



In continuous use since the 1930's, the Romancock Pier, located on Kent Island on Maryland's eastern shore, was laid waste by Hurricane Isabel in 2003.

This local landmark was originally constructed as part of a ferry system that ferried automobiles back and forth across the Chesapeake Bay. Following completion of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge in 1952, and the subsequent demise of the ferry system, the Romancock Pier found new life as a popular fishing and crabbing pier.

Record tidal surges from Isabel separated the pier's superstructure from its foundation piles. In 2005, the Queen Anne's County Department of Parks & Recreation awarded a contract to the Dissen & Juhn Corporation to demolish the remnants of the old pier, and construct a new pier in its place.

The new pier measured 500' long by 12' wide, and featured a 200'x10' "T" head at the end. The structure was secured to the bottom of Eastern Bay with over 300 timber piles that ranged in length from 20' to 35'. Pier piles were driven to a 10 ton bearing using a barge-mounted, hydraulic pile driver. Three inch framing and two inch decking, along with a full length timber hand rail, benches, and pedestrian lighting, completed the pier design.

Shore side, the project included 265 LF of timber bulkhead, asphalt parking lot, canoe launch, and other site amenities.

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