

CANAL Buenos Aires Harbor Locks		STATUS		ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: Buenos Aires, Argentina		Operating?		IAER
COUNTIES:		DATES IN USE	LENGTH CANAL SLACKWATER TOTAL	LIFT LOCKS No./ SIZE
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Buenos Aires harbor		1 1898-present		2/65x600*
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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:
 Except for the lock under construction on the Tocantins River in Brazil, these two harbor locks may be the only navigation locks in South America. There are two channels into the port of Buenos Aires from the Rio Plata, Canal Norte and Canal Sud. Four interconnected dock basins along the waterfront connect the termini of these two channels via the two locks, Esclusa Norte and Sud. The locks were constructed in 1887-1898, and appear in the scale drawing in the reference cited below, to be made of stone, or of concrete with stone trim, with hydraulically operated miter gates. The gates probably face the basins, so as to keep water in during low tide.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:
 VIAS NAVEGABLES Y PUERTOS DE LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA, by Ernesto Baldassari, Talleres Graficos del Ministerio de Obras Publicas, Buenos Aires, 1925. UCLA Library # *TC/36/A5/1925. See p.47, and fold out map of the harbor.

UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, IAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):
 Further information would be appreciated on this lock and any others in Central and South America, outside of the Canal Zone.

EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):

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