

# Cement ship has reopened

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APTOS — The cement ship at Seacliff State Beach is back in service two months after it was closed for repair, and work is beginning on \$550,000 worth of additional repairs to the park.

Seacliff's campground will be closed while the 5,000-foot-long seawall is reconstructed, said Jim Smallwood, local beach maintenance supervisor. The seawall was damaged during storms in the winter of 1983. Chuck Michaelis, project engineer for Granite Construction, said the project should be complete by the end of May.

Some 60,000 lineal feet of treated timber pilings are being brought in this week — close to 12 miles of timber overall, added Michaelis. A temporary sand berm will be built to keep the surf from the seawall work.

The new project has been delayed for many months as the state Parks Department had problems concerning funding. First bids came in \$160,000 above estimates and the project had to be scaled down.

Michaelis said the present project calls for rebuilding the seawall to its original 14-foot height, as well as reconstruction of the parking lots and installing electrical lines to the RV campground.

The just-completed repairs to the cement ship cost \$71,000. It involved replacing 37 destroyed or damaged pilings that lead to the historic fishing pier.