

April 1, 2025 Pool Renovation Update – Craig Sobol, Pool Committee Chairman

Pool plaster demo started in mid January when the weather was very cold.

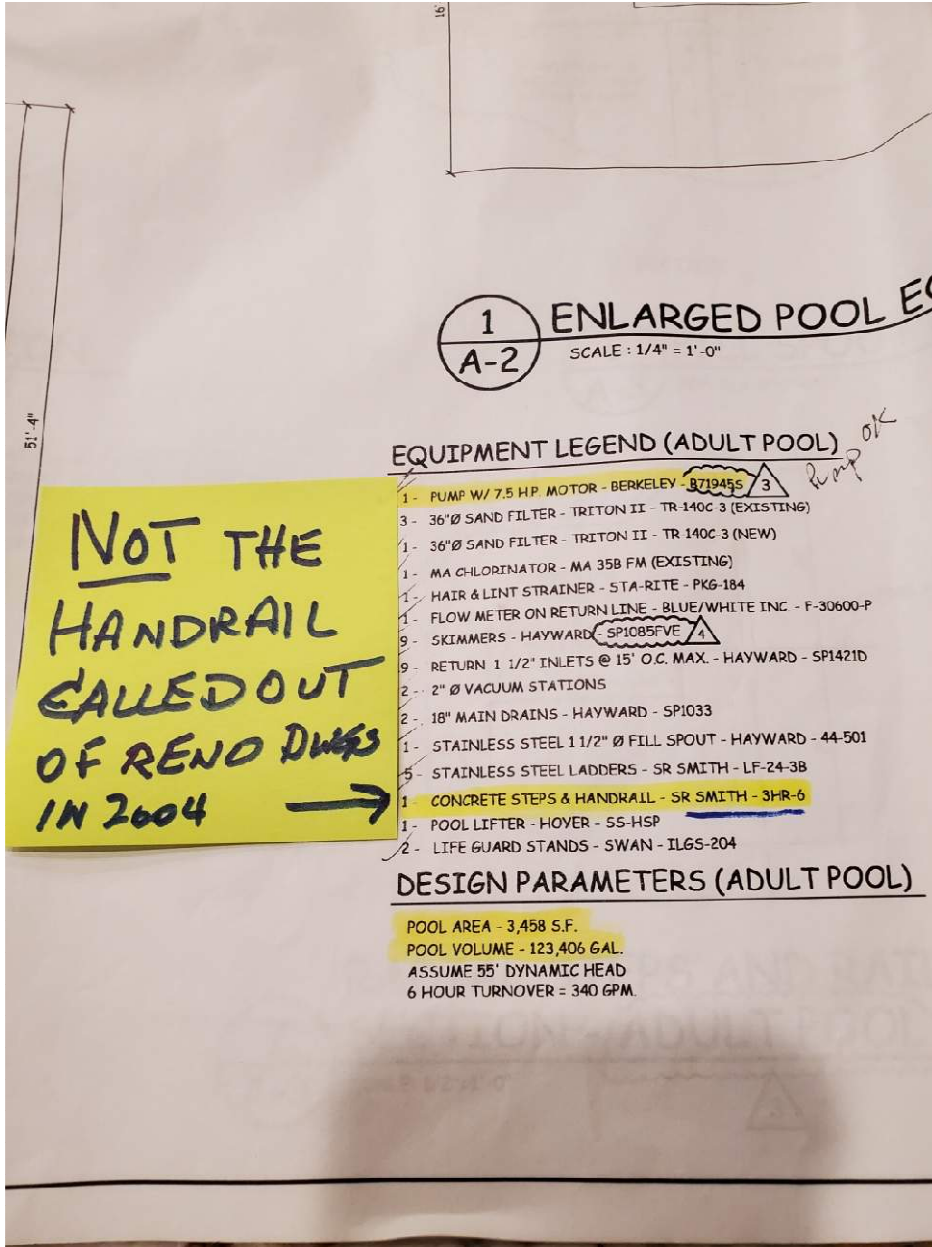




DHEC advised us we had an illegal handrail. The correct handrail was called out on construction drawings from 2004 pool renovation, however someone installed this style.



Illegal handrail



Handrail called out in 2004 renovation drawings

New pump and strainer were going to be installed when pool was emptied, however, pump came in 16 weeks late. We then realized the discharge line had no shutoff valve as there were five plumbing items missing from the same pump installation in 2004. It was too late to install pump and strainer prior to filling with water. This project is planned for after Labor Day when pool is closed.



Plaster prep was completed when the weather got better and the crew showed up on Friday morning March 21st. Three trucks mixed a combined total of 500 bags of cement, quartz, and blue crystals and pumped it into the pool where they applied multiple coats.



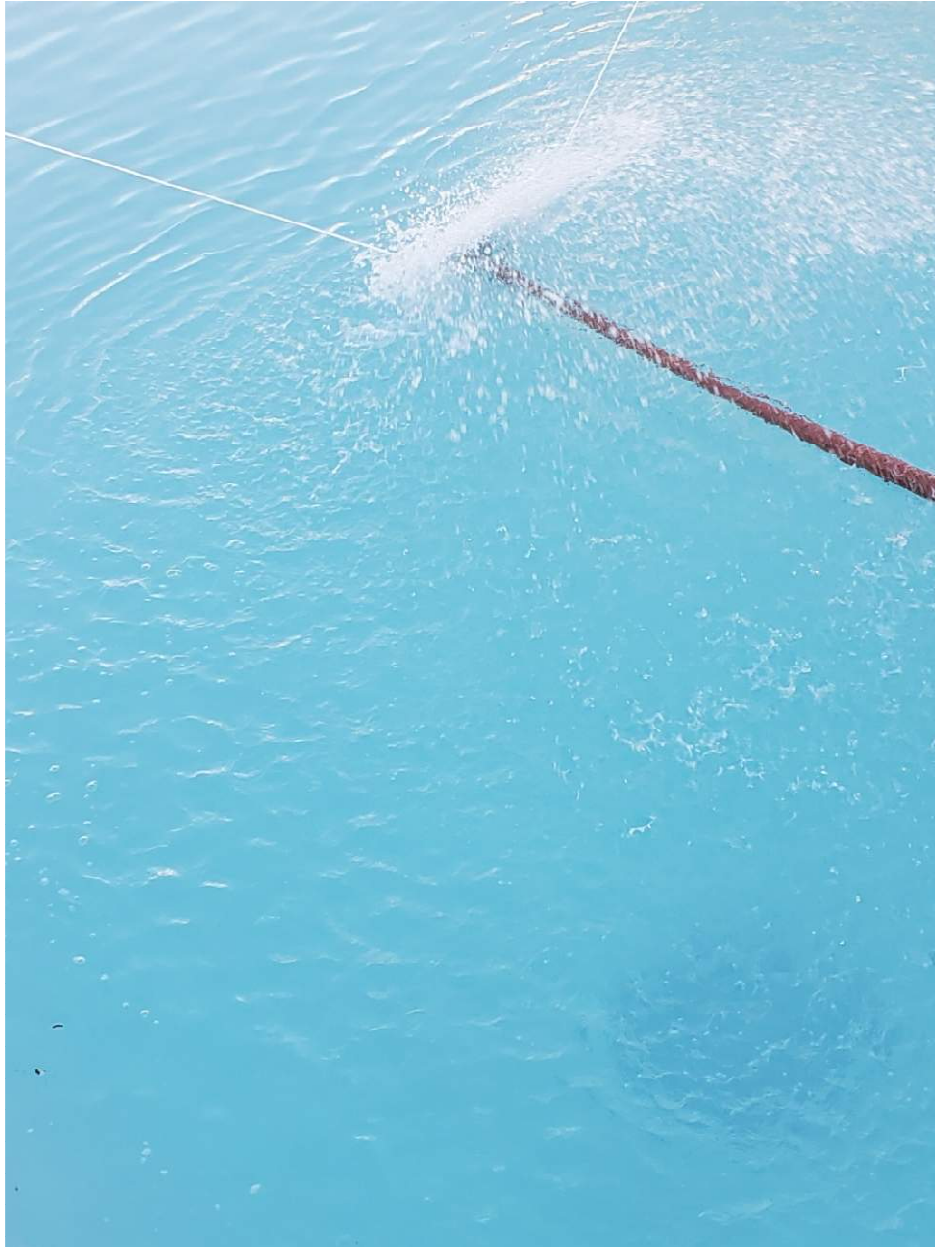
Twenty men with trowels finished the plaster surface, including some that were suspended by ropes to trowel the walls on the deep end. Special 2" spiked boots allowed the men to walk thru the wet plaster.





Twenty men finished the plastering in FIVE hours. Water was immediately started in the deep end as the plaster was already hydrating.

The following morning, we filled the balance of the pool with 120,000 gallons in less than 11 hours.



Danny coordinated volunteers like Bill Briggs, Bill White, along with Trevor and Trent Blanton brushing the walls and floor, multiple brushings per day for the first 10 days to remove plaster dust that is released during hydration from the new plaster. This was the most critical thing to reduce staining and avoiding a rough finish.

The pool chemistry was monitored daily with Billy White and Paul Simcox helping the pool chairman with many additions to reach a balanced condition over the first ten days.

As of March 31, 2025, the pool water is balanced along with the new handrail.



Correct handrail installed to conform to DHEC spec.

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