

The Associated Branch "Bar" Pilots held an open house June 5, 2008 at their newly constructed facility. The quality construction (30 foot concrete pillars, interlaced with steel struts) ensures the station will withstand any future "Katrinas." The station was relocated north to this spot as the former Pilottown station was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. It is about one mile from the end of Highway 23. Building a station at this location was important to maintain land line phone connections and internet access, a doubtful prospect down in Pilottown (and from the photos one can see the necessity for real time tracking via satellite and radar.) The last three slides are of the Crescent River Port Pilots Association (CRPPA) facility in Pilottown. It is accessed by a 30 minute vessel trip from Venice.



Associated Branch "Bar" Pilots New Venice Station



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Crescent River Port Pilots' (CRPPA) Pilottown Station



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Associated Branch “Bar” Pilots Pilottown/Southwest Pass Station



Southwest Pass