Above, a model of the Titanic is part of the 'Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition' at Foxwoods Resort Casino. At top, items recovered from the Titanic include, from left, dishes, currency, perfume vials and a gold chandelier.
Exhibit, tribute pay homage to tragedy’s 98th anniversary

BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS
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TITANIC: Casino offers display of artifacts

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Visitors will marvel at the recreated first- and third-class cabins, and press their palms against a replica of an iceberg, while reading stories of heroism and humanity. Visitors will also experience the “Memorial Gallery” where they will discover whether their passenger and traveling companions survived or perished.

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition has been viewed by more than 22 million people in major museums worldwide, from Chicago to Los Angeles and Paris to London.

RMS Titanic, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Premier Exhibitions, Inc., is the only company permitted by law to recover objects from the wreck of Titanic. The Company was granted Salvor-in-Possession rights to the wreck site of Titanic by a United States Federal court in 1994 and has conducted seven research and recovery expeditions to Titanic rescuing more than 5,500 artifacts.

Wine and beer bottles recovered from the Titanic, on exhibit at Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition in Mashantucket.

IF YOU GO

Where: Foxwoods Resort Casino (Great Cedar Exhibition Area), 39 Norwich Westerly Road, Mashantucket

When: Through June 13; Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tickets: $20 for adults, $16 for seniors and $15 for children, ages 3 to 12. To purchase tickets online, visit www.ticketsforgroups.com

ON THE WEB


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DRAFTSMEN at Harland & Wolff review blueprints for the Titanic in this archival photo as part of “Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition,” on display at Foxwoods through June 13.
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**Foxwoods Resort Casino:** 39 Norwich-Westerly Rd., Ledyard. (800) 200-2882. *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*, more than 100 artifacts salvaged from the ship’s wreckage. Titanic Sinking Commemoration Ceremony: Thu., April 15, 3:30 p.m. Ends June 13.
A presentation of Titanic proportions

By Jeffery Kurz
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MASSACHUSETTS — After the sinking of the Titanic on April 15, 1912, and the loss of more than 1,500 lives, the world started getting serious about icebergs.

A coalition of nations formed to monitor the flow of icebergs along shipping lanes in the North Atlantic and warn mariners in the interest of avoiding the fate of the famed ocean liner.

That work continues to this day, and the track record has been impressive. No ship has heeded the warnings of the U.S. Coast Guard International Ice Patrol has hit an iceberg. The patrol, headquartered in New London, was established during a convention of seafaring nations a couple of years after the disaster.

“Our little organization was created as a result of the sinking of the Titanic,” said Don Murphy, an oceanographer who is chief scientist with the International Ice Patrol.

Murphy, who has been with the patrol for the past 26 years, is speaking at a ceremony at Foxwoods Resort Casino this afternoon, in commemoration of the 98th anniversary of the Titanic disaster.

The casino is hosting an exhibit, called “Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition,” that features more than 125 artifacts rescued from the ship’s underwater debris field. Explorer Robert Ballard discovered the sunken Titanic in 1986.

The exhibit, which has toured major museums across the world, is at Foxwoods until June 13.

Mapping icebergs is the core work of the ice patrol, which includes both civilian and military members. The patrol runs air reconnaissance missions and relies on reports of ships to map the icebergs. Hundreds of ships travel along the lanes each year.

Icebergs are freshwater formations that slip into the shipping lanes off Greenland. These cubes, or the creation of an iceberg which breaks off from a glacier, are extremely hard and strong, said Murphy. They’re much stronger, more massive and more threatening than sea ice, which forms from the ocean’s salt water. A typical vessel, or one like the Titanic, doesn’t have a chance in an encounter with an iceberg, said Murphy.

The glaciers are very thick in Greenland, so the ice is formed under great pressure, compressed enough to make it almost rocklike. “Not quite as strong, but if you hit it you’d think so,” said Murphy.

We tend to associate icebergs with the Arctic, but the Titanic encountered its nemesis at a latitude equal to that of Providence, R.I., Murphy said. Twenty-six years ago, an iceberg was found at the latitude of Washington, D.C.

It turns out that “tip of the iceberg” is more than a cliché. One-twelfth of iceberg mass is above the sea surface, which if you do the math means that most of it is under the water. The shape of what appears doesn’t always indicate how the mass is formed underneath the sea, which makes it all the more an object of wonder. For a chunk of Greenland ice to achieve iceberg status, it must be more than 15 meters, or 45 feet, across along the water.

Most icebergs pass through shipping lanes at the latitude of Newfoundland. Their activity from year to year can be extremely varied. There are, for example, no icebergs detected in the shipping lanes at this time, said Murphy.

Last year, 1,204 icebergs were detected, with about 1,000 mapped the previous year.

This extreme variation is not a result of global warming, said Murphy, but a result of the vagaries of the ocean and weather systems. There were, for example, no icebergs mapped in 1996, and 2,202 found in 1994.

When it comes to determining a pattern, there is none, said Murphy. “I’ve tried,” he said.

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Join Mike Stacy at Foxwoods for the Titanic Exhibition Today

By Mike Stacy

It was on this date in 1912 The Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking… Join me to see a fascinating exhibition of recovered artifacts from the ship at Foxwoods Resort Casino this afternoon 1-3pm. If you are present at 3pm, I’ll give you a chance to win a $300 Diamond Bracelet, we’ll have free refreshments and you can touch an Iceberg!
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Local Business

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