

Self-Liquidating Shipyard

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• Nearly 80 years ago Port Isabel on the Colorado River delta was a thriving shipyard due to an unusual tide which boasted a mean range of 21.6 feet. Photo on right shows the entrance to the drydock. As the tide rose, the vessel entered as below. When the tide receded, the boat was left high and dry, bottom. A gate kept out the next tide. Photos courtesy of San Diego Historical Society

