

## Micaela Montagne

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Well we spent a lot of time with the "ice rink " this month. We had a few mindsets while creating a rather nice rink this year.

We chose to use our portable pumps to fill tanker 1 and tanker 2 after they dropped their loads of water on the rink...these portable pumps have been dialed in to fill tanker one's 2800 gall payload in just over 5 minutes. We tried to rotate personnel to get as many members as possible the valuable pump and pumper training this public service provided.

I also figured a nice smooth ice rink will maybe keep people from attempting to play on the big lake that really was sketchy as it began to freeze over....we have seen lots of islanders young and not so young enjoying the rink and have received many thanks for this service. Side note is we dumped, pumped, and hauled over 60000 gallons of water to achieve this. A fuill blown house fire generally may use 30 to 50000 gallons to put down.

Filling the fire suppression system was onother sorry... we set up "avery 2" slightly ten times bigger trailer pump to fill the tankers for this project. We started with all three tankers for this water shuttle, after first 3 tankers pulled up to THE ESB to take their turn filling the 30000 work of tanks (one 18000 gallons and one 12000) we took tanker 2 out of rotation as its dump shut wasn't working as well as tanker 1 and tanker 2. We did some guick math at 14 tanker loads and it indeed took 14 tankers.

We were doing great planning for our move to the ESB as the project manager was calling pretty much daily to help answer questions and concerns. It was very unfortunate they had a covid 19 outbreak amongst the workers. We had our APPARATUS meeting last month as we need to address issues before the move. Being scolded and a written reprimand from the town administrator was unwarranted and will prolong our stay at the SRE. This kind of action only brings down morale and basically stopped the progress we were making.....so as soon as the crews are done and James price grants us occupancy permits we will pick up where we stopped and continue forward anticipating for the move of 12 pieces of equipment and lots of gear.

Respectfully  
Chief Reichkitzer

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