



The Making of The Ocean Beach Fishing Pier

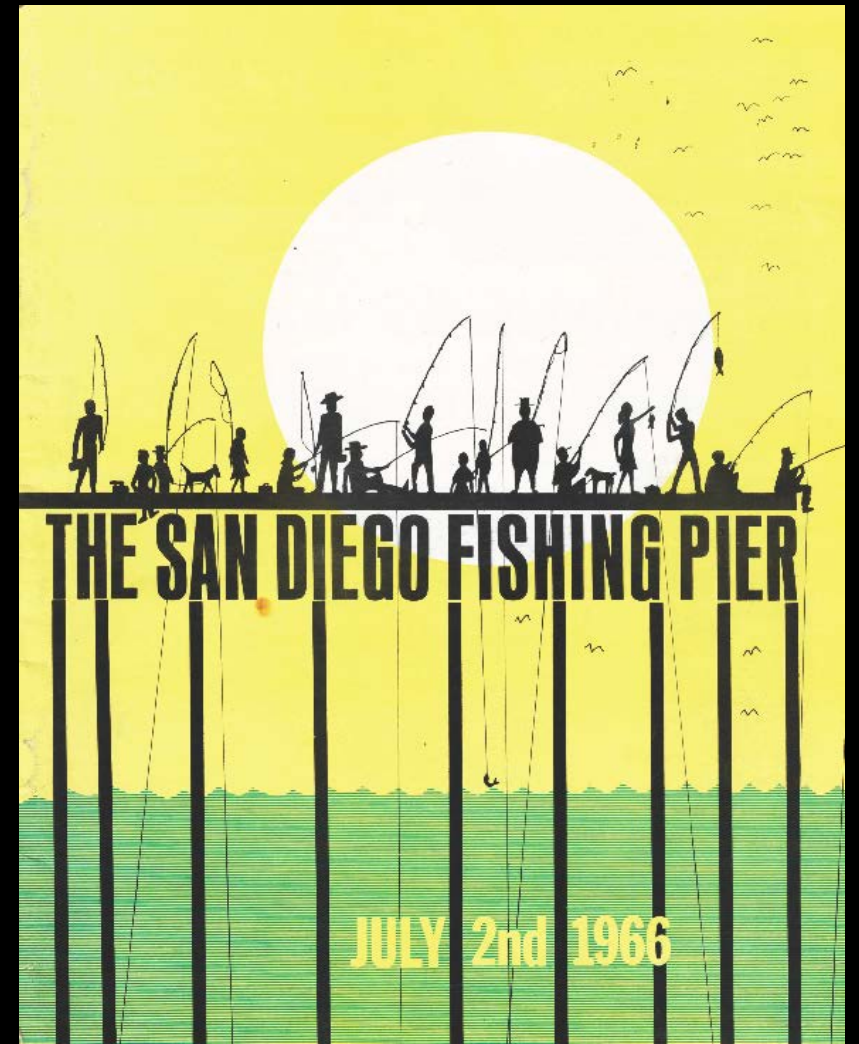
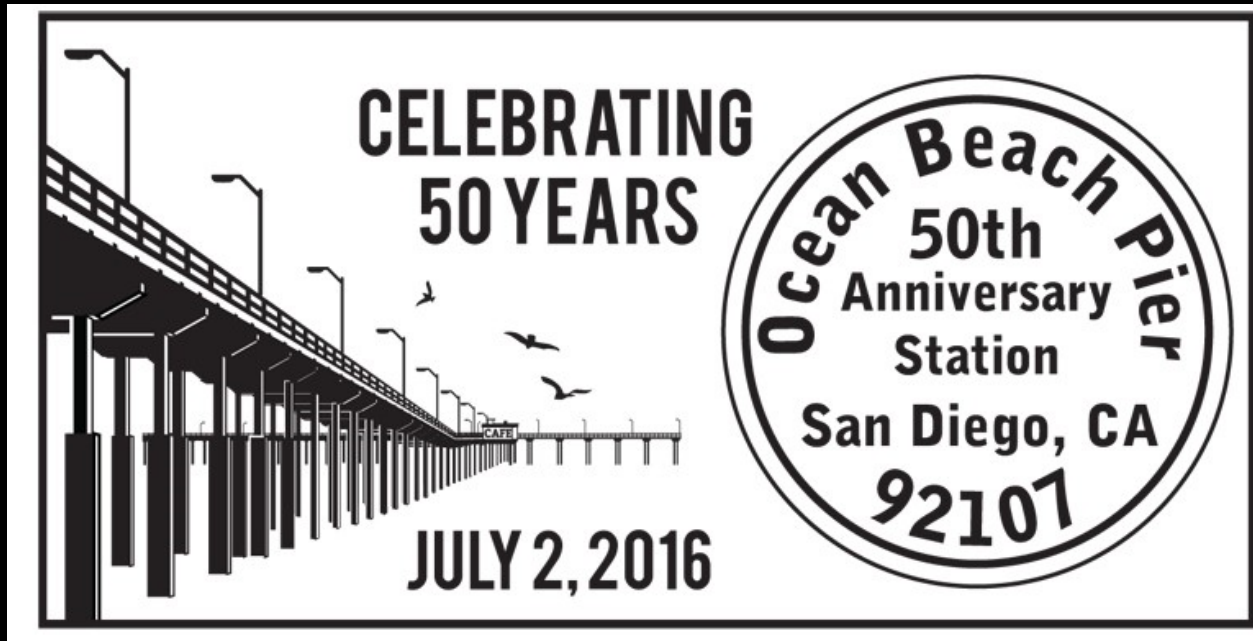
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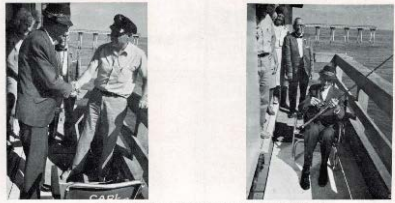
1 INTRODUCTION





How OB Pier Came to be

CARL SCHRODER FATHER OF THE SAN DIEGO FISHING PIER



Carl Schroder realizes a dream come true as he fishes off of his special fishing porch on the Pier he fought to obtain.



San Diego Pier Souvenir Book Page 19

PAGE TWO THE SENTINEL THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1966

Pier History Goes Back 40 Years

A lady from El Cajon walked out on the unfinished fishing pier two months ago and exclaimed, "Well, they sure put this thing out here in a hurry!"

And that's just how San Diego's new pier appears to most of the county's residents, but history says "Just ain't so, podner."

That gleaming, million-dollar fishing rig has been in the minds of most barracuda-baiters and flounder-hounds in the area for nigh onto half a century.

Ever since the angling set discovered the bounty of the offshore kelp beds, the idea of a fishing pier has been tossed around.

Finally, just before World War II somebody did something about the idea, much to the eventual heartbreak of the Ocean Beach community.

Carl Schroder, now 86 and a prime mover behind every attempt to construct a pier in these fine fishing waters, can tell you about it.

Dedication Schedule
Celebration In Parking Lot By Pier

SATURDAY

10 a.m. dedication parade starts up Voltaire St. Gov. Brown, Parade Marshal, four marching divisions.

11 a.m. cutting. Gov. Brown and Carl Schroder, egg's Steakhouse by invitation society contest. All afternoon open, Sentinel "Heaviest Fish" contest on beach, variety show.

1:00 P.M. OF JULY balloons released start festivities, 60 voices, year pier.

4:00 P.M. display from end of pier. Three afternoon drawings, prizes given away.

Along came Pearl Harbor and the nation had no spare iron for such luxury as a fishing pier. The rails just stuck out there, with temporary planking looking more like an old railroad that had been washed out than a fishing pier.

After the war the rusted remains were removed, but up to the last days fishing lines dangled over its dangerous edge.

Renewed Effort

In October of 1946 Ocean Beach Chamber of Commerce took up the torch for a new fishing pier, stating that for many years the people of San Diego had been promised a pleasure fishing pier and the one started in 1941 was just a waste of money.

Though the city manager in 1946 claimed a city surplus of \$200,000, the City Council said funds were lack-

ing for such a project and the issue died once again.

For 10 years after the 1946 decision, faint glimmers of hope for a pier popped up at random intervals but no concrete moves developed until 1952.

Idea Explodes

It so happened that a Sentinel reporter was way out of his area, in Imperial Beach, and happened to engage a member of the State Wildlife Board in conversation.

The board member, Ray Nesbit, told John Garland, the reporter, "Too bad that trestle for the sewage outfall on Point Loma couldn't be time, right through 1953, 44 and into 1965 when the state authorized its construction.

Many times the pier was nearly "killed." It suffered design changes, finance changes. It nearly died just before final approval due to construction bids being too high."

But there it is, started in May, 1965 and finished in June 1966, built at a cost of \$1 million and free to everyone who wishes to use it—for the next 100 years.

Service Pad Page C-four (7) The Independent Thursday, June 30, 1966

Ocean Beach INDEPENDENCE DAYS

Thursday, Friday & Saturday JUNE 30, JULY 1-2

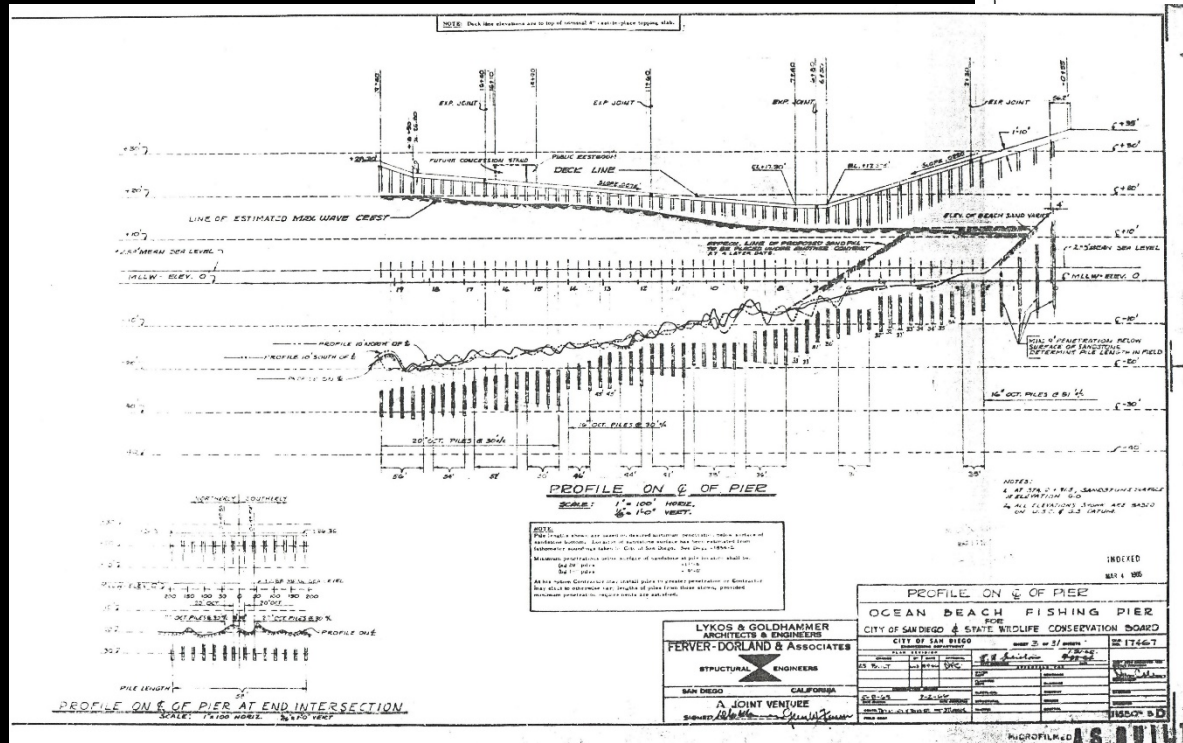
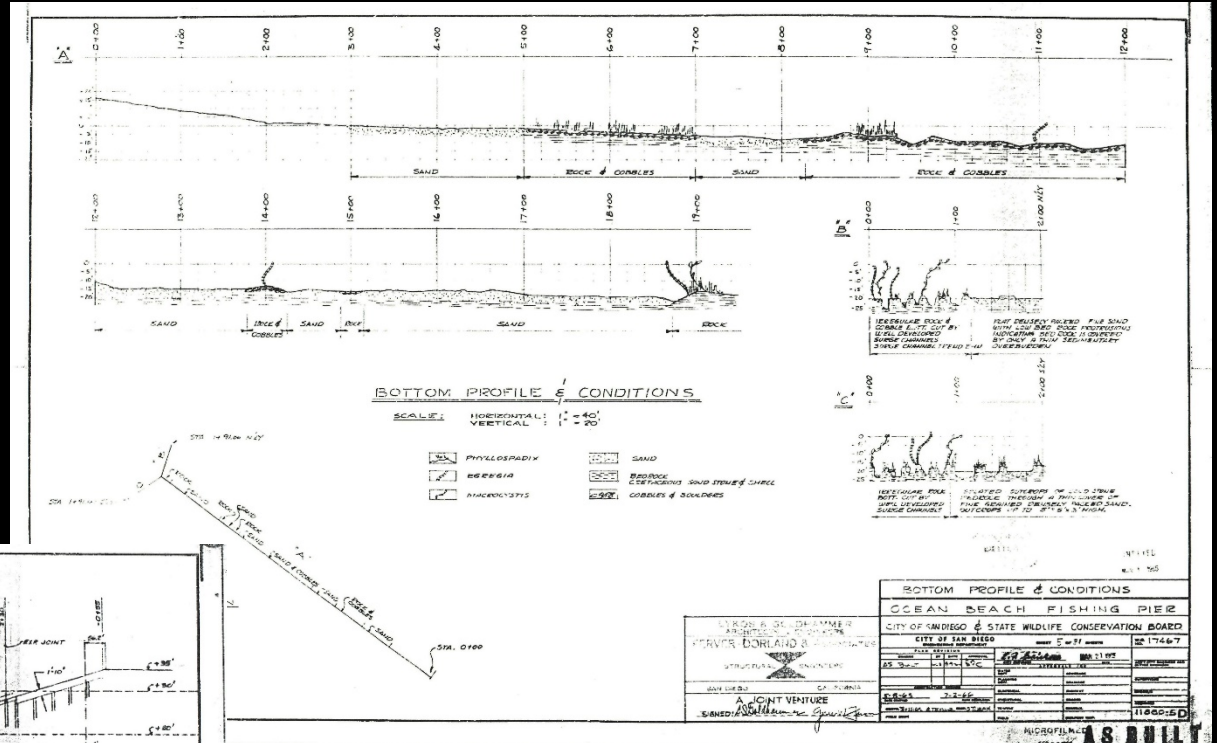
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GENERAL CONTRACTORS

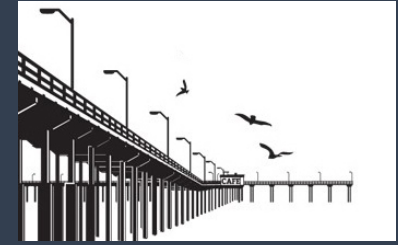
... Since 1928 builders of all types of public and private projects ... especially general, electrical, or technical projects, some of which include the El Cortez, Sturman, shops and glass elevator - Golden-Pac office building - Automotive Data Processing Plant - Shoppes Lane Term Case Packing - La Costa Beach State Park - New Chemicals Building - Nalco Laboratories - General Atomic Technical Office Buildings and Laboratory Building 1 - out of 100000, the Ocean Beach Fishing Pier.

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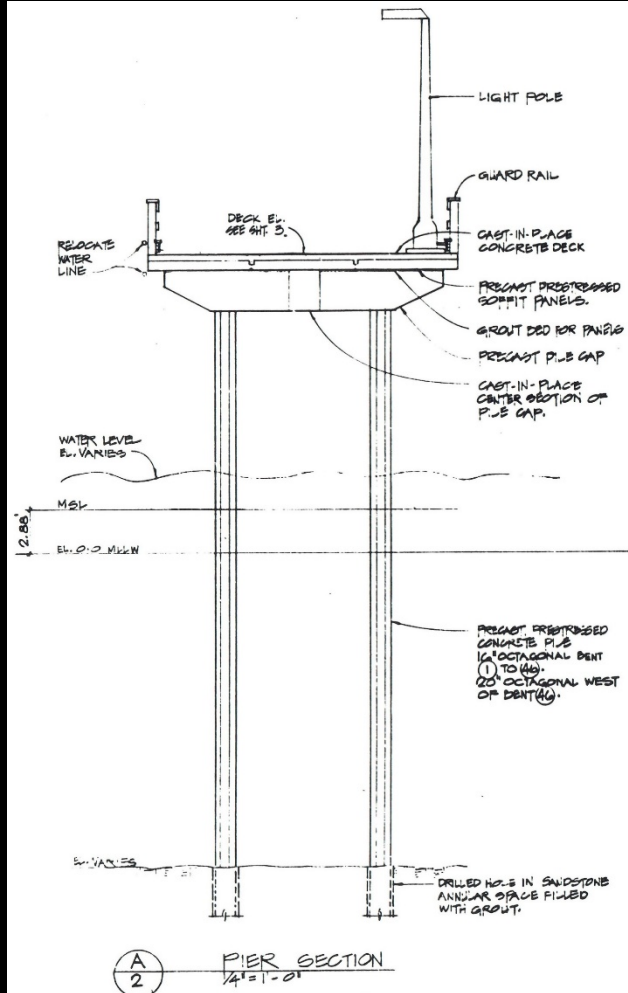
Shore & Pier Profiles

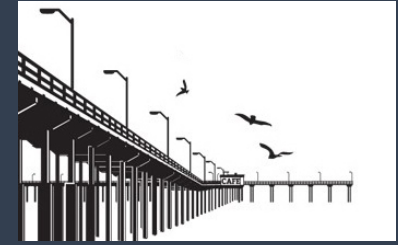




Pier Cross - Section

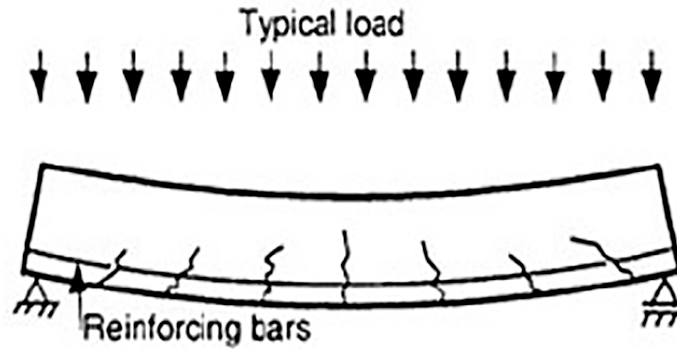
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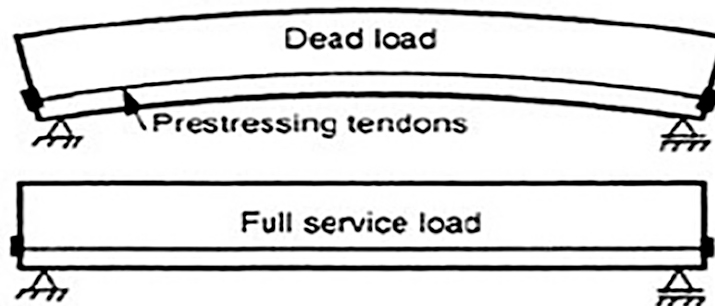
Structural Material - Prestressed Concrete

**Reinforced
Concrete
(RC)**



Cracked with
deflection under
dead load and
full service load

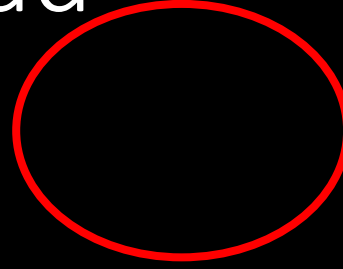
**Prestressed
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Uncracked with
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and prestress



Hammerhead Pile



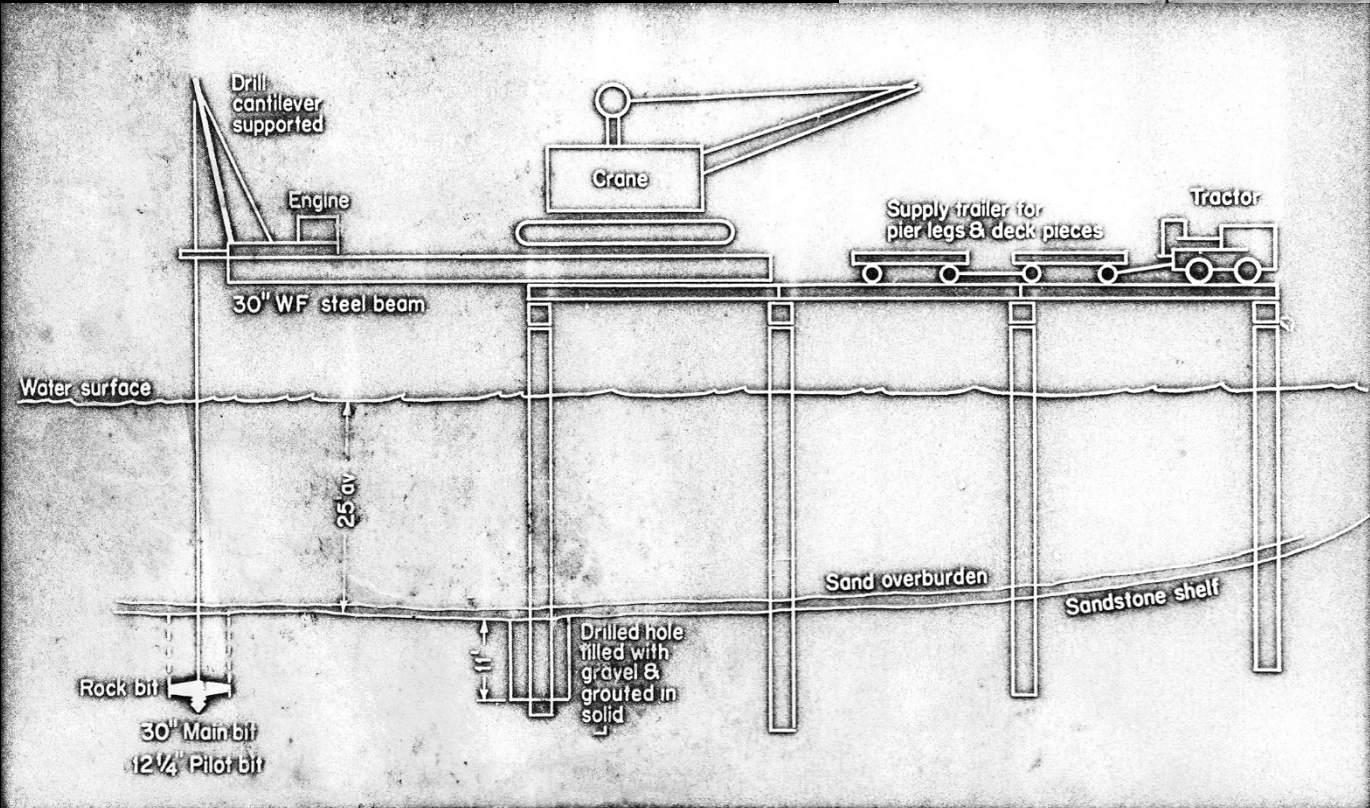
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Construction Overview



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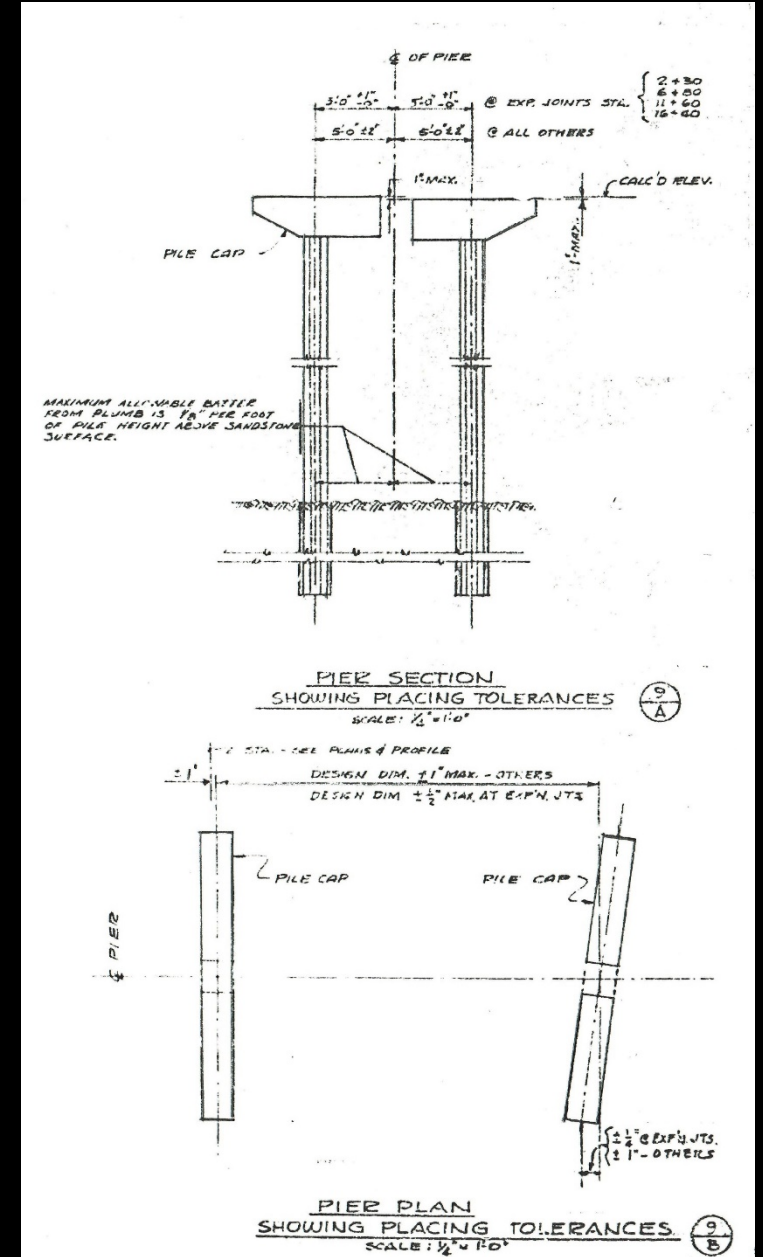




Construction – Alignment and Tolerances

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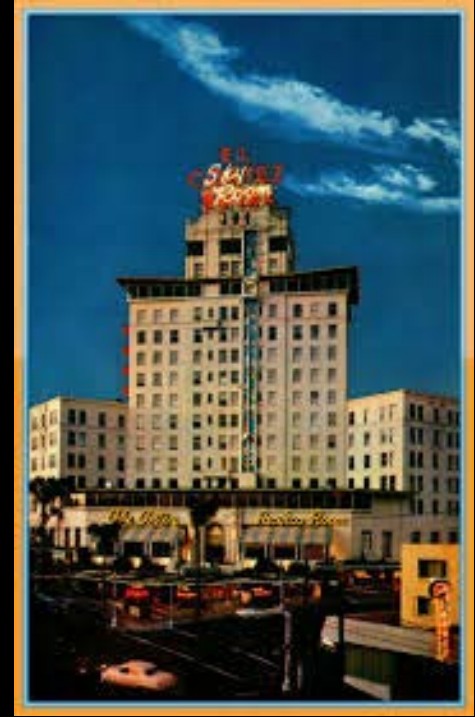
- Pier alignment and tolerances





The Contractor

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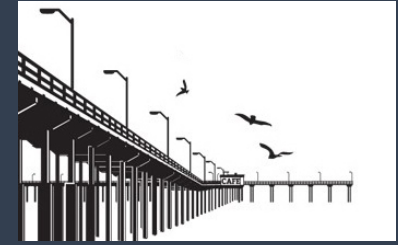




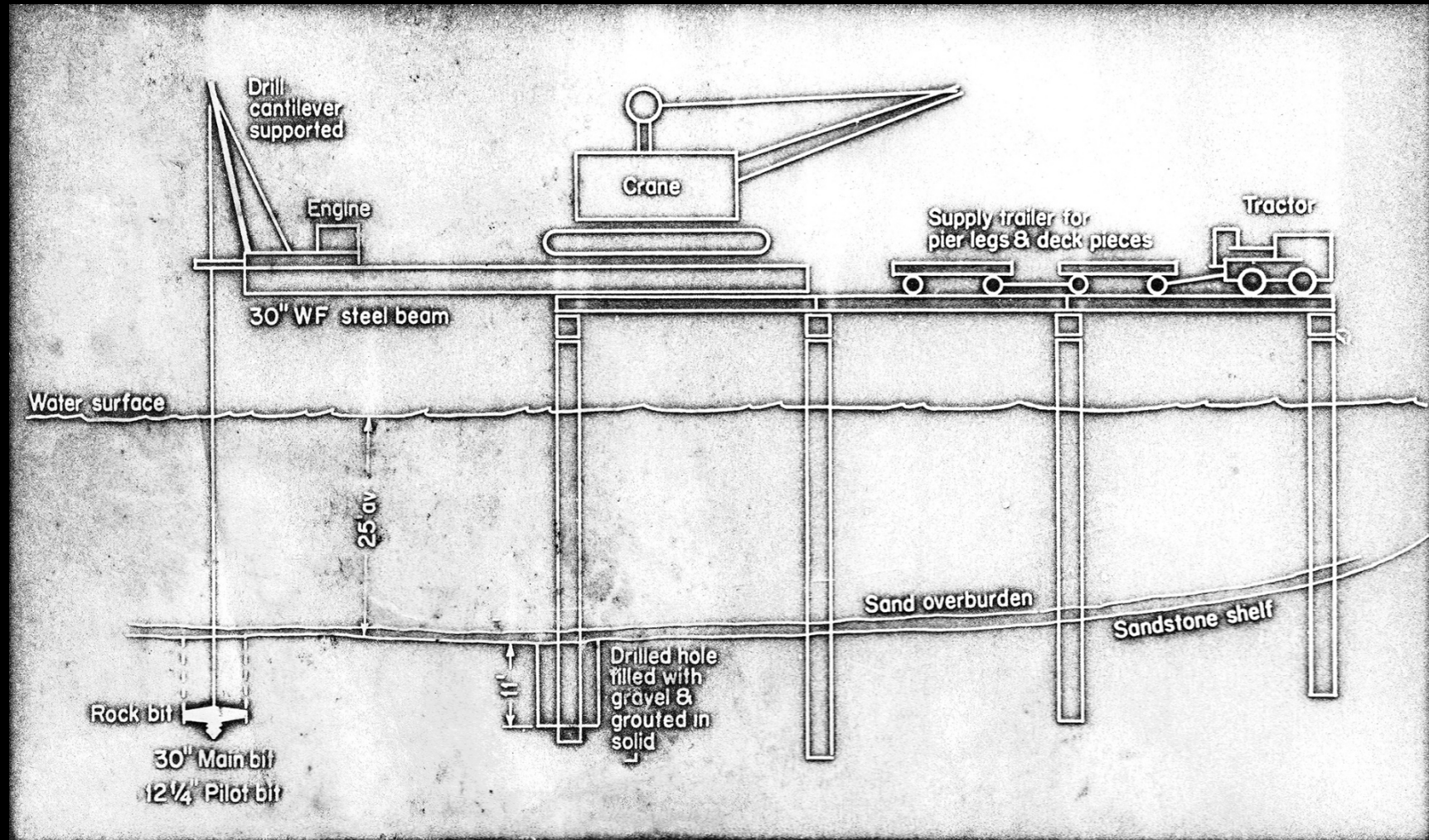
The Crew

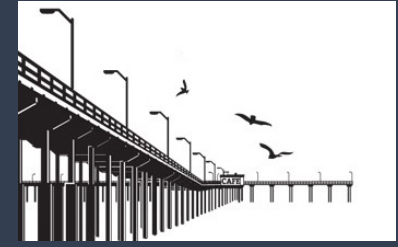
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The Equipment, Tools & Construction Sequencing





The Equipment & Tools - The Crane

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The Equipment & Tools - Drill Rig

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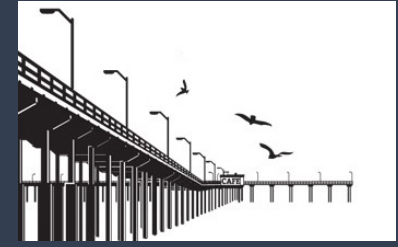




The Equipment & Tools - Drill Rig

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The Equipment & Tools - The Platforms

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The Equipment & Tools - Hoppers, Tremmie, Work Platform

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The Equipment & Tools - Hydraulic Transfer Racks

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The Equipment & Tools - Trailer Dollies & Tractor

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Construction – Starting at the beach

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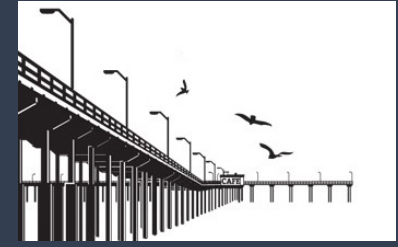




Construction – *Picking up* (the pace)

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Construction –
All hands (and equipment) on deck

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Construction –
The Guys On the front lines -

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Construction –
The Guys On the front lines -

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Construction – *All decked out*

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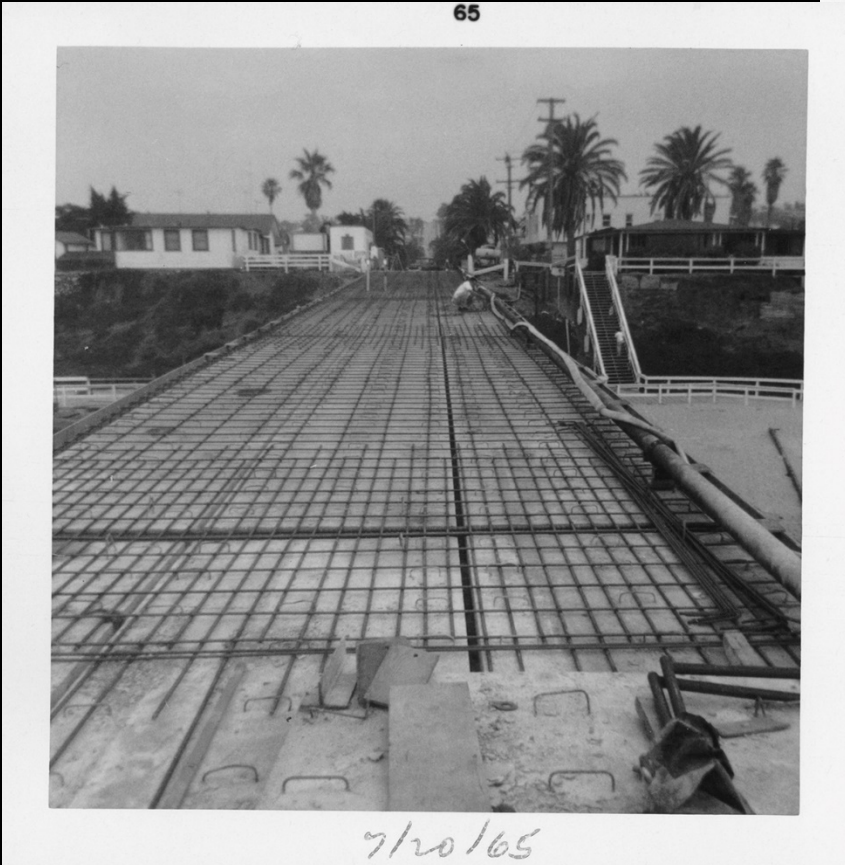


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Construction – *All decked out*

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Construction – *All decked out*

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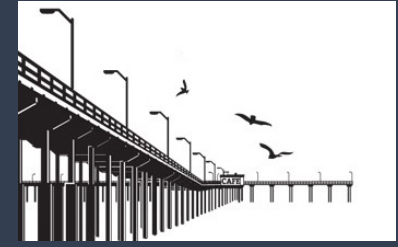


Construction – *Completed*

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**Ocean Beach Fishing Pier
World's Longest Concrete Pier (1,917 Feet)**



Thank you!
(OB rocks!)



Birthday Wishes All Around!

OB Pier turns 50; Leonard Teyssier turns 89

Special Thanks to:

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