



## Available Sites

The Venice Port Complex has developed and undeveloped sites available for ground lease, or we can build to suit. The developed sites range from one to ten acres, while the undeveloped sites are larger. If

your business is looking to expand or relocate, please contact George Pivach, II for more information on one of the most strategic sites on the Gulf of Mexico. He can be reached at 504-392-1830 or e-mail [gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com](mailto:gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com)

The *Venice Port Complex Report* will be published quarterly. If you have any updates or news that you would like to contribute, please contact George Pivach II at 504-392-1830 or [gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com](mailto:gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com) [www.veniceportcomplex.com](http://www.veniceportcomplex.com)

## Port Tidbits

- Secretary of Economic Development for the State of Louisiana Stephen Moret visited the Venice Port Complex and had lunch at the newly opened Harbor Seafood Restaurant at Cypress Cove Marina.
- The Boothville-Venice Fire Department will hold its annual fishing rodeo on August 28th and 29th at the Venice Marina.
- The Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo will take place August 13th, 14th and 15th with weigh in at the Delta Marina in Empire. For more information call 504.657.5116.
- Faux Pas Lodge Invitational is scheduled for July 23rd, 24th and 25th at Venice Marina. For more information visit [www.fauxpaslodge.com](http://www.fauxpaslodge.com).



As the summer heat increases and we move further into hurricane season, some would think that progress would slow down, but here at the VPC we continue to move forward at a brisk pace. A key port for the energy industry, the VPC is constantly thinking of the next move to improve infrastructure and upgrade facilities, all the while preparing to protect current infrastructure from possible hurricanes.

Like most industries, improvements and regular maintenance

are vital to keeping the VPC productive. One of the major maintenance projects for any port is keeping the waterways open for navigation. Two of our main channels, Tiger Pass and Baptiste Collette Bayou, are undergoing extensive improvements to help make them more accessible.

Tiger Pass was recently dredged to a depth of 14 feet with an additional 2 feet of advanced dredging. In addition, the Corps of Engineers will soon dredge

Baptiste Collette Bayou to a depth of 14 feet with 2 feet of advanced dredging. The feasibility plan for dredging Baptist Collette Bayou to a depth of 26 feet is moving along and on schedule to be completed in late October.


Another key infrastructure component is road transportation. Work on Phase 1 of Tidewater Road is almost finished, wrapping up with drainage work later this month. Plans are now being drawn for Phase 2, which will raise Tidewater Road to +5 MSL from Coast Guard Road to Marina Road.

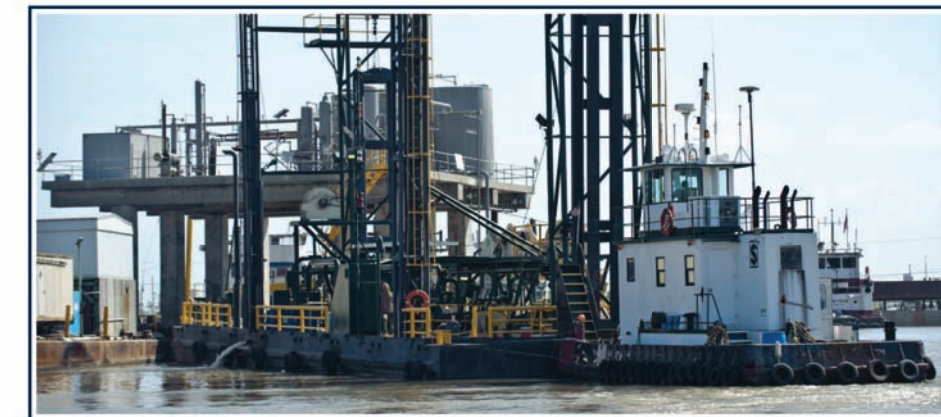
Speaking of plans, we have revisited our hurricane protection plan to get ready for the arrival of peak hurricane season. Although



we hope this hurricane season doesn't bring any major storms, the VPC is well-prepared to protect our employees and infrastructure from Gulf disturbances heading our way. For tips on putting together your own hurricane plan, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or go to our website and click on the Plaquemines Parish website link.

Sincerely,

  
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## INDUSTRY UPDATES



### Settoon Construction

Settoon Construction Inc. (SCI) originated in the mid 1960s. Founded by Fred A. Settoon, SCI has been servicing the oilfield industry for over 40 years. President and present owner Scott A. Settoon purchased the business from his father in 1998 and expanded it to present-day size.

SCI owns and operates five crane barges ranging from 150–160 tons, along with five tugs ranging from 400–600 hp, and services all aspects of the oilfield industry. The Company also owns a 120 ft. x 30 ft. pipeline jet barge, presently located in Venice, capable of jetting 4,000 – 5,000 ft. of pipeline per day. Complementing its construction capabilities, SCI owns an ASME coded fabrication shop (SFI) capable of prefabricating vessels, spool piping, and inshore and offshore

structures. At its main facility in Belle River, La., many production barge facilities were designed and constructed that are currently in service throughout south Louisiana. SAS trucking, a division of SCI, has a fleet of 18 wheelers available to service oilfield needs 24/7. SCI has performed work for a large variety of companies ranging from majors to small independents.

SCI has been servicing companies in the Venice area since 1998 currently working out of its own dock at 319 Tidewater Rd. in the VPC. Despite a slowdown in the oilfield industry, the Venice area has recently been extremely productive for the Company, which looks forward to many more successful years.

For more information contact Butch Gros at 985.252.6296 or visit [www.settoon.com](http://www.settoon.com).

### Madere & Sons Towing

It all began in 1982. Al Madere built his first lugger tugboat, the M/V Captain Hebert and established Madere Inc.; a marine towing business with the motto "You Call, We Haul." The company began with Al as the captain, one deckhand and his wife Cathy keeping the books. Business was steady until the oil industry took a severe plunge in production in 1983. The Captain Hebert and most tugs across southeast Louisiana remained tied up for weeks at a time, with little work available. Times were tough. Madere Inc. relied on local brokers for jobs, but with few job opportunities and a plentiful supply of tugs available for hire, the industry was indeed competitive. During those difficult times, no jobs were turned down no matter how foggy or challenging the task.

Over time, customers noticed and appreciated this work ethic, and Madere Inc. saw the need to expand. In 1997, Al partnered with his sons, Chad and Gene, to create a new business: Madere & Sons Towing. With the new business came additional tugs and services. Madere & Sons Towing now owns and operates seven tugboats; the Captain Hebert, Lady Josie, Master Dylan, Master Tyler, Master Landin, Miss Alene and the Master Myles. In addition to towing services such as rig moving, rig tending and construction related jobs, all of the vessels are capable of transferring potable water and diesel fuel and have an ample amount of deck space for equipment transport. Madere and Sons Towing also offers a full line of barge rentals, including

water barges, spud barges, deck barges and shale barges. The Maderes take a hands-on approach in all aspects of the business from maintenance to job consulting in order to accommodate the need of any customer in the oil industry.

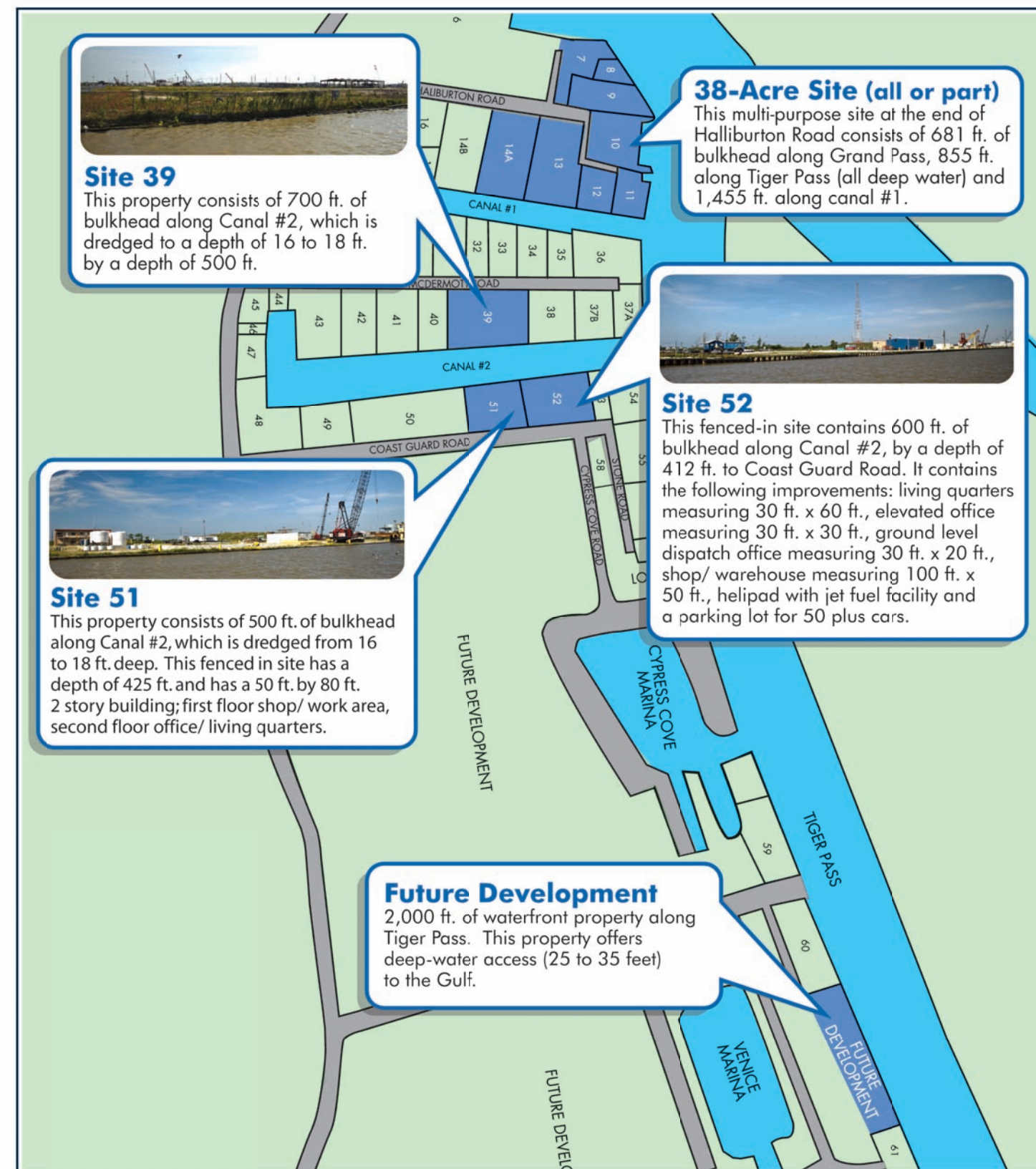
With the increase in tugs and services available, Madere & Sons Towing needed to increase the number of captains and deckhands they employ. Al, Chad and Gene always endeavor to hire experienced, licensed crew members who take pride in their job, work to keep the vessels and equipment in top notch condition, and have a work ethic similar to the Maderes. Currently, there are more than 20 employees, many of whom have worked for the Maderes for over 10 years. Madere & Sons Towing's key to keeping great employees is paying them a competitive salary, offering premium health insurance, but most of all treating them like family...which is how Al started the business in 1982 and continues to run it today... "a family business."



For more information on Madere & Sons Towing, call 504-657-8283 or visit [www.maderetowing.com](http://www.maderetowing.com).

## Opportunities abound at the VPC!

The VPC offers ready to move in properties as well as customizing to meet your company's specific needs.



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