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NATIONAL MARINE LIFE CENTER BREAKS GROUND ON NEW HOSPITAL

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Buzzards Bay, MA. The National Marine Life Center began construction this week on their new 10,000 square foot Marine Animal Rehabilitation Hospital located at 120 Main Street in downtown Buzzards Bay.

The new hospital will have 12 permanent pools for rehabilitating stranded and injured marine animals. “A lot of thought has gone into the design of the hospital to give us the flexibility to care for many different species of animals,” said Brian Moore, Animal Care & Facilities Coordinator.

Delivery of the rebar on Monday kicked off what is sure to be a very busy time for the National Marine Life Center (NMLC) in the coming months. Concrete form work commenced soon after the rebar was delivered and the concrete is scheduled to be poured as soon as Friday.

The National Marine Life Center Hospital, when complete, will get all of its salt water supplied from the new LSS pump house, which was completed late last year. The pump house is capable of delivering clean salt water 24 hours a day to any of the various pools within the new hospital.

“This project is the culmination of countless hours of thought and coordination by numerous dedicated professionals. W.W. Reich, Inc. is looking forward to a successful project that will enhance the capabilities of the NMLC and participate in the revitalization of downtown Buzzards Bay,” said Bill Reich, construction manager.

Anticipating moving into the building by October of this year, NMLC plans to have the sea turtle ward completed first to allow them to do care for cold-stunned turtles over the upcoming winter.

Interesting facts:

- The building will utilize a revolutionary product called Extech on the front façade to allow natural light into the building and to be more aesthetically appealing to Main Street.
- When fully complete the hospital will be able to care for stranded turtles, seals, dolphins, porpoises, and small whales.
- The National Marine Life Center will be the closest marine animal rehabilitation hospital to Cape Cod, a “stranding hotspot.”
- The hospital will provide much needed office and laboratory space for the animal care staff.

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