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# SUCCESS STORY

## Port Eads Reconstruction

Couvillion demolished and rebuilt this historic offshore port "city" for recreational and commercial fishermen seven years after its total destruction during Hurricane Katrina.

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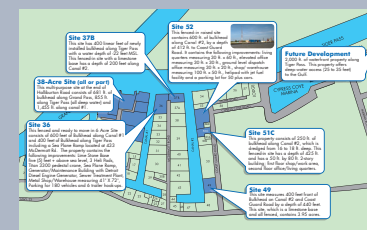
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## Road, Roads and More Roads

The black topping of McDermott Road was only the beginning.

There are a number of important road projects now in progress that will improve the infrastructure of the Venice Port Complex.

Phase II of the raising of Tidewater Road to +5 MSL from Coast Guard Road to Targa entrance is proceeding well with an estimated completion date of early 2014.

Plans are now underway to raise and resurface Coast Guard Road to +4 MSL from Tidewater Road to its end at the Coast Guard Station. Additionally, Barriere Construction Company has recently resurfaced Venice Boat Harbor Road from Tidewater Road to the Venice Marina.

On March 20, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) held Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 227, receiving high bids totaling \$1.2 billion. Some 52 offshore energy companies submitted 407 bids on 320 tracts. The recent sale reflects a continued interest in oil exploration in the Gulf of Mexico.



Artist rendering of Plaquemines Medical Center

Another positive development is that construction has begun on the Plaquemines Medical Center. The Medical Center will be a High Level Urgent Care Facility able to stabilize critical patients until forwarding to a hospital for further treatment. The Medical Center is located 30 minutes from the Venice Port Complex and is complete with a helipad.

This spring VPC participated in two coastal restoration projects, both organized by Richie Blink of Empire Environmental, to plant cypress seedlings to serve as storm surge barriers. Please take a moment to learn more about this project and all the happenings at the VPC.

Sincerely,

George Pivach II  
Venice Port Complex Vice President  
and General Counsel



Marina Road

Please visit the VPC Website at [www.veniceportcomplex.com](http://www.veniceportcomplex.com)

# INDUSTRY UPDATES

## Ambar, NOV Fluid Control

A longtime tenant at the VPC, Ambar Lone Star Fluid Services LP (Ambar), is a U.S. based drilling, completions fluids and rental equipment company. National Oilwell Varco (NOV) has acquired Ambar making it part of the well site services division of NOV Fluid Control.

Ambar's VPC site provides proprietary water, diesel and synthetic based drilling fluids as well as exclusive completions products used during the drilling and completion phase of wellbore construction. The company offers completion fluids, such as potassium chloride and zinc bromide; single source filtration services for land or offshore units; shorebase and warehouse services; and

specialty products. It provides rental equipment, such as pre-mix tanks, pumps and compressors, frac tanks, dry bulk tanks, dust collectors, hoses, hoppers, and liquid tote tanks for drilling needs

Ambar's history of successful drilling and completions fluids projects in the Gulf Coast offshore and onshore make it an essential part of VPC's energy industry service suppliers. For more information on Ambar NOV call 504.534.9071.



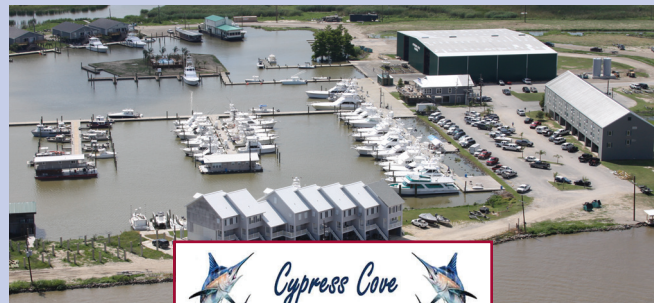
## The VPC Participates in Coastal Restoration Projects

In February Mary O'Brien and Daniel McCormick collaborated with Richie Blink of Empire Environmental to create a restoration installation at the VPC aimed at protecting newly planted bald cypress seedlings from predation by an invasive aquatic rodent—the Nutria. Protected for the first year, the trees are able to survive. Mature Bald Cypress trees act as storm surge barriers. The protective devices are made from recycled materials in a manner to allow them to be transported by boat into marshlands, and reused on new plantings year after year. Three months after the planting the cypress have sprouted leaves and are doing well.

In March VPC hosted 12 Tulane Student volunteering on their spring break via Tulane's University Community Advancement Network. The group planted 300 cypress seedlings using the methods developed by Empire Environmental and the visiting sculptors. The group also participated in a kayak tour through a cypress forest near Cypress Cove Marina led by Lost Lands Environmental tours.



## Cypress Cove Marina



### 2013 Tournaments

- Cajun Canyons Billfish Tournament
- NO Big Game Fishing Club Memorial Day
- Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic
- International Womens Fishing Association
- New Orleans Invitational Billfish Tournament
- New Orleans Home Builders Association
- NO Big Game Fishing Club July 4th Tournament
- Empire South Pass Fishing Rodeo
- New Orleans Ladies Tournament
- Faux Pas Lodge Invitational
- Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo
- NO Big Game Fishing Club Fishing Tournament
- NO Big Game Fishing Club Labor Day Tournament
- LA Saltwater Series Tarpon Tournament
- NO Big Game Fishing Club Fishing Tournament
- LA Saltwater Series Redfish Championship

**For more information on Cypress Cove Marina call 504.534.9289 or visit [www.cypresscovevenice.com](http://www.cypresscovevenice.com).**

## MI SWACO: Bigger and Better



MI SWACO occupies two yards at the Venice Port Complex. With recent upgrades finished, they are bigger and better than before.

As a vital part of the hydrocarbon exploration and

production industry, MI SWACO is ISO 9000 & 14000 certified and supported by their QHSE department to provide a safe and environmentally friendly work place. They are a leading supplier of drilling fluid systems engineered to improve drilling performance by anticipating fluids-related problems. Their fluid systems and specialty tools are designed to optimize wellbore productivity, as well as environmental solutions that safely manage waste volumes generated in both drilling and production operations.

MI SWACO is a company that is focused on customizing to meet their client's specific application and location. The Venice base offers both drilling and completion products. The facility can mix water base systems, diesel and synthetic base systems or completion fluids. The Venice base operates as a 24 hr oilfield service dock, which includes a 85-ton crane and a truck ramp to load out trucks and tanks directly to a client's barge.

For more information visit MI SWACO's website at [www.miswaco.com](http://www.miswaco.com) or call the Venice office at 504-534-7422 and ask for Mike Weekly or Vincent Marsiglia II.

## Opportunities abound at the VPC

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

