

# Waterfront Facility Inspection & Rehabilitation Engineering Design



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# What Are Waterfront Facilities?

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- Cargo Terminals
- Piers
- Wharves
- Marine Oil Terminals
- Cruise Ship Terminals
- Quay Walls
- Bulkheads
- Graving Docks
- Floating Dry Docks (Moorings)
- Jettys
- Shipyards
- Marinas
- Offshore Wind
- Bridges (kind of...)

# What Are Waterfront Facilities?

Cargo Terminals  
Containers  
Bulk  
Liquid Bulk



# What Are Waterfront Facilities?

Pier



# What Are Waterfront Facilities?

Wharf



# What Are Waterfront Facilities?

Yacht Marinas



# Captain Laurie Scott

## *Aboard the S.S. SCOTT FREE*



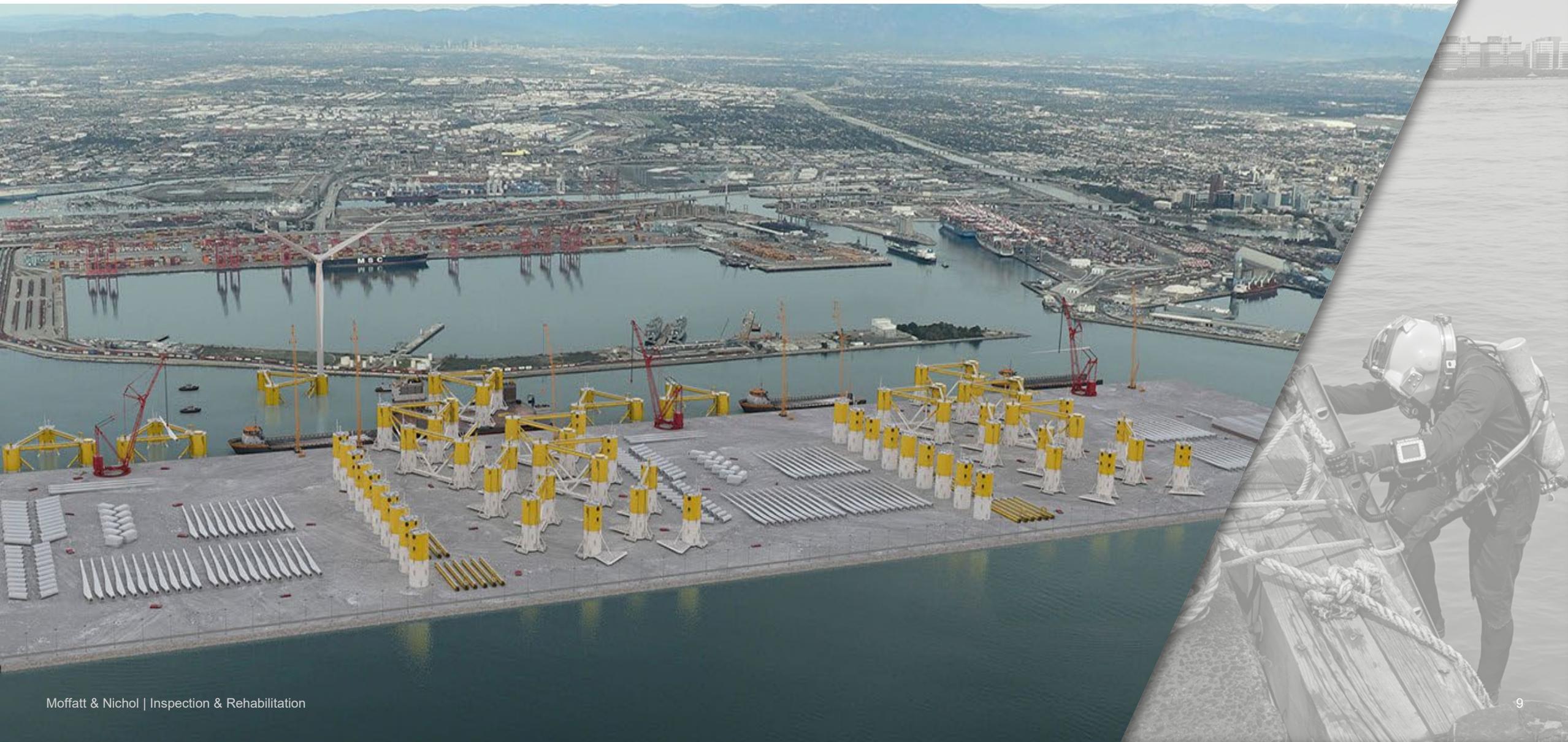
# Captain Merrill Stubing

*Aboard **The Love Boat***



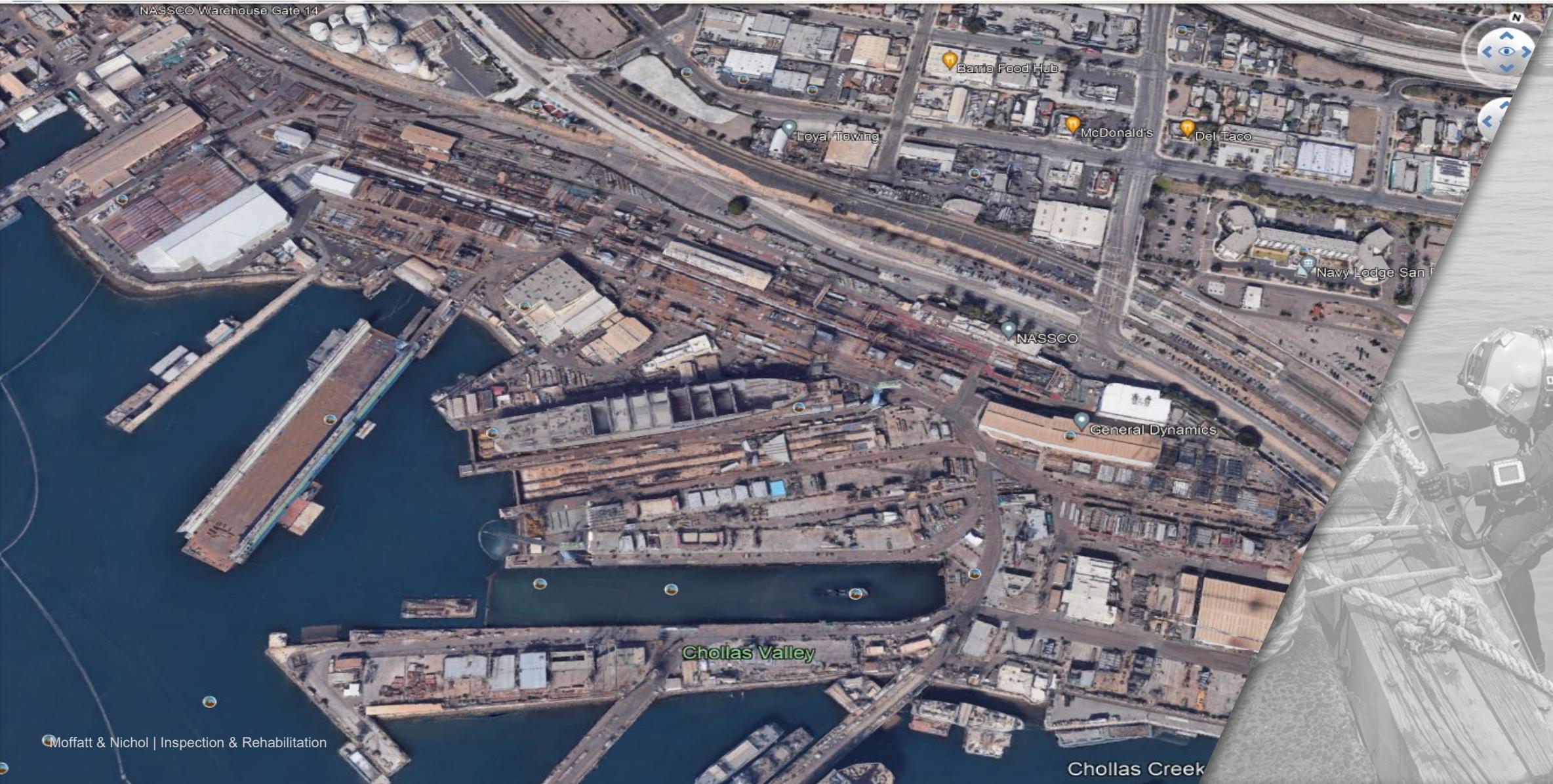
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POLB - Pier Wind – Offshore Wind Terminal – 400 Acre New Pier



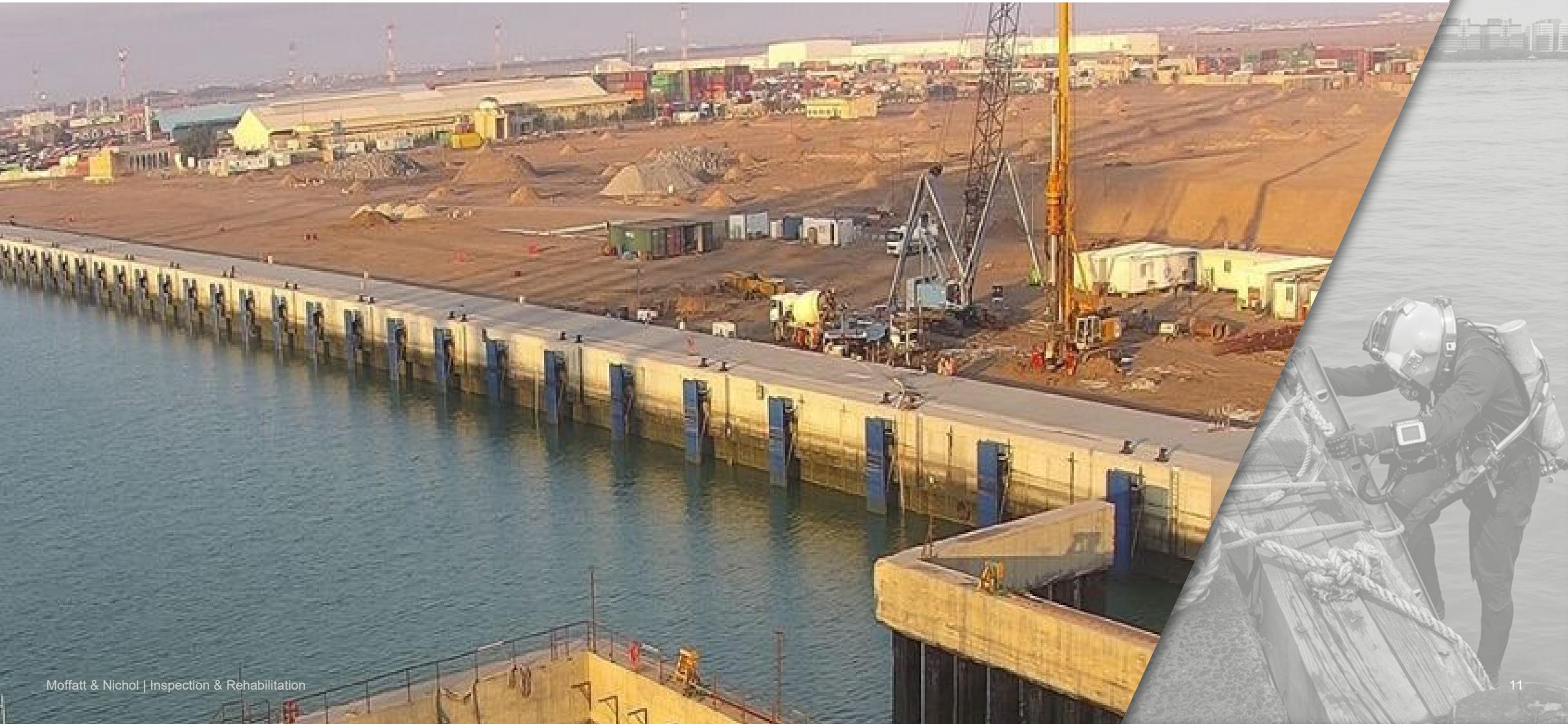
# What Are Waterfront Facilities?

NASSCO – San Diego – 80 Acres



# What Are Waterfront Facilities?

## Quay Walls & Bulkheads



# Most Severe Environment

Salt Water  
Wave Action  
Tides  
Wind  
Heavy Loads  
Constant Use  
Difficult Access for  
Maintenance  
Sea Level Rise



# WWII Infrastructure

NBSD  
NBPL  
JBPHH  
NB KITSAP  
Everywhere



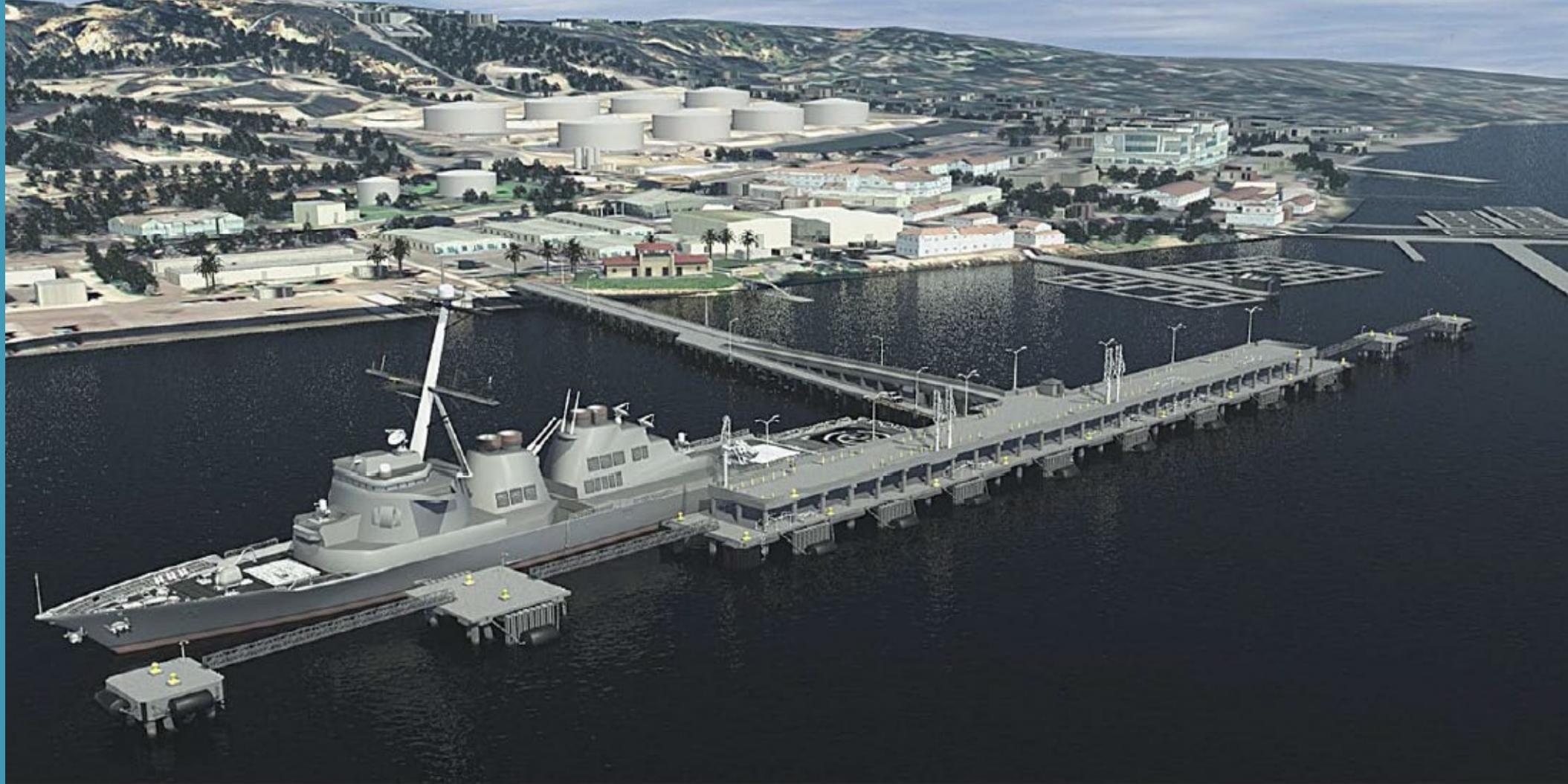
# WWII Infrastructure





# Navy Base Point Loma, San Diego, CA

1913 Fuel Pier



# Navy Base Point Loma, San Diego, CA

## 2018 Fuel Pier

# Snapshot of Projects





# Hudson River Park Trust, NY

## Parkwide Inspections. Construction Support and Oversight

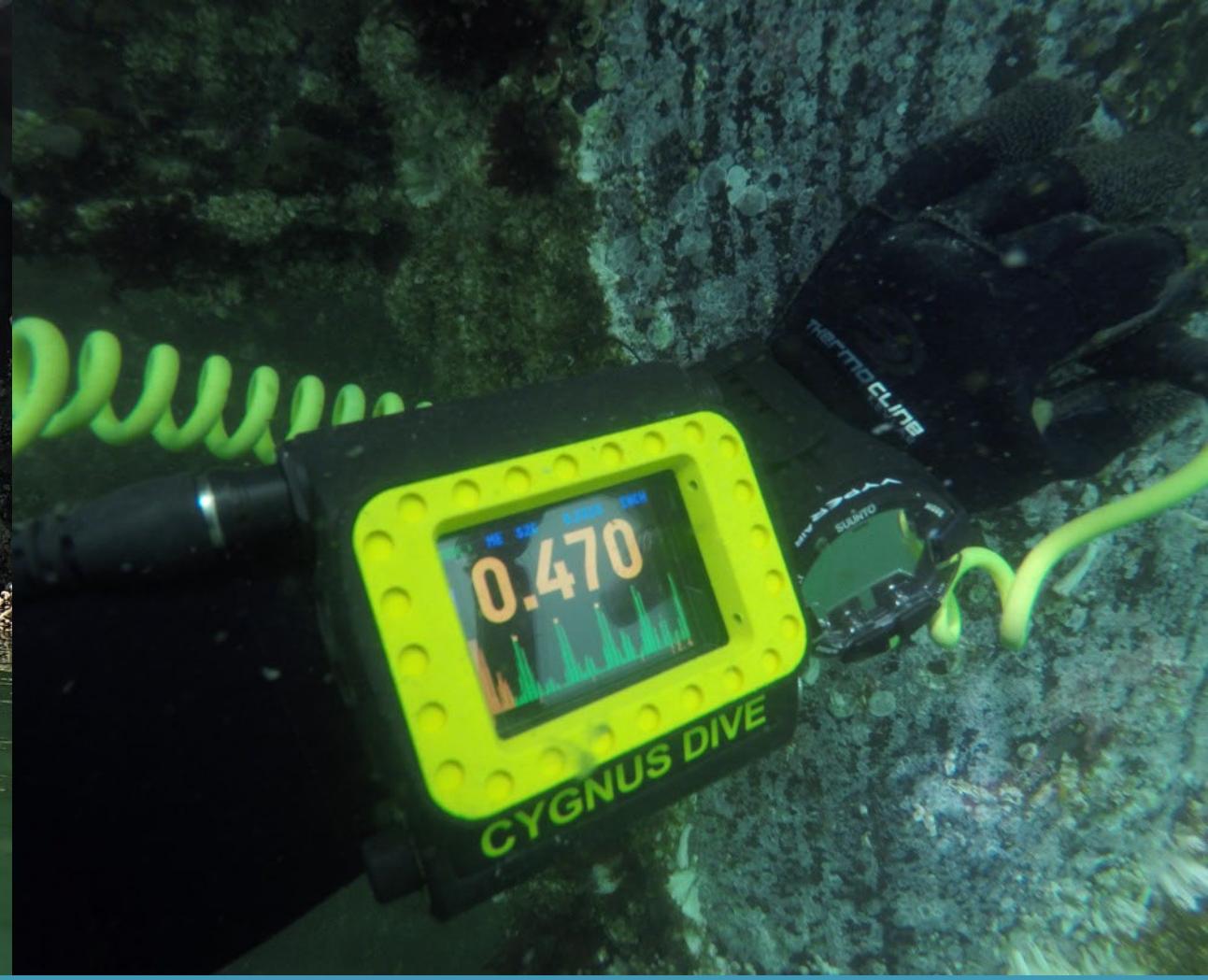


# POLA MOTEMS Audit

## Underwater Timber Cores



# Bimini Cruise Port Inspection



# Bellingham Shipping Terminal, WA

## Inspection & Repairs



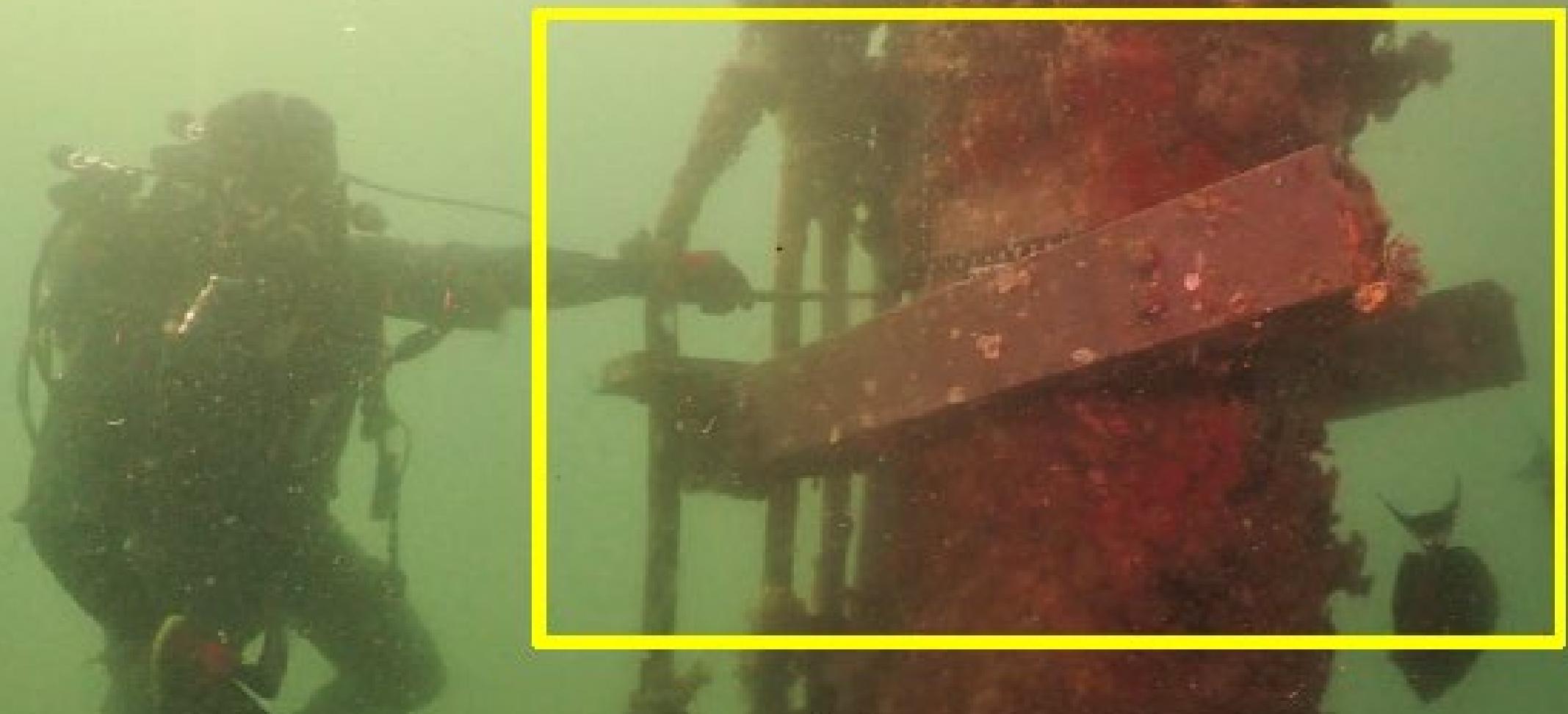
# Port of Lake Charles, LA

## Port Wide Inspections. Allision Damage Assessments. Rehabilitation



# TOTE, Honolulu Harbor

## UW/AW Inspection



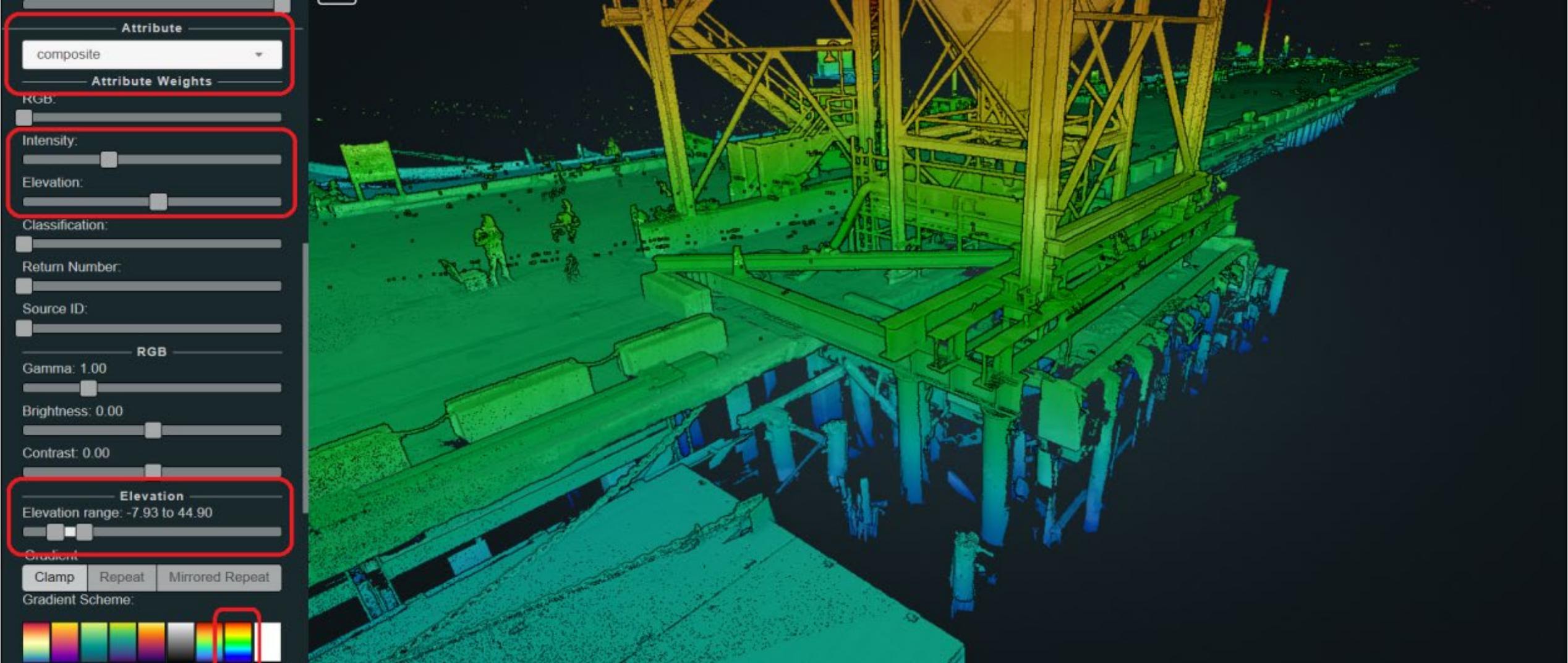
# Pearl Harbor Magnetic Silencing Facility, HI

## Inspection



# SDUPD National City Marine Terminal – 24-2

## Allision (aka: Hard-Berthing) Incident



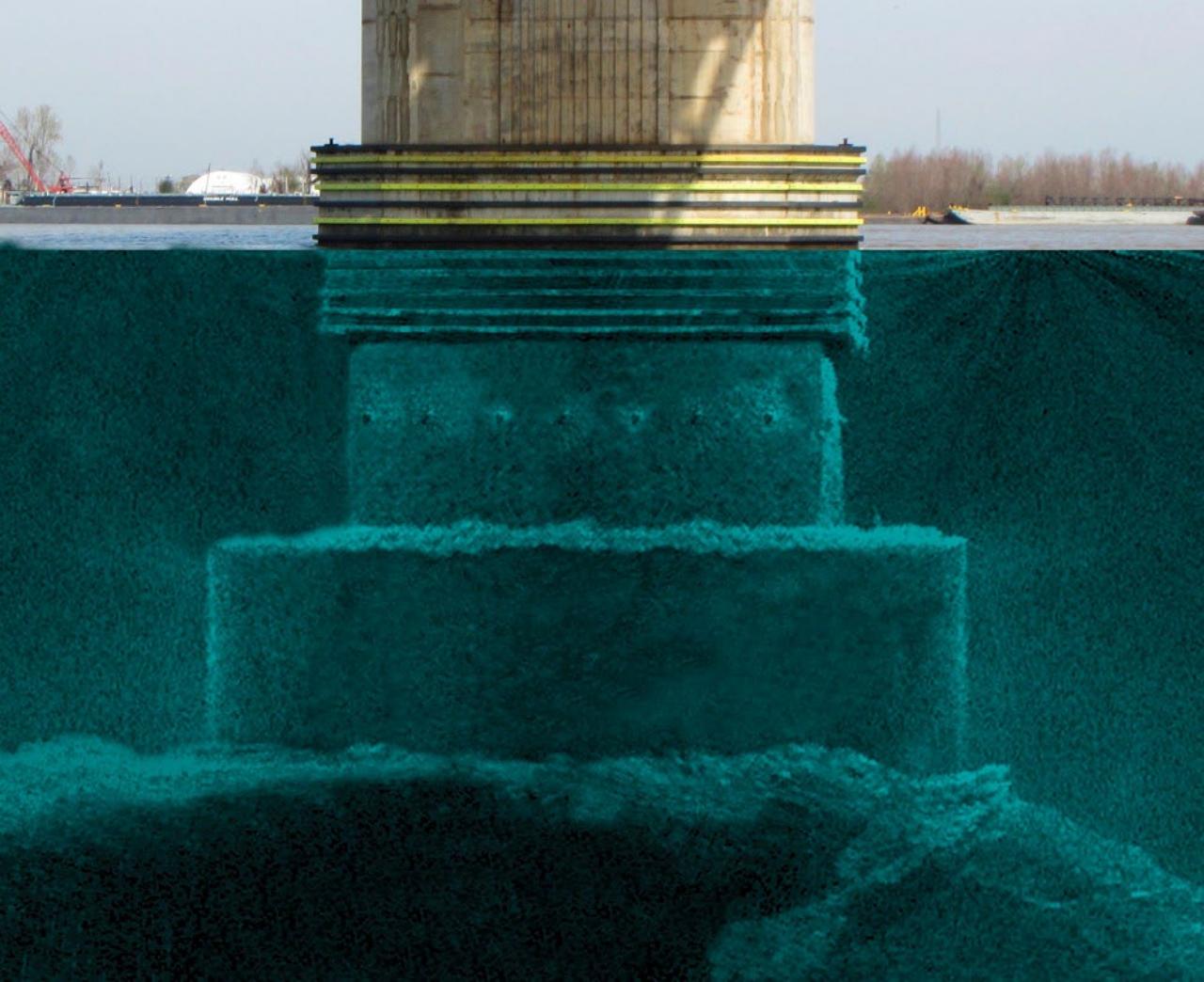
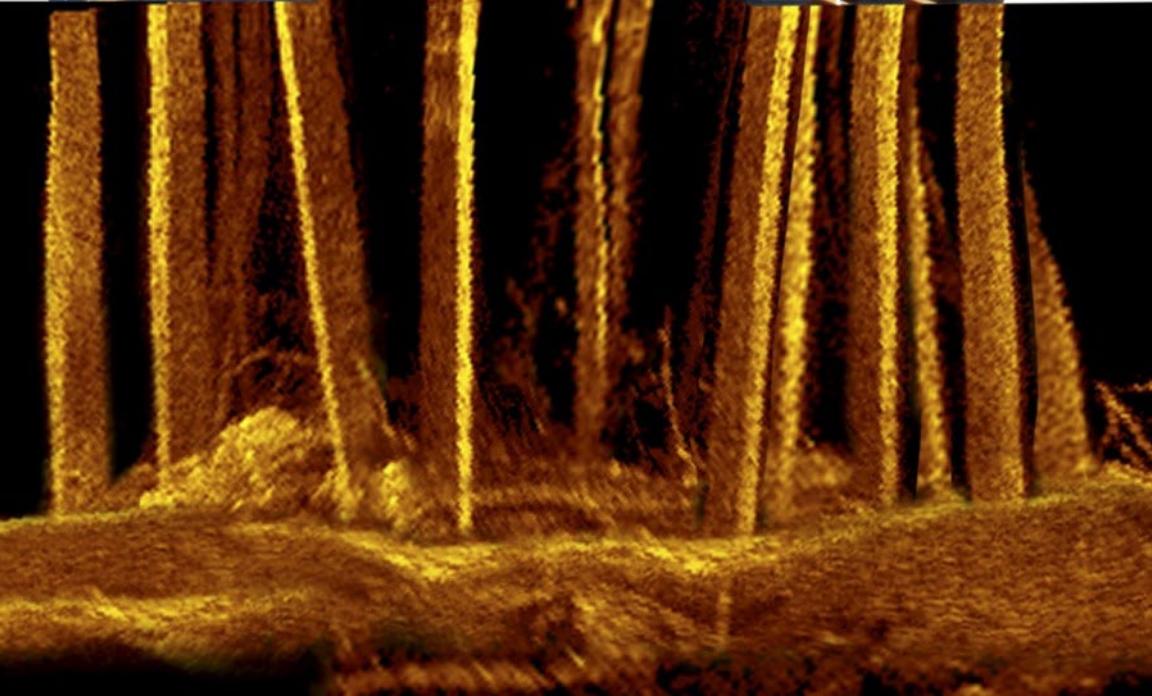
# Valero MOT – Post-Fire, Benicia, CA

## Inspection – Using LiDAR



# LADOTD

## In-Depth Inspection of Complex Bridges



# LADOTD

## UWI with Acoustic Imaging



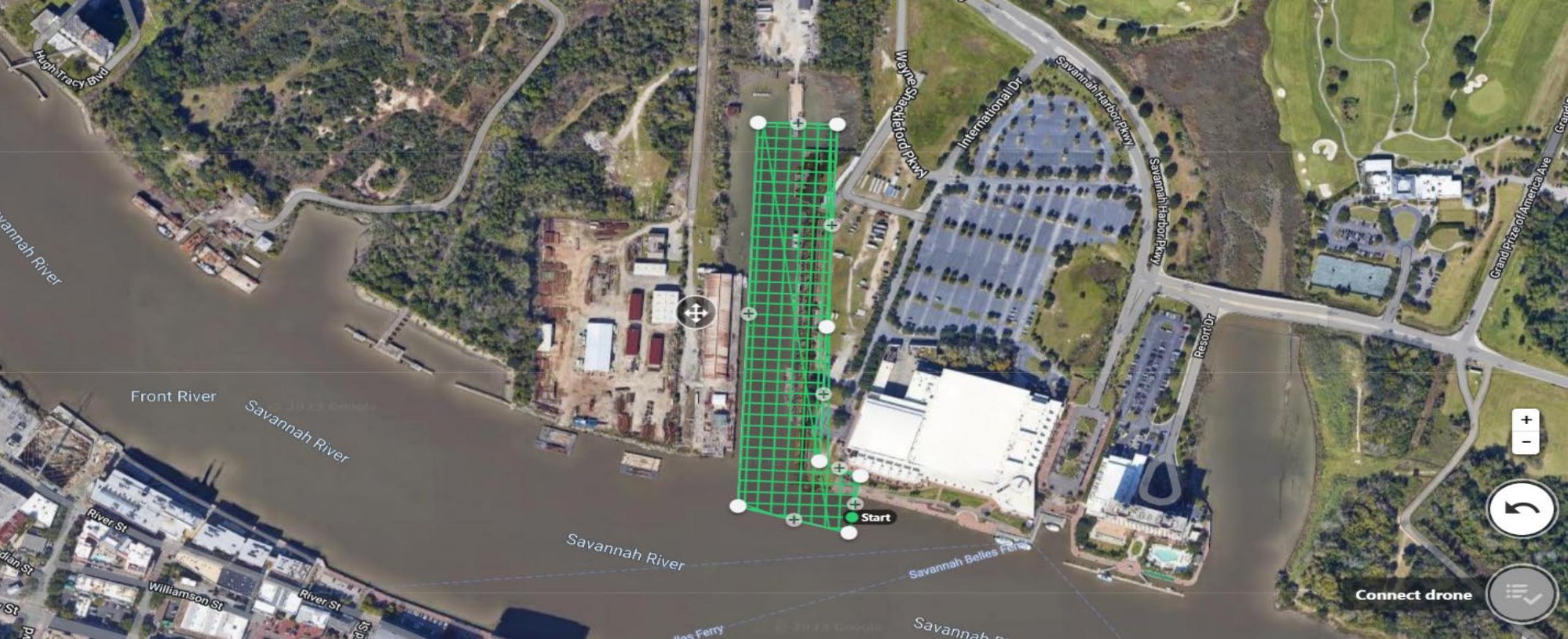
# SSPBH Tie-Back System Test Pit, B St. Pier, SDUPD



# SSPBH Tie-Back System Test Pit, Broadway Pier, SDUPD

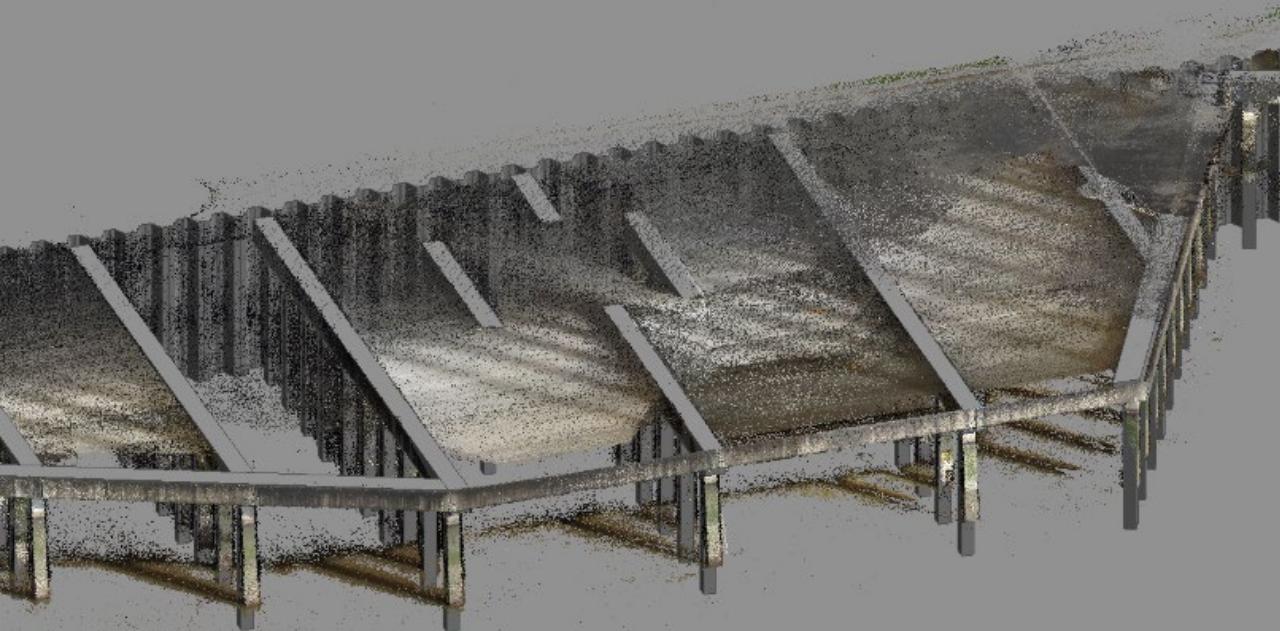


# Inspection Tools and Tech

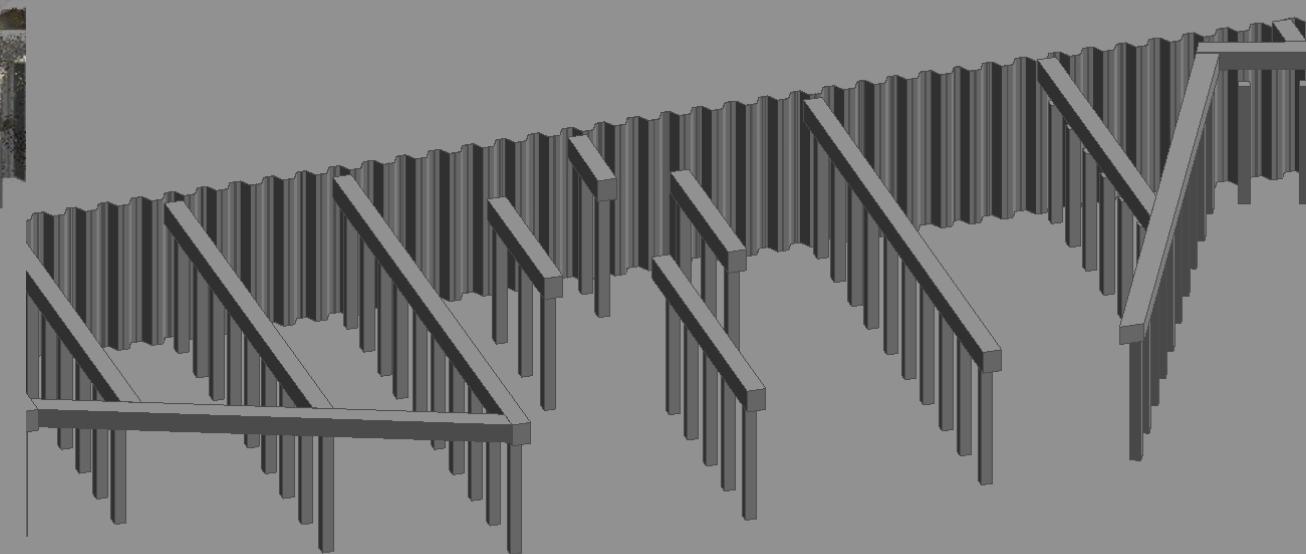


# Drone Aerial Photogrammetry

## Bulkhead Inspection/Repair Design



Point cloud image from drone.



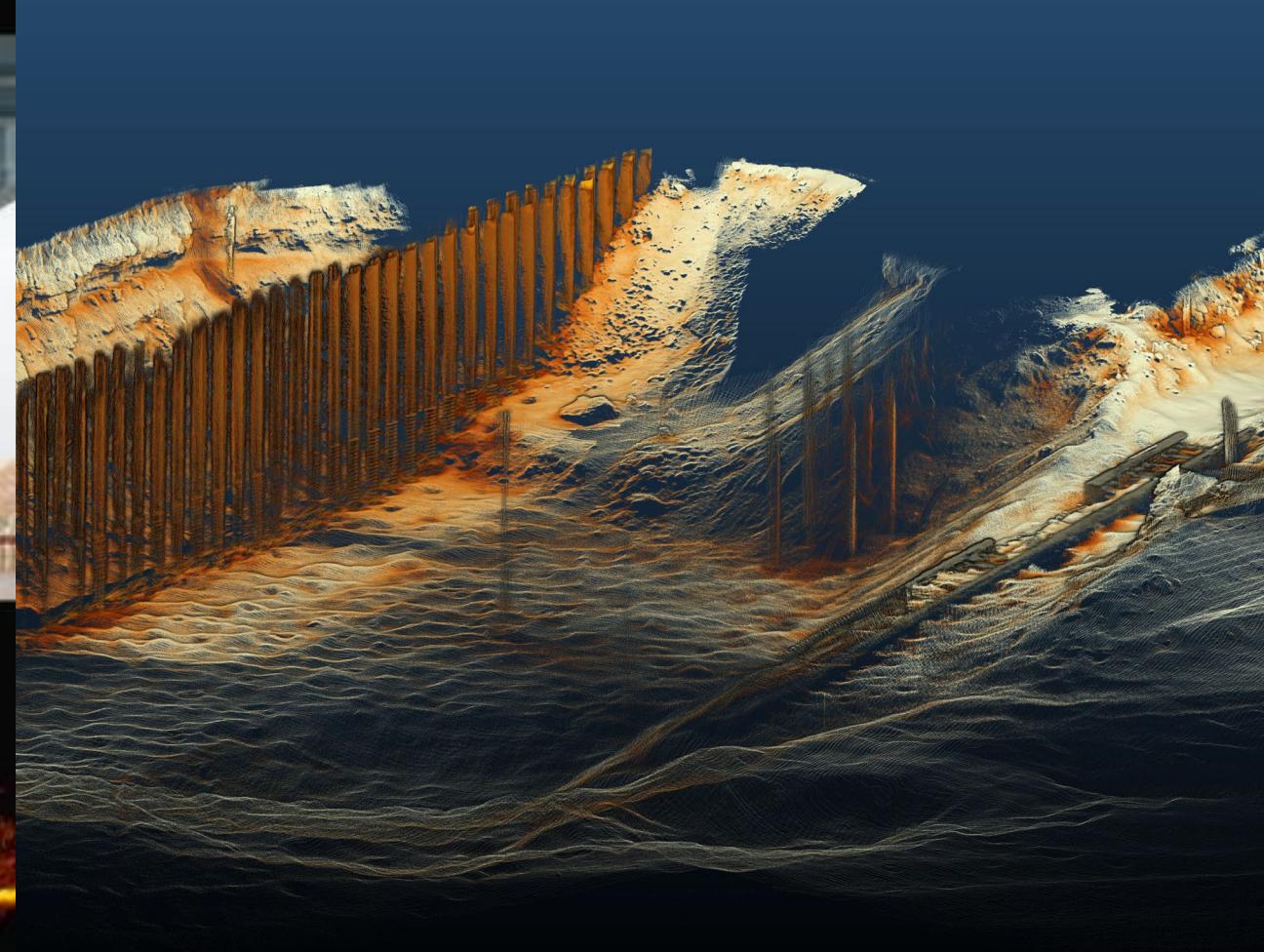
Revit model elements placed by referencing point could. Elevations and dimensions reference mesh and point cloud.

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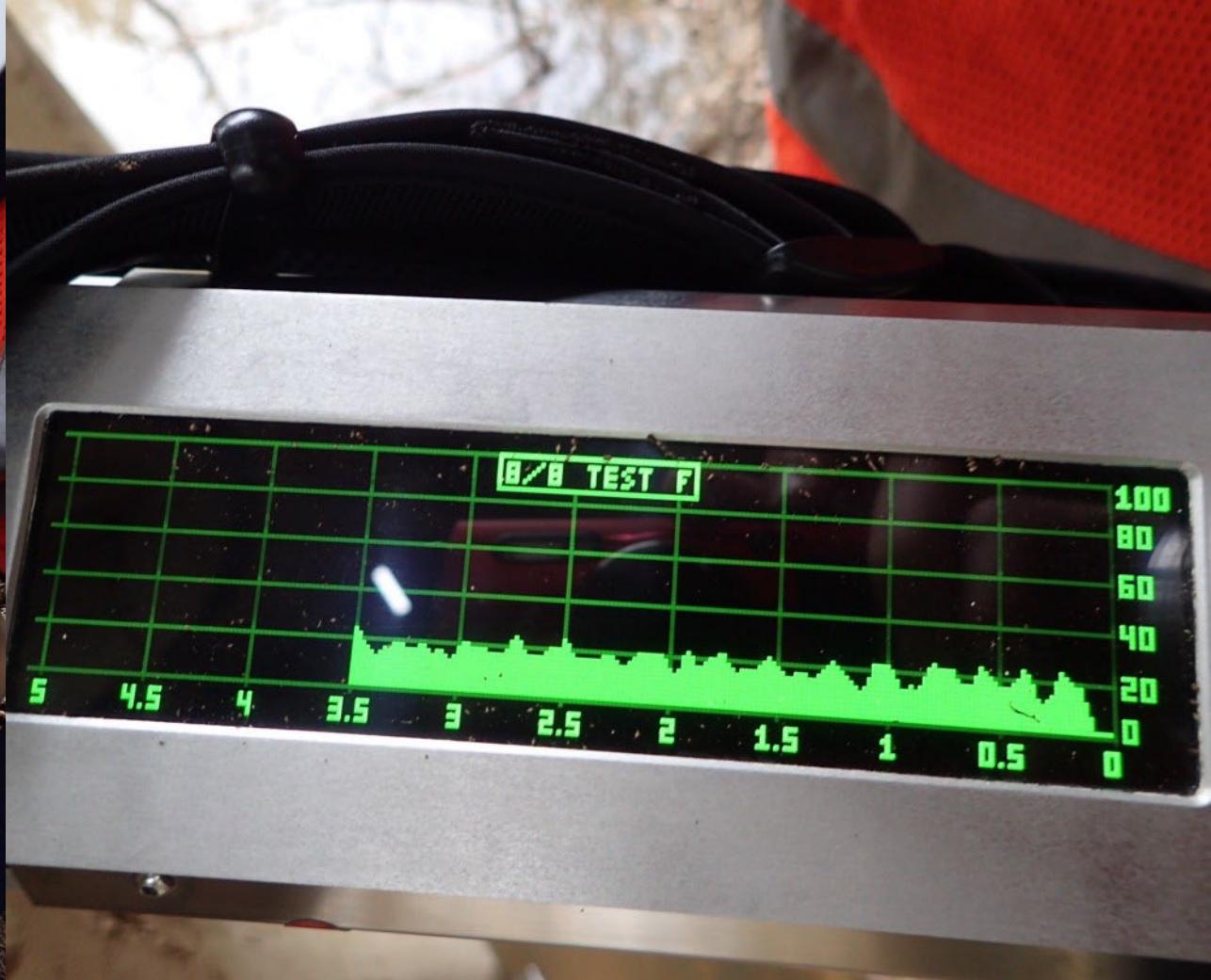
## Savannah Convention Center Bulkhead Inspection/Repair Design



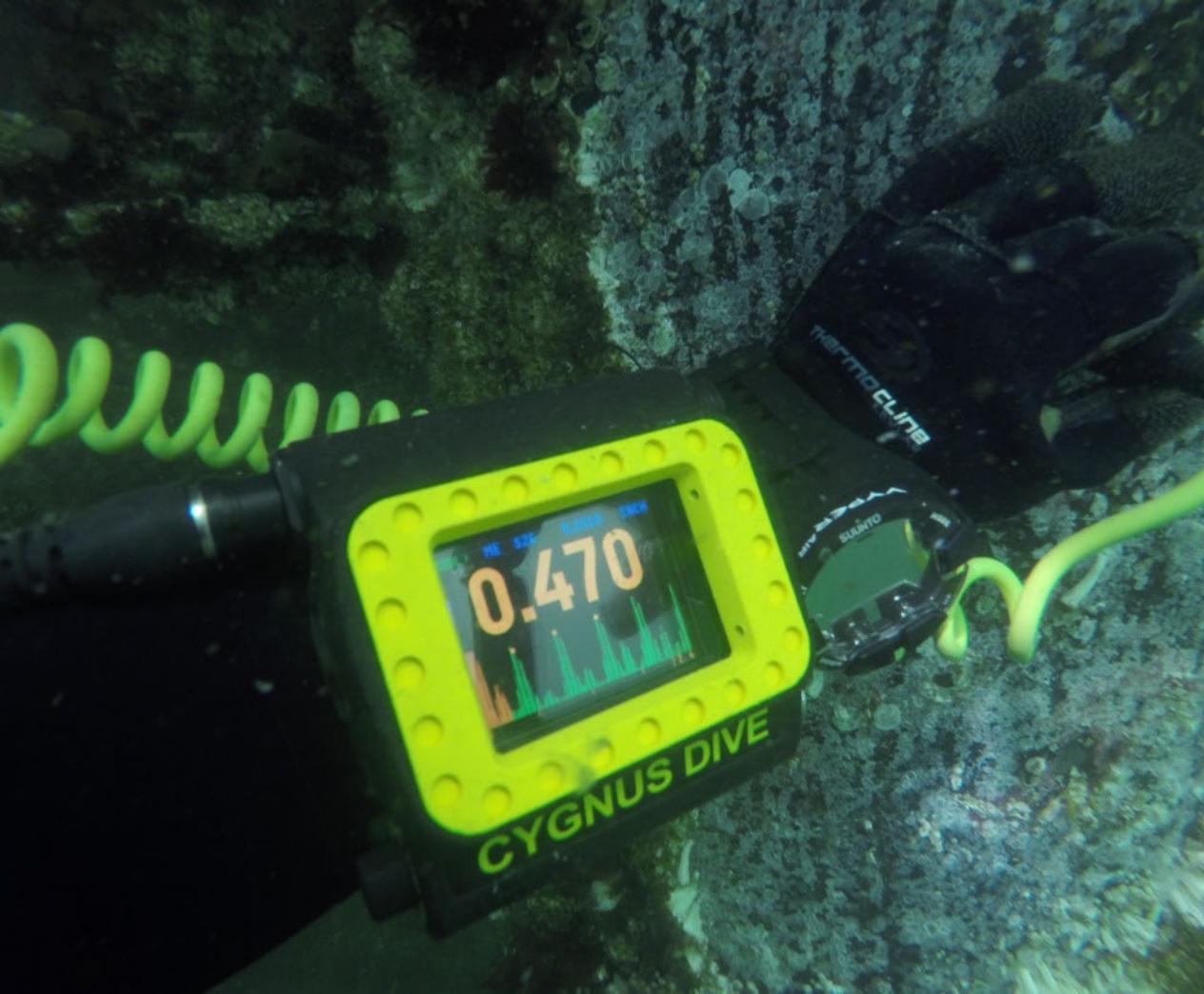
# Underwater Acoustic Imaging + LiDAR



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# Timber Resistance Drill

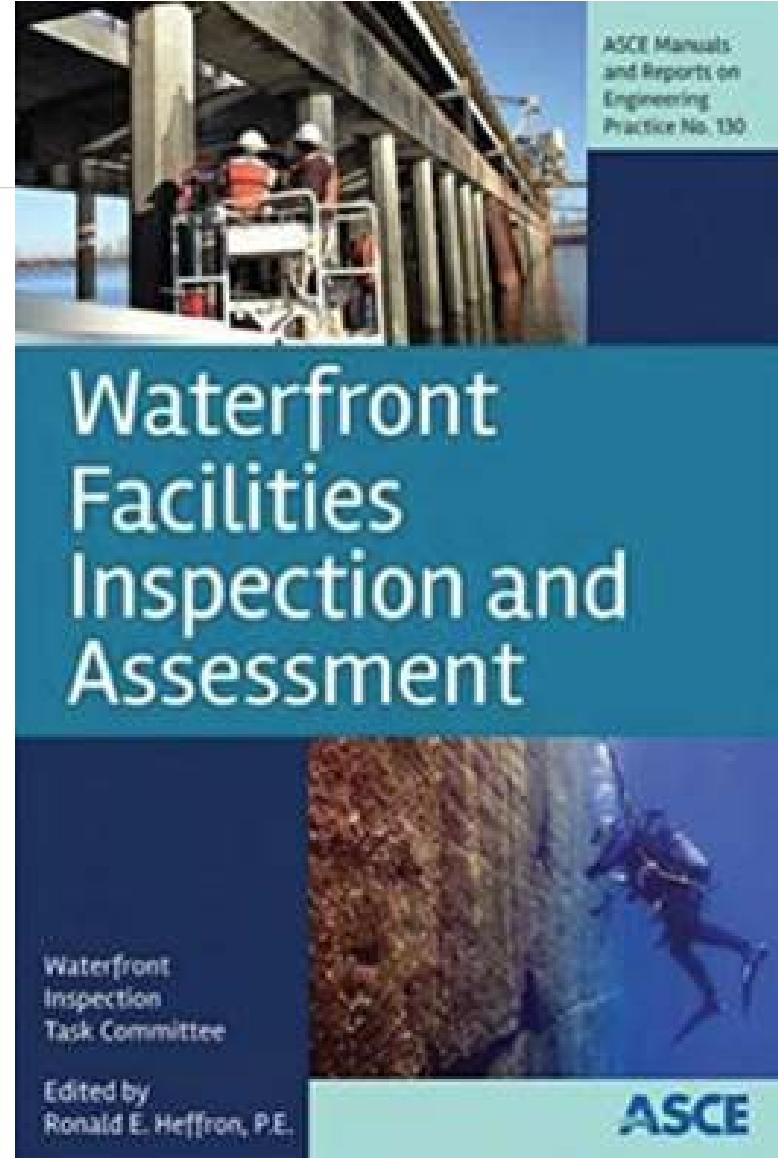


# Ultrasonic Thickness Gauge

# ASCE Manual 130

New Version Avail. Aug 2025

Co-Authored by Bill Dubbs



# PIANC WG-233

## “Inspection, Maintenance & Repair of Waterfront Facilities”

To be released Q4 2025



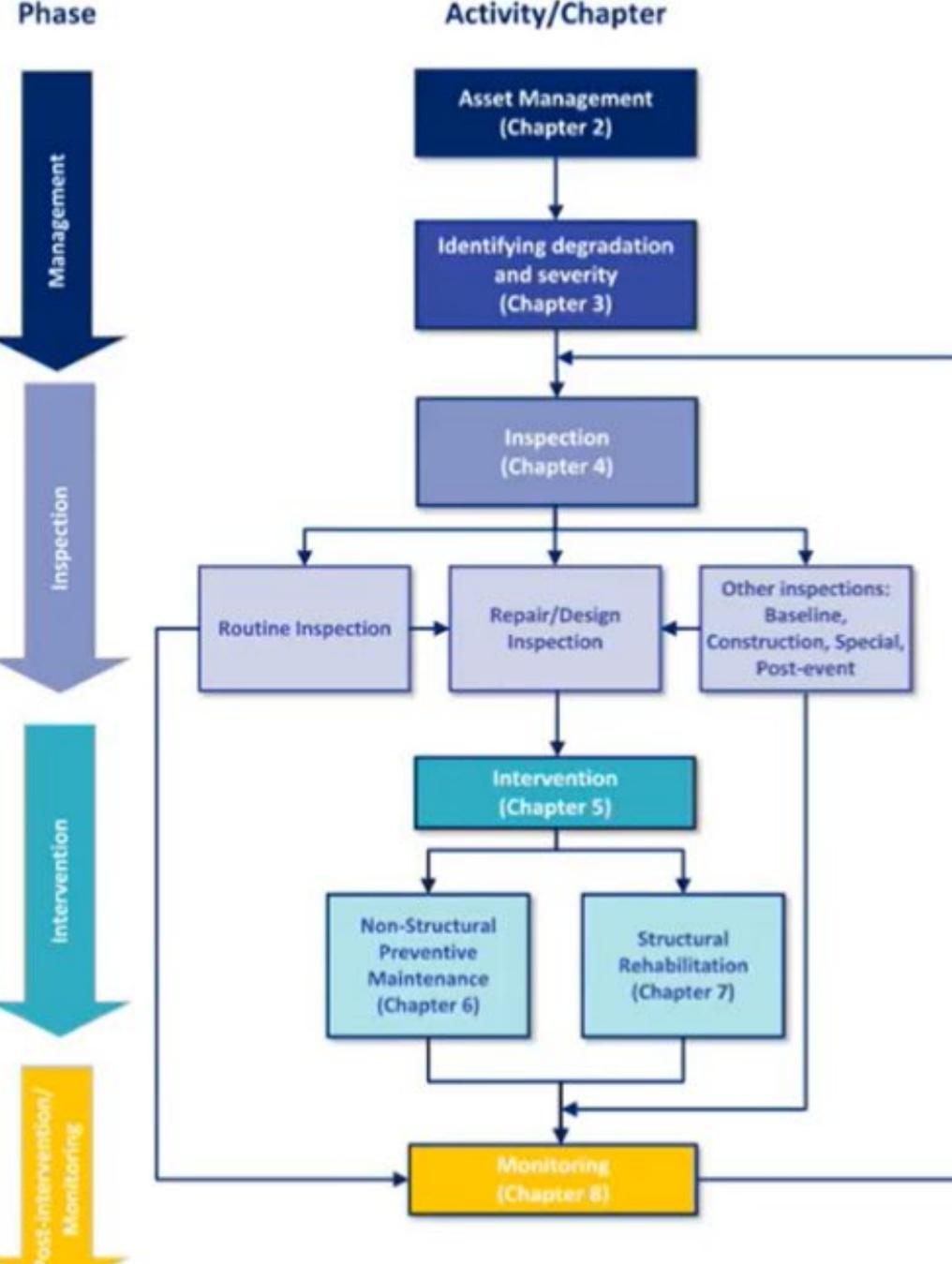
# PIANC

The World Association for Waterborne  
Transport Infrastructure



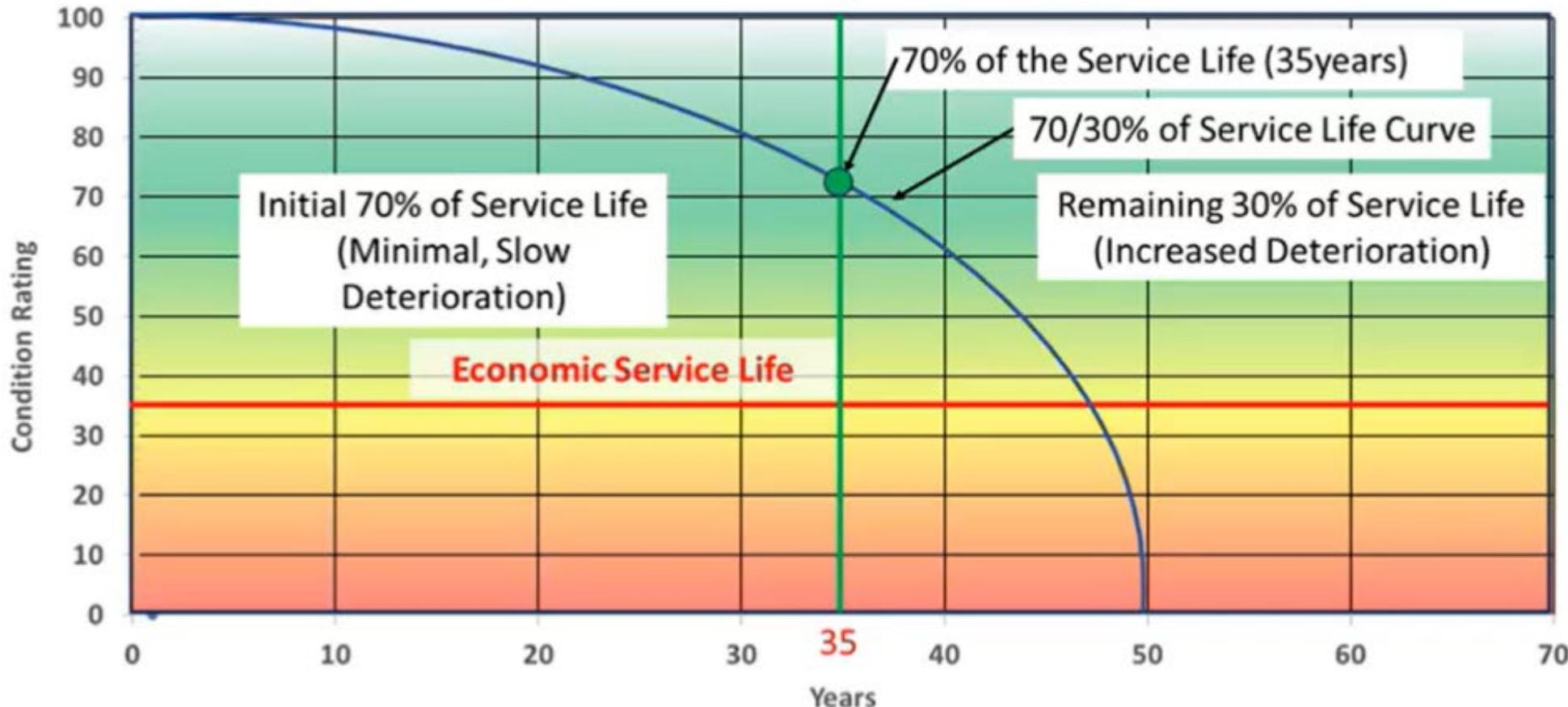
# MANUAL OVERVIEW

- › 1 - Scope & Introduction
- › 2 - Asset Management
- › 3 - Degradation
- › 4 - Inspection
- › 5 – Intervention
- › 6 - Maintenance / Preservation
- › 7 - Repair / Rehabilitation
- › 8 - Monitoring



# SERVICE LIFE

Service Life – 70/30 Curve





# Relationships – Stakeholders & Consultants

**“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”**



**Inspection &  
Rehabilitation =  
Continuous  
involvement with  
engineering  
teams**



**Inspection &  
Rehabilitation =  
Relationships  
built around trust**



## Port of San Diego, CA – Exemplary Facility Care



# NCMT, Port of San Diego, CA

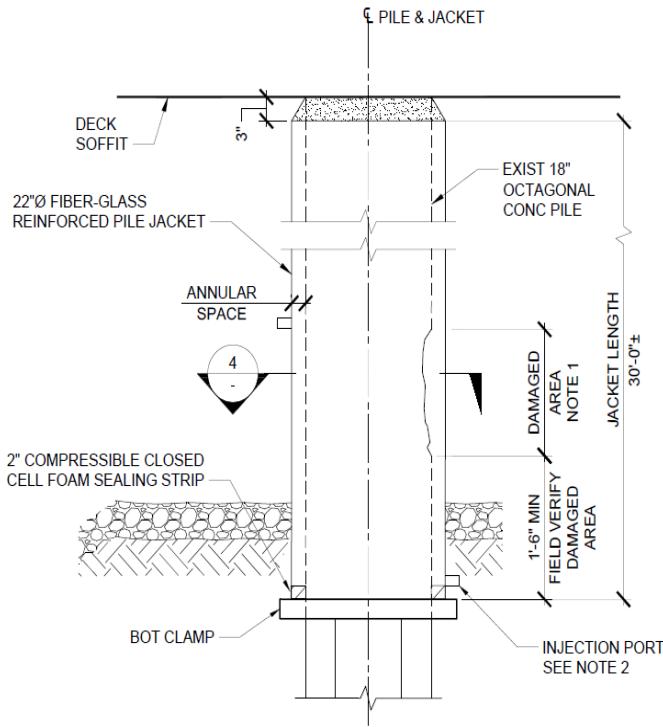
Berth 24-11 Inspection and Rehabilitation –

2006, 2013, 2018 Marine Terminal Inspections Berth 24-11



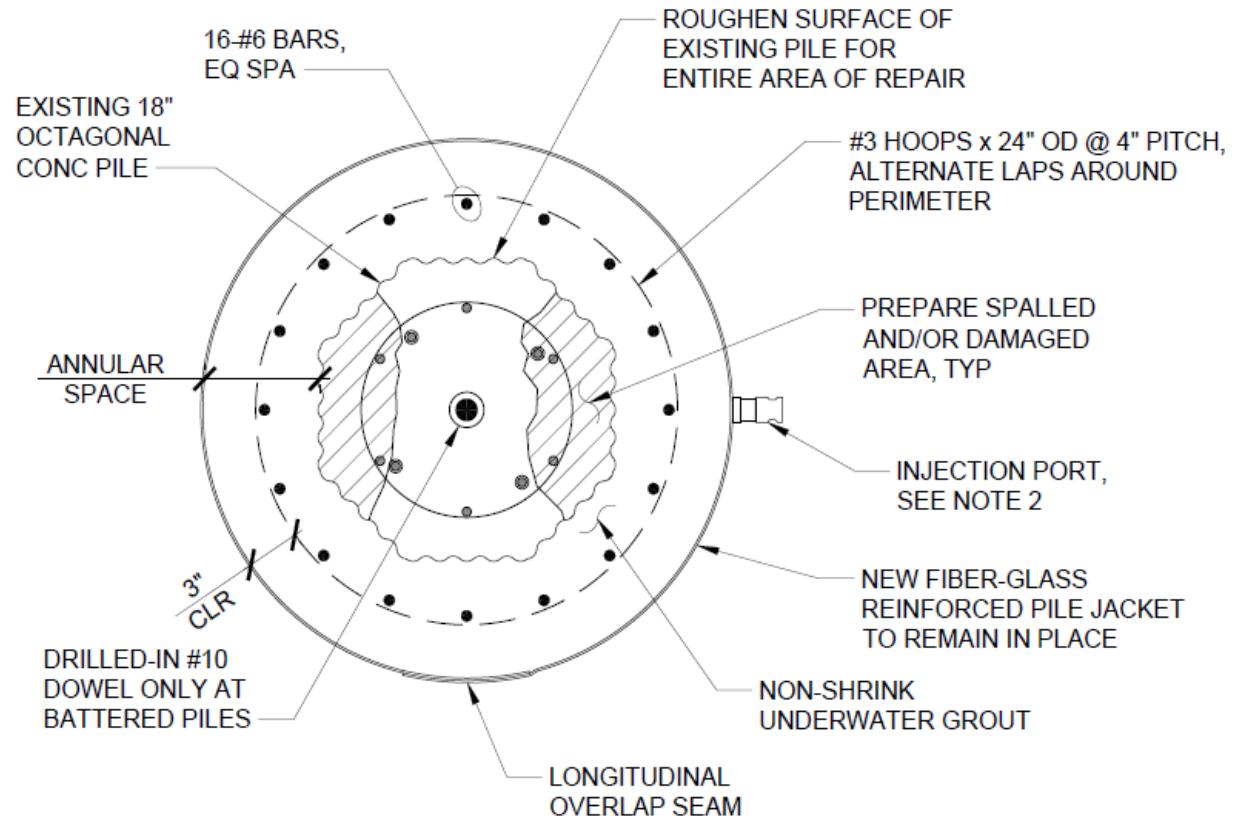
# NCMT, Port of San Diego, CA

2006, 2013, 2018 Marine Terminal Inspections Berth 24-11



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S-2.2  
S-2.3 **DETAIL - DURABILITY JACKET AT PLUMB PILE**  
SCALE: 1"=1'-0"  
NOTES:

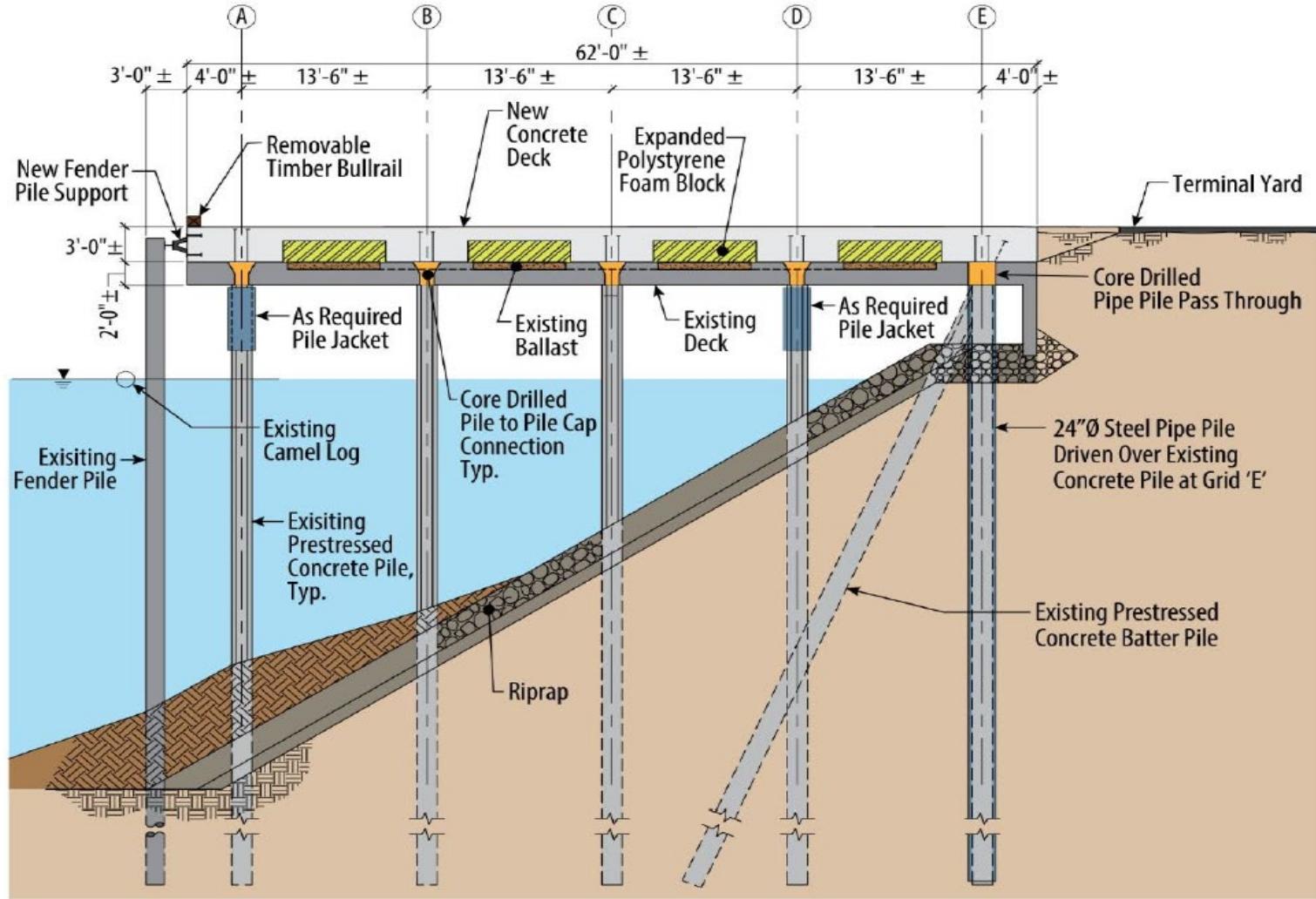
1. DAMAGED AREA HAS A VERTICAL CRACK OR STAIN AND IS ORIENTED AT MORE THAN 60° FROM HORIZONTAL
2. PROVIDE INJECTION PORTS, PER JACKET SYSTEM MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS



5  
- **SECTION - STRUCTURAL JACKET**  
SCALE: 1 1/2" = 1'-0"

# NCMT, Port of San Diego, CA

## Berth 24-11 – Pile repairs – preservation vs. structural rehabilitation



# NCMT, Port of San Diego, CA

## Berth 24-11 – New Deck on top of Old Deck



# NCMT, Port of San Diego, CA

Berth 24-10 -> 24-11

- › Retrofitting/Strengthening as follows:
  - › Repairs aim to rectify the observed damage and restore the structure's capacity to its pre-damage strength.
  - › Rehabilitation is the term used when the structure's capacity is increased up to its original design strength. We also want to mitigate any introduced degradation mechanisms. Repair with service life.
  - › Retrofitting / Strengthening refers to enhancing the structure's strength to the present code level or for adaptation to new uses.



# Repair vs. Rehabilitation

# Engineering the Decision for Rehabilitation 25 More Years, Please

- › Design Level Inspections
- › Options – Decision Tree
- › Cost/Benefit Matrix
- › Special Inspections (Material Testing)
- › Design of Repairs

25 Yr Service Life Extension				
Action Option	Cost Year One	Life Cycle Cost	Service Life (Yrs)	Notes
Do Nothing	0	0	7	Load restrictions
As-Needed Repairs	3M	11M	25	Possible capacity reduction
Coatings	2M	9M	25	Load restrictions
Cathodic Protection	3M	7M	25	Load restrictions
Rehabilitation	9M	12M	25	Restore design capacity
Replacement	34M	45M	100	Any capacity

# Rehabilitation – Step 1

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- › Existing Record Drawings?
  - › If no, may call for LiDAR mated with Multi-Beam for digital twin 3D model
- › Design-Level Inspections
  - › Verify existing drawings or twinned model
  - › Needed field information, dependent upon selected course of action
- › Berth depth vs. draft requirements
  - › Dredging required?
- › Identify operational requirements
  - › Current and/or future tenant purpose

# Rehabilitation – Step 2

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- › Special Inspections (Material Testing)
  - › Why special inspections? Know where we're coming from.
  - › Establish environmental factors
    - › Salinity, Ice, Temp, Erosion, etc.
  - › Identify construction particulars
    - › Aggregate sources, local construction practices, curing conditions, etc.
- › Sampling
  - › Engineer an appropriate sampling program
    - › sample sizes, sample locations
- › Testing
  - › Mate the testing with the sampling
    - › number of tests
    - › types of tests
      - Petrographic
      - Chloride ion profiles

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# Guam

## Concrete Cores for Laboratory Testing

# Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix C\_9-27-12 Pour\_(AF @ .25)

Structure Type: Marine

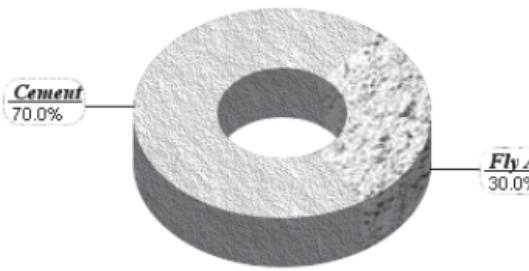
Structural Element Type: [Cope Wall]

Material Name:

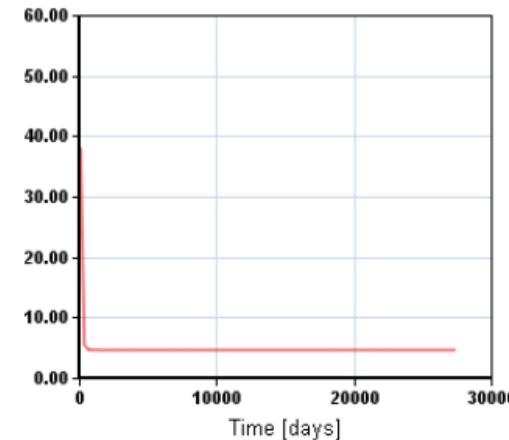
[Modified Material - for Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix C\_9-27-12 Pour\_(AF @ .25)]

Cement Type	TYPE I/II
Water/Binder Ratio	0.32
Cement Content: (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	536
SCM #1: Fly Ash F (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	229
SCM #2: None (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	0
SCM #3: None (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	0
Fine Aggregates: (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	1340
Coarse Aggregates: (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	1495
Water: (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	245
Air: [%]	5.0
Material Density: (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	142
Mixture Volume: (ft <sup>3</sup> )	26.803
Paste Volume: [%]	29.89

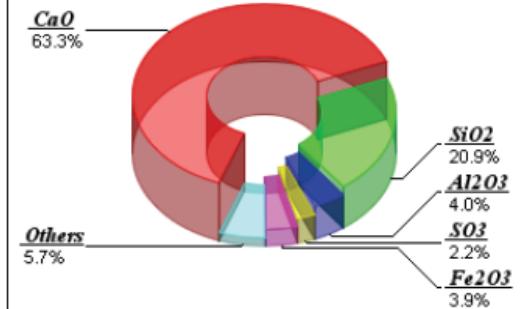
## Binder Composition



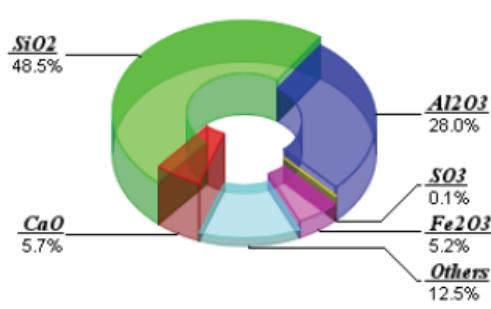
Diffusion Coefficient (e-11 m<sup>2</sup>/s) - a=.25 - alpha=5.70E



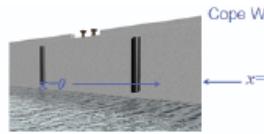
## Cement Composition



## Fly Ash F Composition



Data for project: Guam-UT Wharf 75-1008T - Structural element [Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix C\_9-27-12 Pour\_(AF @ .25)]



Dimension (in) = 8.  
Scenario Duration (years) = 75  
Temperature (°F) = 73.4  
Water/Binder Ratio = 0.32  
Binder Content (lb/yd<sup>3</sup>) = 765  
Total Aggregates (lb/yd<sup>3</sup>) = 4981  
Porosity = 0.135  
Cement Type = TYPE I/II

OH-Diffusion Coeff. (e-11 m<sup>2</sup>/s) = 18.30  
Saturation at 50% R.H. = 0.58  
Age of First Exposure (days) = 28  
Age at Lab Testing (days) = 28  
Hydration Param. - a = 0.25  
Hydration Param. - alpha (1/s) = 5.700E-03  
Thermal Conductivity (W/m.K) = 2.000E+03  
Specific Heat (J/kg/K) = 1.000E+03

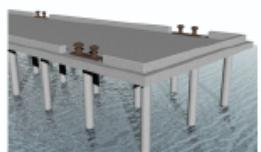
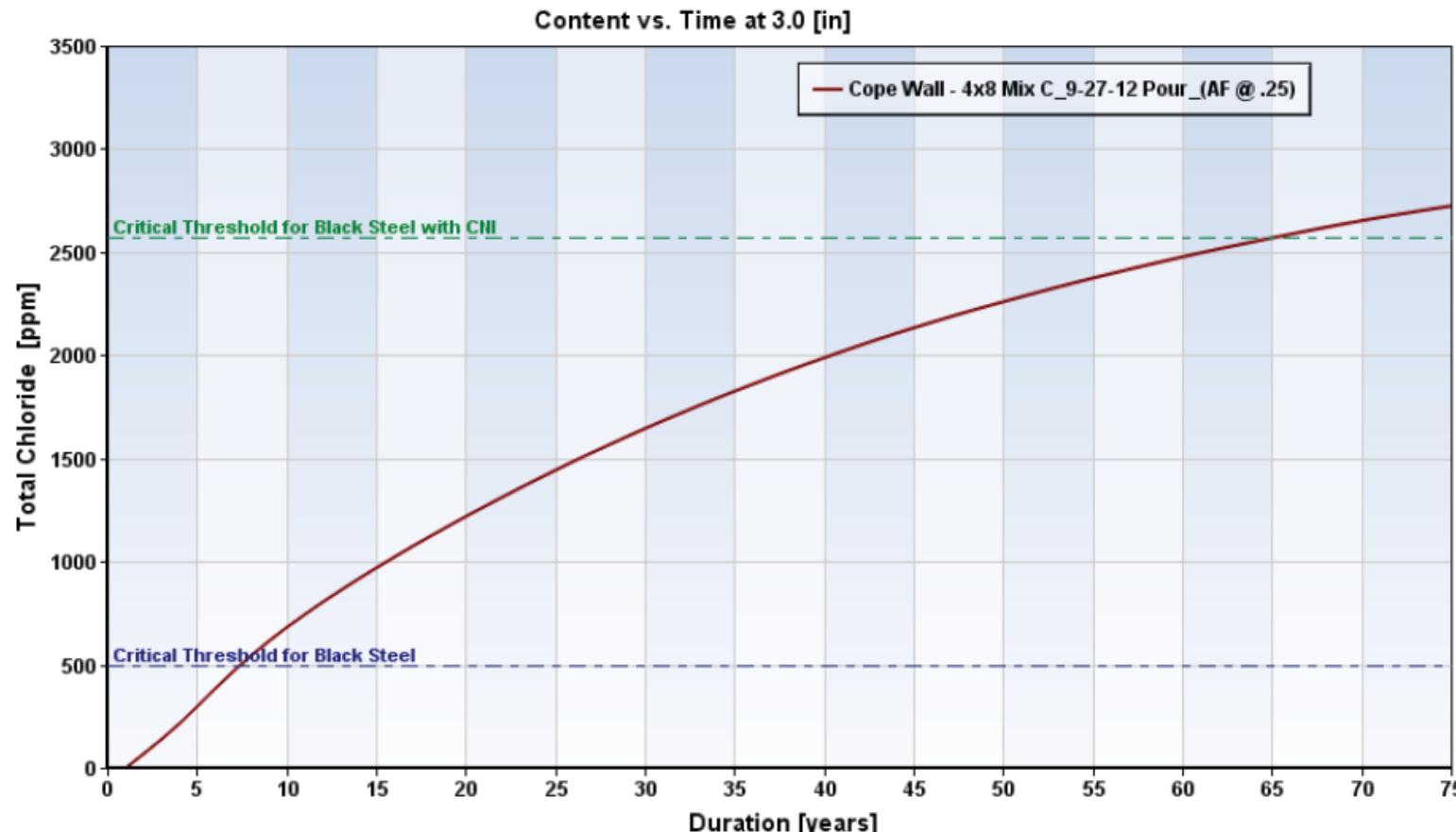


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Marine - Data for Project : Guam-UT Wharf 75-1008T

Compared Simulations for:

Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix A	Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix C_9-27-12 Pour_(AF @ .25)
Cope Wall - Wall Mix A	Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix C_10-6-12 Pour_(AF @ .25)
Cope Wall - Slab Mix A	Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix A_7-19-12 Pour_(AF @ .25)
Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix A_7-19-12 Pour_(AF @ .25)	Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix C_9-27-12 Pour_(AF @ .25)
Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix A (0.1 AF Fe)	Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix C_10-6-12 Pour_(AF @ .27)
Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix A_7-19-12 Pour_(AF @ .25)	Cope Wall - 4x8 Mix C_7-19-12 Pour_10 (a @ .25)



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# Rehabilitation – Or Preservation?

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- › Design

- › Preservation – As-Is...As Needed

- › Coatings
  - › Sealers
  - › Barriers
  - › Wraps

- › Encasements
  - › Non-structural jackets

- › Cathodic protection systems

- › Rehabilitation - Restore

- › Patch and repair
  - › Structural jackets
  - › Strengthening
  - › Replacement



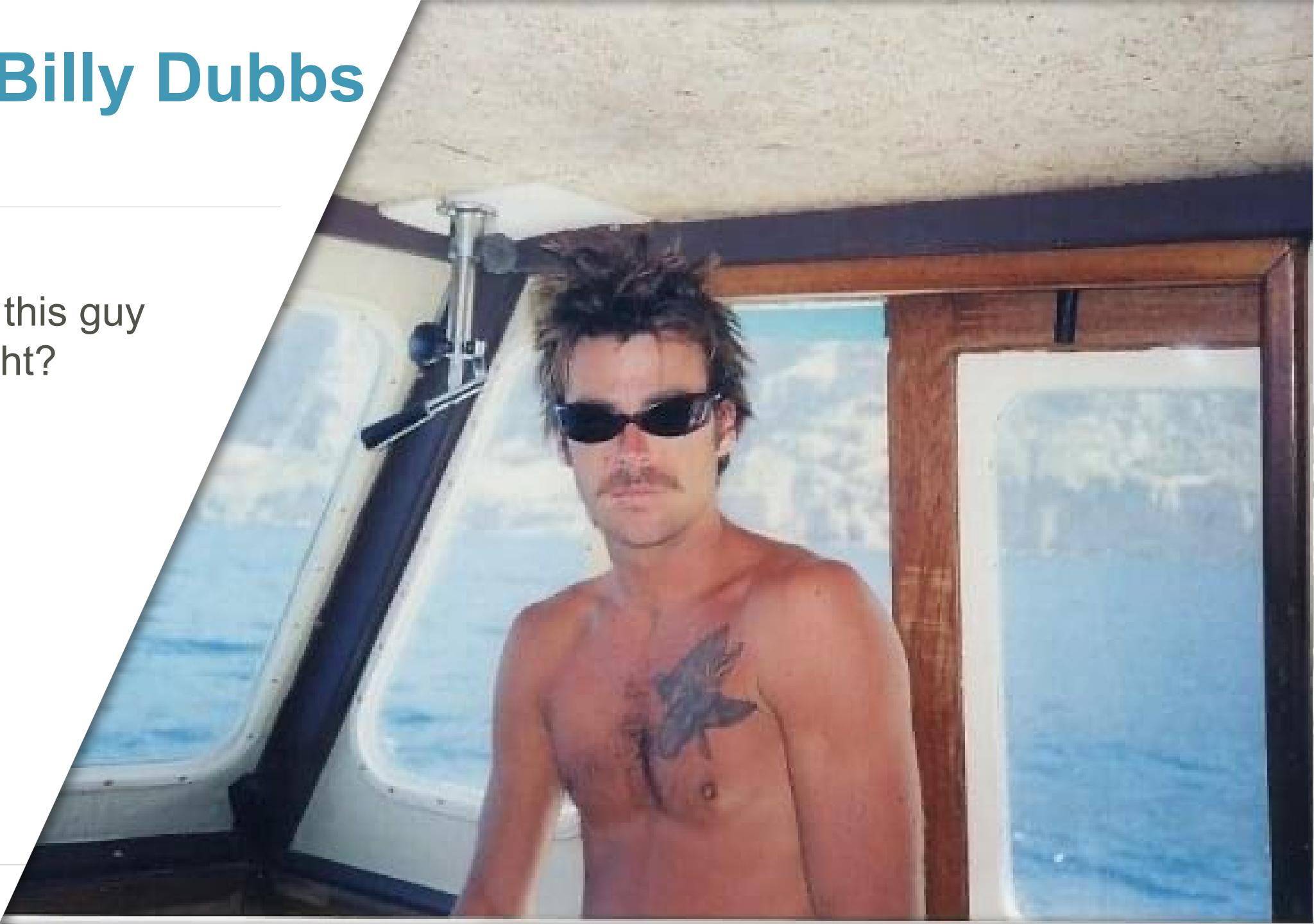
# Take Aways

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- › Benefits of Inspection & Rehabilitation Expertise
- › Incorporating Inspection Data into Strategic Asset Management Plans
- › Understanding Service Life vs. CapEx Budgets
- › Maximizing ROI on Existing Infrastructure
- › What should you do? Who should you call?

# Captain Billy Dubbs

- › Circa 1995
- › Would you let this guy drive your yacht?



# Questions?

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