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# Protecting Nawlins

## The Floodgate Project



### Job Specs

**Weight:** 750 Tons each

**Dimensions:**

150'W x 150'L x 35'H

**Equipment Used:** 28 lines of ESE SPMT's for loadout, 28 lines of SLE's for final positioning. Unified Jacking System, ramps, mats, load supports & water pumps.

After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Federal Government promised to drastically upgrade flood protection to New Orleans and the surrounding area. The key to this flood protection system was two 750 ton sector gates, the largest ever built. Berard was contracted to receive the two flood gates from the fabrication yard near Houston, Texas, and load them onto an ocean going deck barge. Berard provided a transport plan, ramp plan, ballast plan, and sea-fastening plan. However, this barge shipment was different; minimal water depth at the roll-on location, odd support points for the cargo, and a 45' overhang on the starboard side of the barge were just a few of the challenges. Based on client demands, Berard crews worked throughout the night, completing the project exactly on schedule. Continued...





With the great service and dedication to quality for the load out portion of the project, Berard was contracted to set the gates in their final operating location. Berard provided 28 axle lines of lower-clearance PST-SLE transporters, which received each gate from the massive twin-lift derrick barges. Berard used the precise positioning of the transporters to align the massive hinge pin for the sector gates, lowering the pin into its shaft to ensure correct alignment. Berard then provided a unified jacking system, which ensures the gate lowers level, to lower the gate to 8" above grade. Berard worked with on-site surveyors to ensure the gate was positioned exactly as planned. Berard is proud to assist such a massive engineering feat; protecting part of our own homes and livelihood.



# The Ferry Transport



## Job Specs

**Weight:** 900 Tons

**Dimensions:** 220'L x 50'W

**Equipment Used:** 24 lines of ESE SPMT's

The Berard Team does it again.

When a shipyard needed their latest ferry build named the Swan Quarter moved to their launch area, they called Berard. The Team carefully transported the 900 ton, 220' long vessel from the fabrication area of the shipyard to the launch area. Once there it was positioned onto the yard's load spreaders, making the vessel accessible by derrick barge for launching.





# Ken Beard

National Business Development



## Ken Beard | National Business Development

Joining the team in January 2010, Ken has fit right in. He has been in the freight industry his entire life with four of those years serving our country in the Air Force handling over dimensional and difficult cargo by air. Ken also served a year in Vietnam and we sincerely thank him for his service to our great country. Married to his highschool sweetheart for 43 years, he has 2 children, & 3 grandchildren. His hobbies are wildlife/nature photography, golf, fishing, & guns.

“I love my work and enjoy working for the Berard family because they truly appreciate their loyal customers as well as their hard working employees. Their success depends upon both and they fully understand that concept. There are a lot of companies that never realize how important both entities are to their success.”

> **Birthdays @ Berard**

# Happy Birthday!

From The Berard Team

Berard sends our best Happy Birthday wishes to these dedicated Team Members this month:



> **Ray Breaux**