

Along the Waterfront

Pier 34 Upland Development for Roll-on, Roll-off Terminal.

The new terminal at Pier 34 for roll-on, roll-off cargo is becoming a reality. The bid opening for the job was March 3. Site work has begun on the electrical trenching for the lights and the catch basins for the drains. A contract to fabricate the light poles has been awarded to Broome Welding of Galveston. The work is being managed by Port of Galveston engineering staff using a mixture of contract labor and the port's construction and maintenance staff. Picture working at Pier 34 moving a water line is Vincent Lawrence in the hole, Paul Pacini on the dock and Skip Durrett in the backhoe. Ken Kelemen drives a Port dump truck to move material from one project to another.

Specialty Cargo

T & T Marine Salvage Inc. loads a 105' Sunseeker yacht on the Wallenius Wilhelmsen Lines roll-on, roll-off (ro-ro) vessel *Thebeland* using a 184-foot long, 600-ton capacity sheerleg barge. Divers were brought in to secure slings around the bottom of the yacht so that it could be loaded on the Wallenius vessel for shipment to Southampton. For the loading operation, T & T had to lift the yacht 55 feet from the waterline to clear the side of the ro-ro vessel.

Cruise Terminal 2 Dock Improvements

All concrete and steel piles have been driven. The dock work at Cruise Terminal has been completed with the exception of the installation of protective wooden rails and a fender needed for vessel-docking operations.

Cruise Terminal 2 Passenger Loading Bridge

The Port of Galveston's \$1.52 million passenger loading bridge is being installed at Cruise Terminal 2 at Pier 27. Projected completion for installation is the end of March. In the picture background, is the expansion of Cruise Terminal 2 terminal to accommodate the elevator and escalator from the first floor to the second story loading bridge for final security check-in before boarding the cruise ship.

At the Port Offices, 10 Employees Receive Service Pins

During annual ceremonies, Port employees were presented service pins in recognition of 190 years of service to the Port of Galveston. Pictured are Albert Churchill, 30 years; Jimmy Black, 15 years; Diane Falcioni, 15 years; John Pannell, 30 years; Vincent Lawrence, 30 years; Darrell Kelemen, 30 years; Benny Holland, Chairman of the Board who made the presentations; Steve Cernak, 5 years; Bernie Curran, 15 years, John Cappadona, 5 years and Wayne Byrd, 10 years. Not pictured is Jarrod Vail – 5 years.

Security Requirements are Instituted Port-Wide

The Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 requires ports in the United States to have a comprehensive security plan to ensure port property is protected. As part of this plan, the Port of Galveston established a new Emergency Operations Center. The center and surveillance cameras throughout the port were funded through grant funds. Maintenance and operational costs of these security operations are now funded from port operations. Jennifer Prater views screens from cameras throughout the port.