



## port of palm beach cruise terminal and office building riviera beach, florida

The Port was seeking to radically increase and improve its passenger cruise business and provide a new office spaces for the District and its maritime operations tenants, and stated the desire to have a landmark facility to herald its new era. The building is situated to respond to the lines of the bulkheads of the harbor and a new angled berthing slip at the waters edge, and the roadway leading visitors to facility to create a dramatic architectural response for this multipurpose complex. The distinct functions of terminal and office building collide at a hinge element which alludes to the smokestack of a cruise liner and provides a strong identifying vertical element to the project and serves as an organizational pivot at the interface of the two components. This underlying nautical theme is also apparent where two arcs, which create the end to the terminal converge and create the imagery of a ships hull, and the use of metal panels used to clad a large part of the building's envelope. Large glazed openings also provide great opportunities for views out to the beautiful waterfront.

The terminal provides both public and sterile environments on two levels to accommodate ships at either of two docks. A main lobby at the upper level provides ticketing stations and waiting lounges which can be divided to separate cruise passengers waiting to board their ships. In addition to the Port of Palm Beach administrative offices and Commission chambers, the six storey office component provides tenant space for several cruise companies, U.S. Immigrations, U.S. Customs, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### Project Information

Area:	96,000 sq. ft.
Scope:	New Construction
Services:	Complete Architectural Services
Completion Date:	December 2001
Client:	Port of Palm Beach
Contact:	Edward Oppel 561.714.9796
Architect of Record	Zeidler Partnership Inc. (Michael Nelson - Director)
Contractor:	Catalfumo Construction
Delivery Method:	Bidding at 60% Construction Documents
Construction Cost	\$13M

