

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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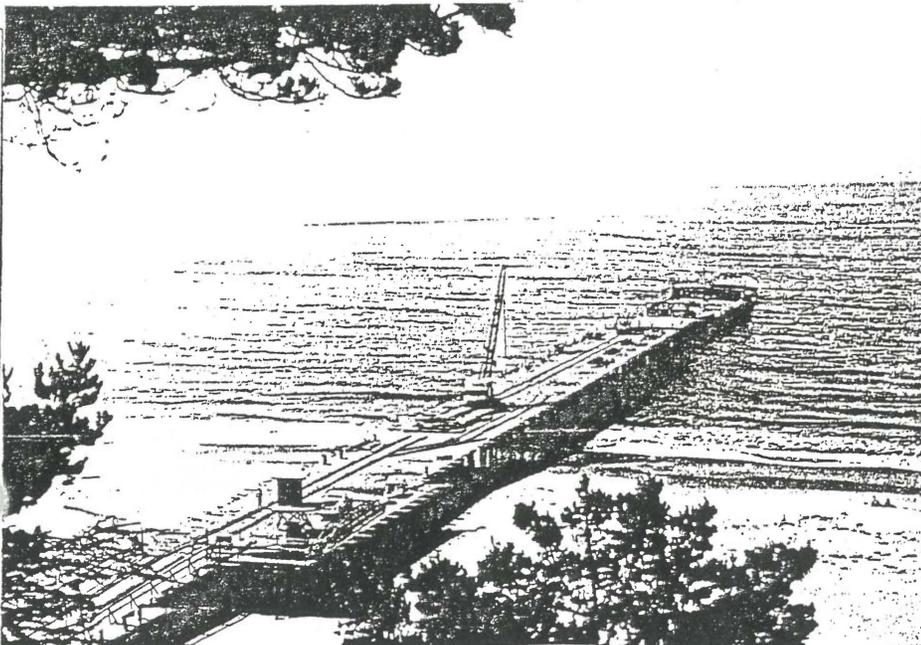
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Cement Ship
2. Historic name: The Palo Alto
3. Street or rural address: Seacliff State Park (Aptos area)
City _____ Zip 95003 County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: 038-201-01
5. Present Owner: CA State Dept. of Parks and Recreation Address: 7500 Soquel Drive
City Aptos Zip 95003 Ownership is: Public Private _____
Observation & Fishing
6. Present Use: Pier Original use: Built as World War I Navy Ship

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style:
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Coastal weather and winter storms have deteriorated a good portion of the original ship. The ship is made of concrete with steel reinforcements. A wooden pier has been built to link the ship hull with the shoreline.



8. Construction date: 1919
Estimated _____ Factual
9. Architect _____
10. Builder U.S. Navy
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
June 26, 1988

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated X No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Ship was altered to contain a restaurant, bar and dance hall. Now used as fishing pier.
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ocean
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: storms
17. Is the structure: On its original site? ___ Moved? X Unknown? ___
18. Related features: pier

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

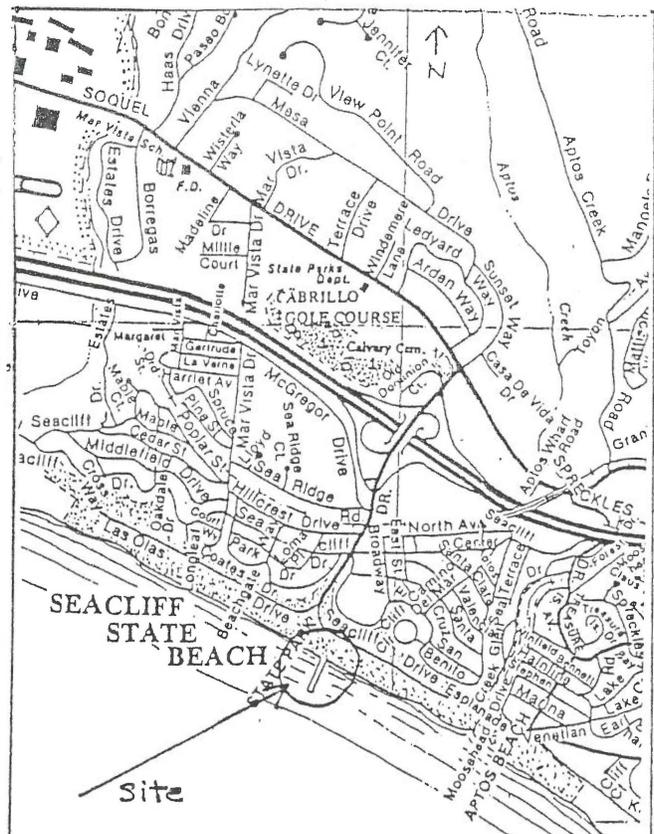
The "Palo Alto" was launched sideways at the Government Concrete Shipyard at Oakland on May 29, 1919 too late for active service in World War I. The ship was purchased by an investment group for conversion to a pleasure ship for dancing, swimming and dining and grounded at Seacliff Beach in 1928. It opened June 22, 1929. It was closed in 1932 when the investment group became bankrupt. The ship was sold to the California State Parks in 1934, who has operated the ship as a fishing pier since that time.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture ___ Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial X Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates). article, Wallace Wood, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Jan. 19, 1978. article, Carolyn Swift, Register Pajaronian, Feb. 18, 1977. "Seacliff Shoreline Big Concern", Tom Hong, Sentinel.

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Cement Ship (Seacliff State Park)

ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: February 2, 1994

Result of Inspection: No major changes although deterioration continues to take place.

CONSULTANT'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

No change.

(Change of rating pending public hearing before the Historical Resources Commission with final approval by the Board of Supervisors).

Context: 1, (transportation), 2 (tourism)
Property type: tourist attraction

