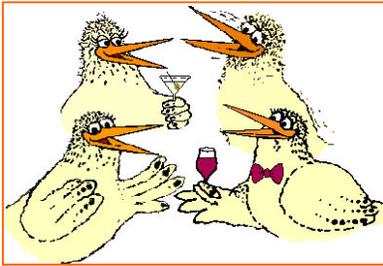
*A calm & sunny fall morning at the Docks*

## PIPER CHARITY NIGHTS

Piper will continue to host 3 charity nights this fall. Piper will donate 20% of the total sales of each evening to support the work of these groups. Come join us for the dinner on any and all of these dates. We do suggest making a reservation because we anticipate a busy night. The charity events are:

- Tuesday, October 5, 2010 - **THE BIG RED FOUNDATION.** This non-profit raises money for the Boys a & Girls Club of Greater Holland, American Cancer Society, and Holland fishing and conservation Projects
- Tuesday, November 2, 2010 - **CASA - Children After School Achievement.** This program provides kids academic support so that they can succeed in school.
- Tuesday, November 9, 2020 - **Holland Chorale.** The group is raising funds for a March trip to Carnegie Hall!

## HAPPY HOUR CONTINUES



Happy Hour is a great way to connect with your boat neighbors. Hey **Dock D** put on your T-Shirts and enjoy a fall night at the Piper!

Tuesday thru Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 and 8:00 to close. **All appetizers are 50% off with special prices on wines, beer, and cocktails.**

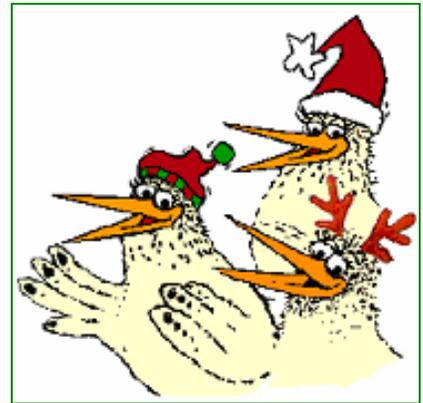
## A DELICIOUS TWO-COURSE MEAL FOR \$14.50

Each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Piper offers a featured two-course meal. Just click onto [www.PiperRestaurant.com](http://www.PiperRestaurant.com) to see the featured selection. At this price, why spend the time and effort grocery shopping and cooking?

## HOLIDAY PARTIES

The Piper still has dates available for small or large Christmas gatherings. We will truly make you holiday entertaining “**AS SIMPLE AS IT GETS**”. Please call the Piper at 616-335-5866 to discuss your Holiday event.

**The Piper is open all winter Tuesday thru Saturday.** The dining room and office are closed on Sunday and Monday until Memorial Day.



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