

# A Whale of a Day

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This month the New Bedford Whaling Museum was picked for the agenda. Merchant Marine Captain Alvin Mandly, Retired, a member of the Club, was named honorary Captain of the half scale Lagoda at the museum. Captain Mandly knows the ins and outs of the early days of whaling as his father and grandfather were whaling skippers. It was natural for Mr. Mandly to turn to the sea as a graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy followed by a tour of duty with the Navy prior to his Merchant Marine service.

The Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts plans trips to places of interest before their monthly business meeting and luncheon. They have been following this custom for a couple of years with good results. Most of the places visited are local, that we pass every day and never see the inside workings. When a distant place is planned a bus is chartered. These trips work well for the Club as they create interest and curiosity increasing the attendance at the meetings.

The Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts is very active, involved in many projects for the benefit of the community and Shrine Hospitals.



Captain Alvin Mandly on Deck of the Logoda