



**Albacore Park**  
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Spring Greetings,

Although with the passing of summer we knew that winter was not far behind, we had no idea that it would turn out to be one of the snowiest winters on record. We had learned last year that the outdoor audio stations did not like below zero temperatures, so they were all shipped to warmer temperatures for the winter. Audio has since returned, and only complain a little.

Our big project during the winter maintenance period was replacing the carpet being held together by duct tape in the lobby. This involved moving everything out so the fine folks from Portsmouth Quality Flooring could prepare the subfloor and install the new carpet. The installation only took a day and we set up a great looking lobby area. All the wiring was routed down through the crawl space so we no longer have humps in the floor. We were also able to replace the old cabinetry with some great looking, more usable ones.

Also, during the maintenance period, we were lucky to get some warm days to get the pump working in the basin and clear out some of the water under the ice. Just in time too! In February, we had enough downpours come down that the boat would have taken on some water.

As spring approaches, we are planning for the annual Memorial Day service. This year the service will include the dedication of a memorial to the first Albacore (SS-218), and the dedication of a bench in memory of Joe Sawtelle who was a driving force behind this project from the beginning. The Friends of the Albacore, a group of former crew members, provided both of the memorials. The Friends group has invited surviving crewmembers from the first Albacore to attend as well as other folks that connect the first and second Albacore.

We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months and wish you a Happy Spring.

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