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Services and items for boating season

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lis still available, along with the "Patriot," decked out in red, white and blue. No matter what, Carney is confident that Grand Bay Marine's products and lessons will delight.

"We'll show you how to launch it, drive it, and start having fun. People love coming up to Traverse, but they haven't seen anything until they've seen it from the water," she said.

Once the day winds down,

Elk River Marina, located in downtown Elk Rapids, offers several options for mooring and slippage. In business since 1984, the Marina offers one hundred rental slips, along with four mechanics, a ship store and shower facilities.

For closer-to-home needs, the Marina also offers a dock made by Shore Station. Standard 4x8 foot sections can be assembled without tools, and the support legs lock automatically at the desired height.

Owner and President Jim Trierweiler said numerous configurations are possible, narrow or wide. "I have one customer who's got something like a dance floor," he said.

The Shore Station dock comes in aluminum, cedar and vinyl. The latest model

even features wheels, enabling the entire dock to be rolled down to water's edge.

Boat lifts, as well, are essentials for the serious boater. Steve Bulmann founded Bulmann Dock & Lift, which sells directly to northern Michigan customers. His lifts include models with 13 to 20-thousand pound capacities. Don't worry about twisting off your arm with the standard crank, though, since many of his lifts run by solar-powered hydraulics.

"It's really safe," Bulmann said. "There's no AC power, so there's no chance of anyone getting hurt."

Bulmann welcomes visitors to stop by his display, as show-only discounts will be available.





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Radio-A-Thon for St. Jude's at Boat Show

102.9 Big Country and the Northern Michigan Boat Show and Sale will be hosting a Radio-A-Thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on Friday, April 29 from 4-7p.m.

The fundraising event will take place during the boat show at the Grand Traverse Civic Center where there will be fun and entertainment for the whole family. The events include pony rides, a bounce house, wall climbing, face painting and more.

Andrew Atkinson, a Team MasterCraft Wakeboard Pro, flying on his board.

