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Seaman's Church Institute of Newport Newport, Rhode Island

This National Historic Landmark located on Market Square on the Newport, RI waterfront and designed in the Colonial Revival style, was constructed in 1930.

The Seaman's Church Institute is a non-profit organization whose mission is to serve the needs of all mariners. In addition to providing bathroom and shower facilities to fishermen and visiting boaters, they maintain a "soup-to-the-docks" program and also provide temporary housing for those in need. If desired, they also provide advising and counseling to individuals with the objective of helping them make the transition from requiring assistance, to self sufficiency.

Phase I renovations included the installation of sprinkler systems and infrastructure upgrades to the electrical system. Major renovations were made to the lower level in order to relocate the existing public restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities to a new, handicapped accessible design. Phase II renovations are anticipated to start in the Fall of 2008, at which time the installation of a new elevator will allow full handicapped access to all floors.

Difficulties incurred during the project included, very tight site logistics, construction issues related to sea level and working with existing as-built conditions, and with construction designed to withstand severe weather elements that this location is exposed to.

