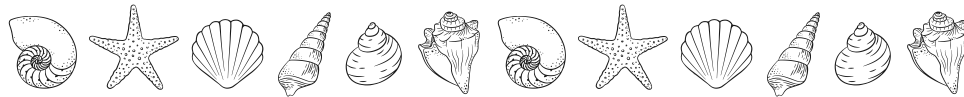
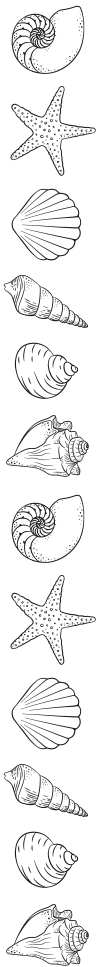
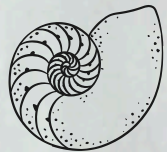
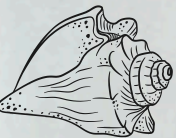
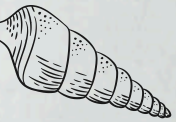
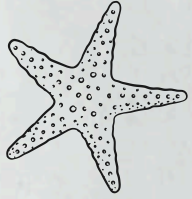
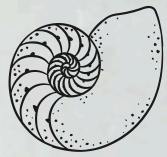




Ventnor City Pier





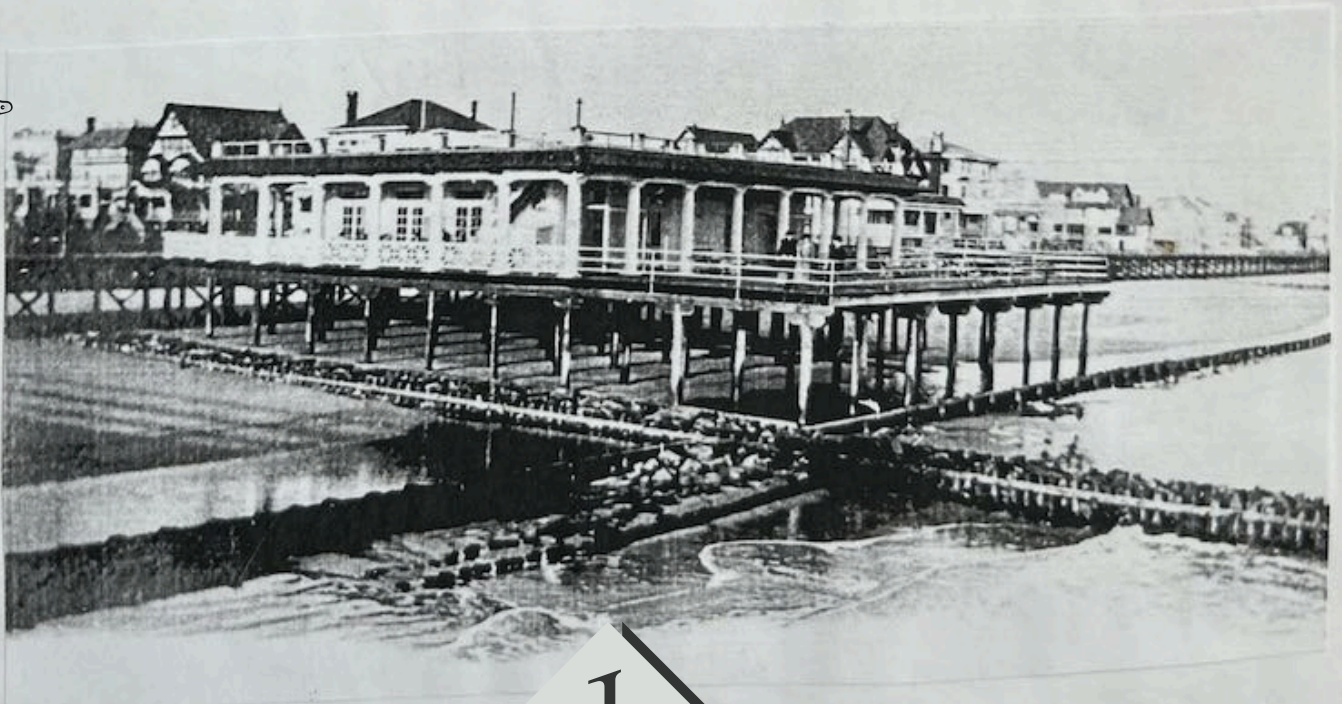
Ventnor City Municipal Pier

(A structural history)

By Ventnor City Pier Master Dan Zameito

1908- Mrs. Shumuaif suggested plans for 3 public pavilions between Cambridge and Cornwall place at the end of St. Leonard's tract. Only one meeting room was built and completed in 1914.

1914- Original Ventnor City Municipal Auditorium



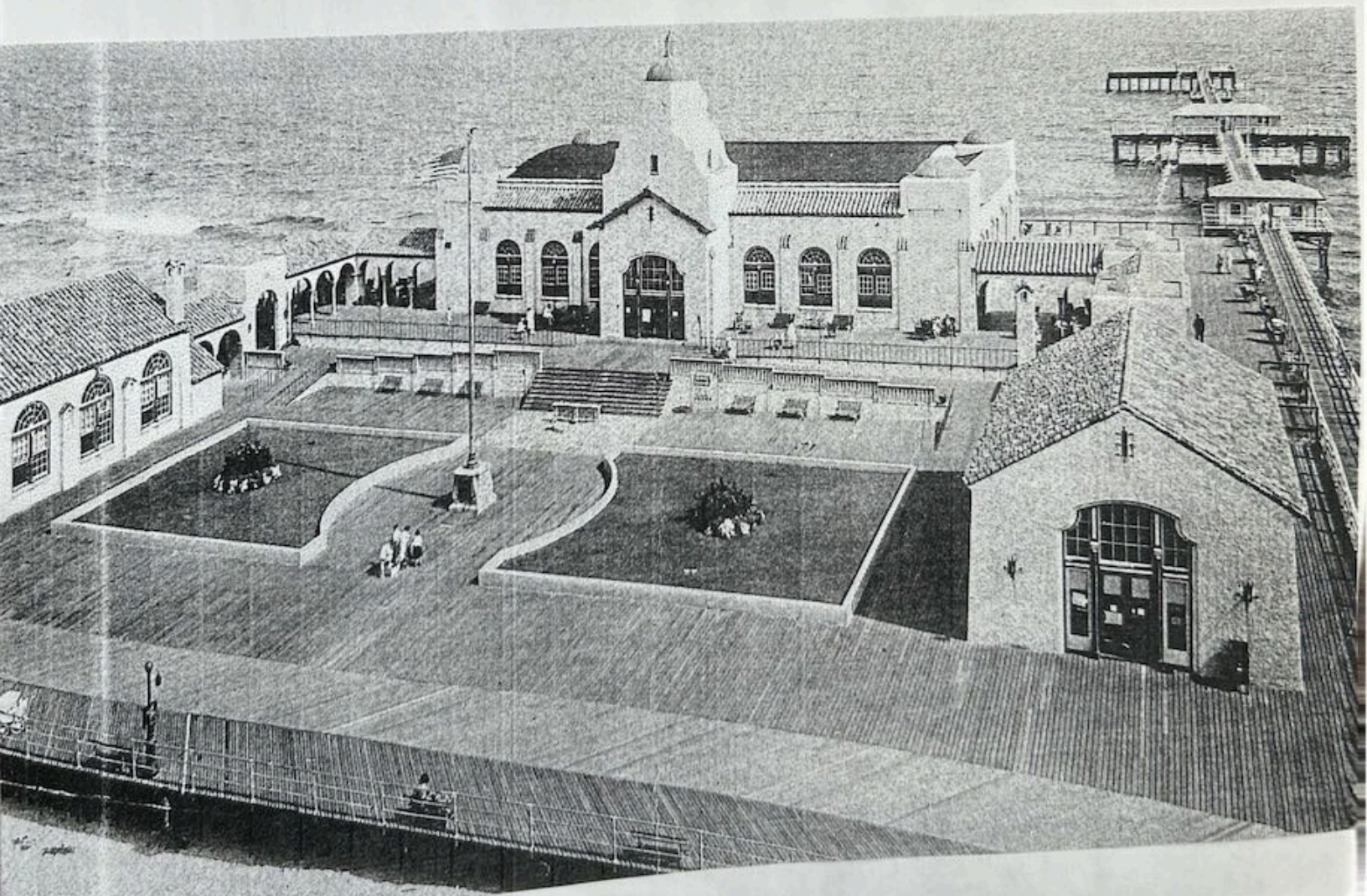
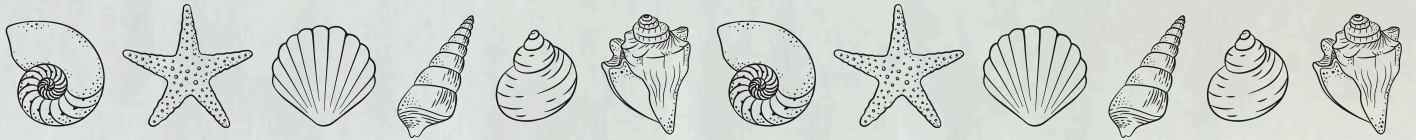
1919- The first fishing pier was built and completed on July 14th at the cost of \$6400.



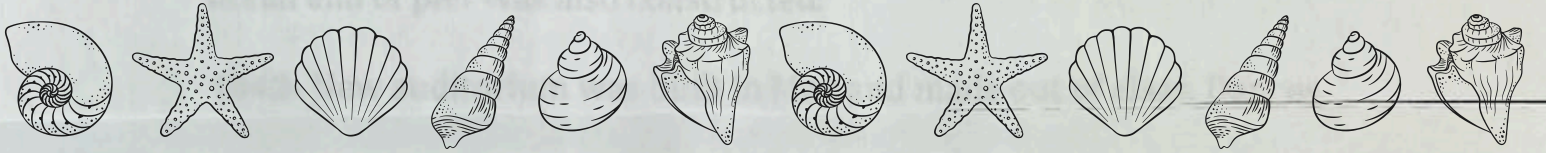
1925- Ventnor Fishing Club was organized and began first season in April.

1926- Auditorium enlarged and two arcades on both sides of remodeled Spanish style auditorium began construction consisting of a Sunroom and Library.

1928- Library opens in the spring - no book take-outs.

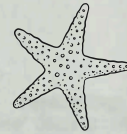
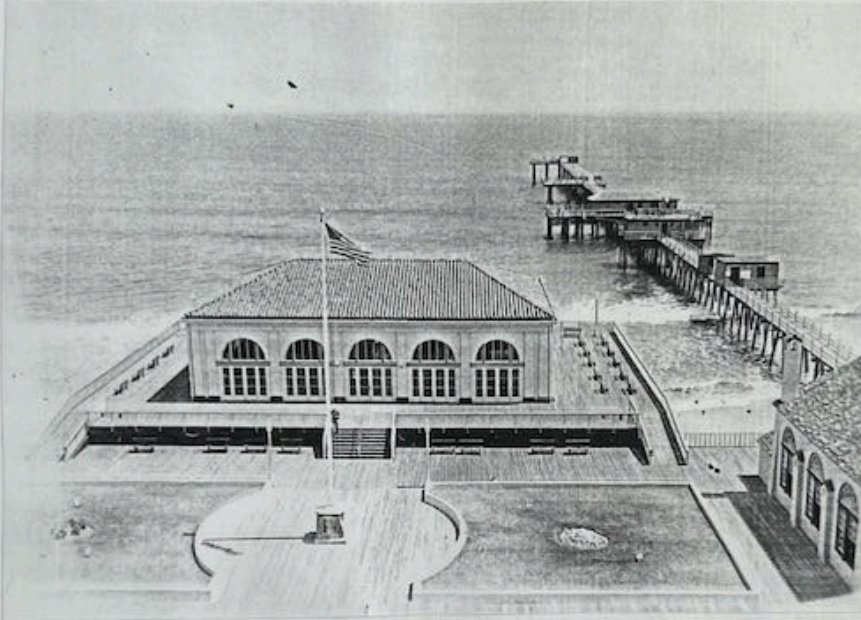


1940- a large fire on the Ventnor Municipal Pier destroyed auditorium, archways and part of fishing pier in August. Two arcades were spared due to winds blowing outward towards ocean.



1941- Ventnor Council bid \$14,850 for Ventnor Municipal Pier to be renovated. Refurnished locker room and enlarged meeting room as well as ladies restroom were constructed. A seventy-five feet wide tee at the ocean end of pier was also constructed.

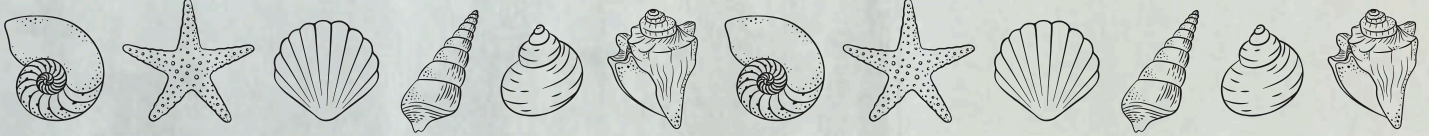
1942- New auditorium was built in May and made out of glass. Dances, concerts and a roller skating rink were activities enjoyed.



1942-1945- The pier was used as an observation post by serviceman

1956-The Ventnor Fishing Pier was improved with new decking and lockers. Membership was open to Ventnor taxpayers or residents only. No more than 250 members.

1957- The ocean sidewall of clubhouse room was extended and the clubhouse and lockers were repainted.



Ventnor Fishing Pier Improved

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Extending out over the surf about 1,000 feet at Cambridge ave. and the Boardwalk is the Ventnor Fishing Pier, rendezvous of city fishermen.

The Pier is one of the ideal spots in the community where members can fish and relax in the comfortable surroundings of this outdoor club.

This year the lockerrooms and the clubhouse have been painted and new decking has been completed along with the usual pre-season preparations.

Its 250 members attest to the popularity of the dry rod and reel fraternity and for those who tire of waiting for either a big one or a little one to bite there is another popular endeavor available on the pier to club members, playing pinochle.

Located at Cambridge ave. and the beach the city built and maintains the popular spot as part of its vast recreational program. Membership in the club is open to either taxpayers or renters of the city who pay a yearly fee which is used to maintain the premises. Not all of the patrons are members of the club because the club is strictly for men.

Shortly after the city built the pier in 1925 the Fishing Club came into existence with Charles Kramer as the first president and former Ventnor Mayor Amor Brehman listed in the archives as one of the original members.

Current officers include Walter

Atlantic City Press - April 9, 1957

Ventnor Fishing Pier Is Being Improved

VENTNOR—When anglers take the long awaited 1,000-foot walk to the end of the municipal fishing pier in just 21 days, they'll have a ship-shape structure under them.

Repairs and a clubhouse expansion will cost about \$1,500, according to James Norton, pier master. He and his helper, Joseph A. Adair, have been working on the pier about eight weeks.

The oceanside wall of the clubhouse card room will be extended eastward about 5 feet, Norton said, leaving a 2½-foot catwalk from the main causeway to the side fishing terrace. City carpenter Frank Sherman will begin the work when the Titus Field clubhouse is completed soon.

Meanwhile, Norton and Adair

are repainting the men's and ladies' locker rooms and the clubhouse. The color scheme has been changed from predominant blue to battleship grey, a shade less sensitive to rough outdoor treatment. Pier trim is being repainted red and white.

Dangerously old wiring which short circuited on several occasions last season will also be replaced, Norton said. Some new pier planking will be laid and a new flag pole erected at the far end.

The municipal work started at the Boardwalk with a new inside paint job given the sun room opposite the library. Fresh trim was painted on the outside of the auditorium and library.

About 320 persons buy pier permits which cost \$10.50 a season for persons more than 16 years of age, Norton said. Permits for \$5.50 are available for children under 16 and for women who visit the pier but don't fish. No child under 12 years, with or without parents, is permitted on the pier.

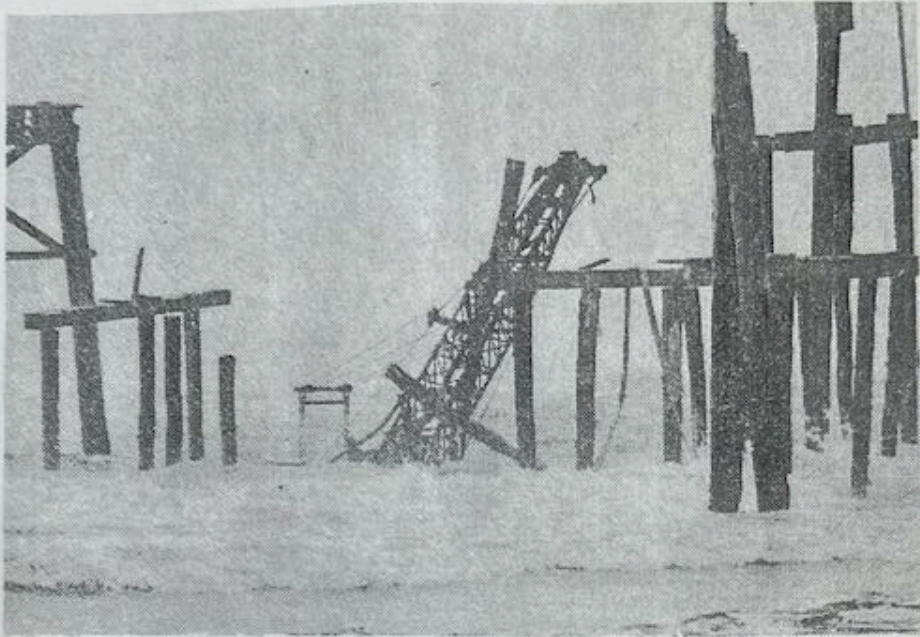
Among the pier enthusiasts awaiting opening day are more than 100 Ventnor City Fishing Club members. Dues are coming in, says Nicholas J. Bruno, secretary, along with comments such as this: ". . . I'm looking forward to a big season . . . We finished our last kingfish from the freezer today and are heading back north. Be sure to have a few of 'em tied up at the end of the pier for me. . ."

Members already up north can often be seen idling the afternoon hours in the sun room, playing pinochle and dreaming of the big ones that won't get away this season.

Hensel, president; Robert Harris, vice-president; Nick Bruno, secretary, and Kurt Mehringer, treasurer.

Piermaster James Norton said that the fishing season got off to a good start on Memorial Day and predicts a good season for all fishing enthusiasts.

1963- The Ventnor Fishing Pier was rebuilt for \$84,780 beginning in March and completed July. During construction the company's crane sweep off pier by strong winds and high tides.



SWEEPED INTO SEA — Part of submerged crane appears to surf below the wave-ravaged Ventnor Fishing Pier. (Press Photo)

Retrieval Set Of Crane That Fell Off Pier

Only the very top of a 25-ton-crane's boom was discernible Tuesday, a day after high tides and winds swept the crane into the ocean at Cambridge Ave., Ventnor.

The \$44,000 crane is owned by J. C. Mahoney, Northfield contractor, who said he will wait until insurance adjusters examine the submerged crane before his men attempt to retrieve it, possibly on Thursday.

The crane was swept off a portable ramp at the Ventnor Fishing Pier Monday night. It was being used to reconstruct the pier. Ventnor Second Ward Councilman Louis Breslau said loss of the crane will not prevent Mahoney's men from finishing the job by the July 1 target date.



Ventnor Extends Time To Complete Pier Job

July 4-63

VENTNOR — City Council Monday night granted J. C. Mahoney and Co. of Northfield, an extension until July 20 to complete the reconstruction of the Ventnor fishing pier demolished in the March, 1962 storm.

Original target date for the pier's reconstruction was July 1.

In early June, following a high tide and strong wind, a \$40,000 crane being used to rebuild the pier was swept from a temporary construction platform into the ocean.

A delay of 10 days passed as workmen tried to retrieve the submerged crane.

When it was salvaged, Mahoney's men discovered they would have to furnish a new crane to continue with the work.

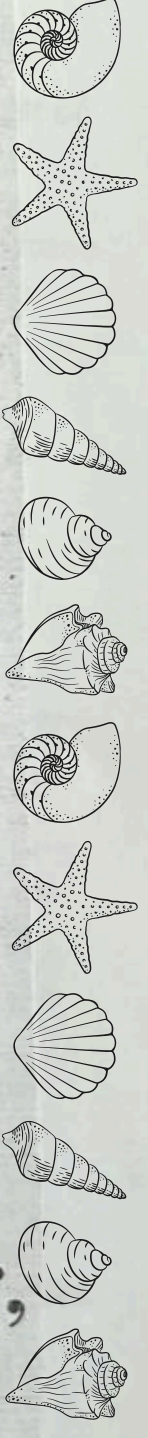
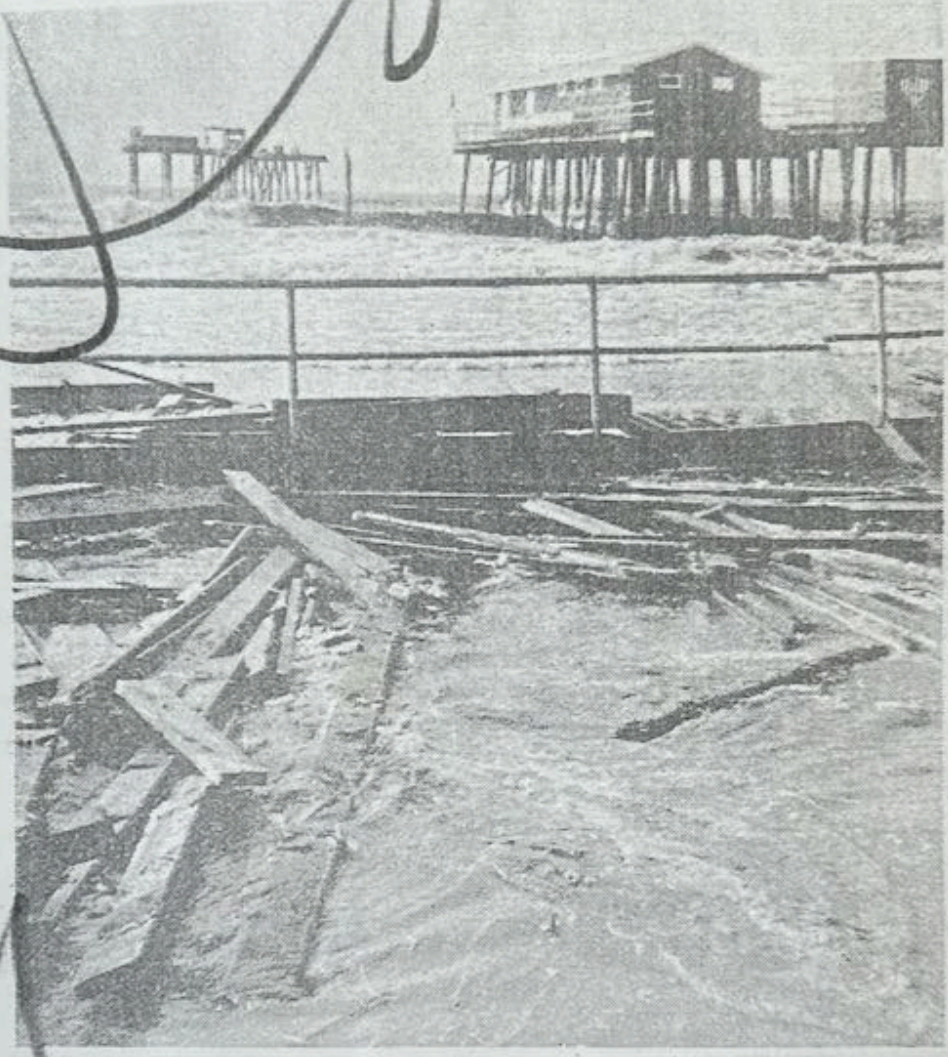
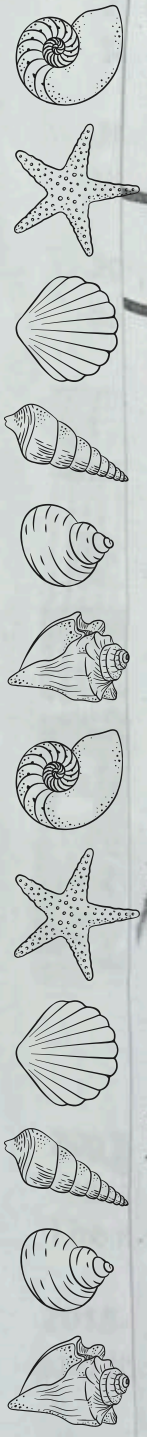
Second Ward Councilman Louis Breslau, pier committee chairman, recommended the extension of the contract to July 20 in consideration of the predicament of the contractor.

Council granted the extension with the condition that if the work is not completed by July 20, Mahoney will be assessed \$100 per day beyond the extension date.

This condition is provided in the original contract.



1976- Hurricane Belle (August) enabled a 300-foot barge to come loose towards the pier and at first missed pier and beached itself on Princeton Avenue but gale force winds caused barge to break loose and into the pier.



(Press Photo by Kohl)
 Pieces of the slice missing from Ventnor's fishing pier didn't go very far

Downbeach Absecon Island

8-11-76

Barge Slices Fish Pier, Damage at \$250,000

By **ROBERT DENSEN**
 Press Staff Writer

VENTNOR — Until Atlantic Marine Company's awesome barge stormed through the fishing pier here, it looked like Downbeach luck was going to hold against the fury of Hurricane Belle.

The 150-foot gash in the middle of the pier which took minutes to make and will take an estimated \$250,000 to repair was, together with erosion along the beachfront, the major damage attributed to Belle as mop-up operations began Tuesday.
 With the 300-foot barge

barely missing the pier and beaching itself at Princeton Ave. around 10 p.m. Monday, it looked like luck was on the city's side.
 But three hours later, with a strong gale blowing out of the west, the barge, used by Atlantic Marine in their installation of the county's
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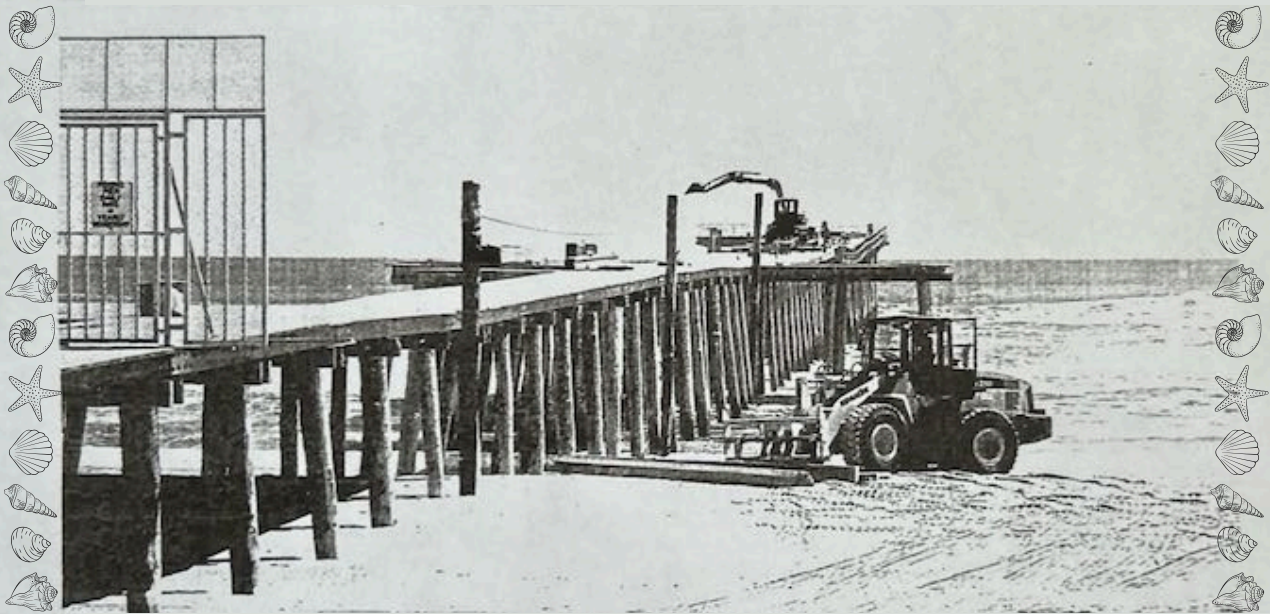


1995- In January the Ventnor Fishing Pier clubhouse was broken into and vandalized -doors were pried off lockers and fishing rods and reels were pulled apart and broken. The display case full of fishing trophies going back to the 1940's was smashed.

2002- The Ventnor Fishing Pier Clubhouse was replaced at the cost of \$6000.

2003- The City of Ventnor employed a structural engineer to examine the pier to see if any structural improvements needed to be made.

2007- Construction of the new 1,000 foot Ventnor fishing pier, reported to be the longest oceanic fishing pier on the east coast, begins.



2008- In July the new Ventnor City Fishing Pier was opened after a year of construction, costing over 3 million dollars.

2012- In late October tropical storm Sandy hit the eastern seaboard. The storm surge and coastal flooding strongly affected shore communities. The new pier was structurally sound and unaffected.

2018- In July the new Ventnor Pier will mark its 10-year anniversary.



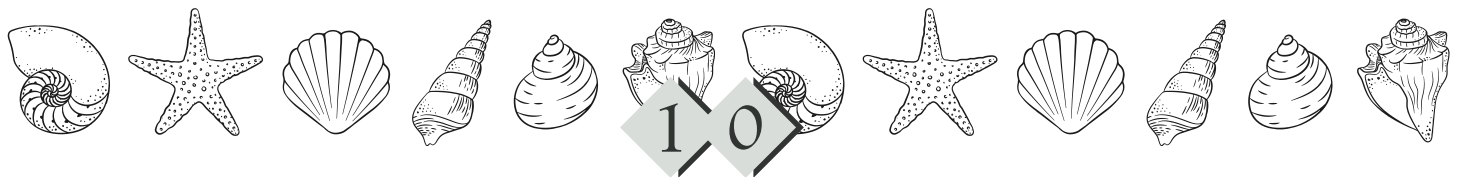
2019- Construction of the pier house began. It consisted of a new Pier Master's office and three public restrooms.

Architect- Mark Petrella

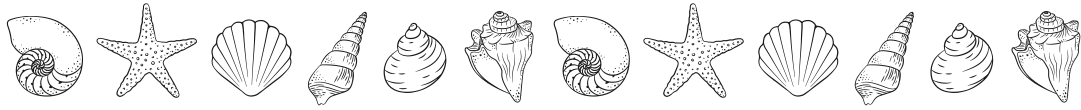
Builder- Weatherby Construction



June 26, 2020- Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Pier House. Pictured from left to right; Mayor Beth Maccagnano Holtzman, City Commissioners Tim Kriebel and Lance Landgraf, and Pier Master Dan Zameito. Pictured in the background; City Engineer Ed Stinson and City Administrator Maria Mento.



Completed in June 2023- Construction of new Pier Master's office alongside of new gate.



**Former Pier Master's office at the pier house converted into
Snack Shack.**

