



### 1st construction



It all began in the 50's...The "Driving Force" were members of Elk Rapids Rotary Club.

Joseph F Yuchasz, met with the US Army Corp of Engineers. After that, Joe and Gordon Converse broke ground.

In 1953, Rotary originated the Elk Rapids Waterways Committee for the purpose of developing a harbor.



### original docks

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The Federal Harbors and Waterways were contacted, although interested and encouraged in the project, there were no financial aid options available. At this time, Harbor Day was started to help finance the work. Rotarians and Rotary Ann's worked diligently for years to develop the harbor and Harbor Days celebration .



### continued work

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On September 21, 1955, a Federal Permit #55566 was obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Early in 1956 the village constructed a new road across the river to the island forming part of the inner basin, and the channel to the outer basin was started.



### 2nd expansion

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In 1958, the Rotary Harbor Commission was officially adopted by the Elk Rapids Village Council.

In 1961, Governor George Romney, speaking at the harbor dedication ceremonies, commended the people of Elk Rapids for undertaking and completing the harbor without any State help.



Welcome to Elk Rapids Harbor  
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### today, in 2020



The harbor was named Edward C Grace Memorial Harbor in the 70's.

The Yacht Club was formed in 1988.

Today, in 2020, the Harbor is a 213 slip marina with fuel dock, boat launch, pavilion, picnic area, bathhouse, day room, laundry, etc.



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65 years!  
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