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# The Colossal 4000 Ton Liftboat



## Job Specs

**Weight:** 4000 Tons

**Dimensions:** 180' L x 135' W

## Equipment Used:

150 axle lines of spmts, barge ramps, plating for load support and 40,000 lb winch trucks for drydock securement

The Berard Team once again tackled one of the largest liftboats ever constructed. This behemoth weighed in at a staggering 4000 tons and measured 180' in length x 135' in width. The team utilized a total of 150 axle lines of spmts to transport the massive vessel from its point of fabrication to the client's drydock. The team laid down steel plating in areas that were substandard to help support the massive load on the marshy South Louisiana soil as it traveled on its journey to the drydock. Once the load reached the loading point, the ballast plan was enacted to ensure the loading was smooth as possible. Chalk this one up for the team who did an amazing job on this project. Another safe & successful mission accomplished!



# Berard Team Wins 2014 SC&RA Moving Job of the Year!



The Berard Team is pleased and honored to announce that we have been awarded the 2014 Moving Job of the Year by the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association. The team traveled to sunny Boca Raton, Florida and entered the bulk material crane load-out and off-load project which was completed in the latter part of 2013. There were several great entries to compete against and yet we brought home the win!

The project consisted of loading out a massive bulk material crane which weighed in at 1000 tons and measured 173' high x 208' long x 95' wide from the fabricator at the Port of Iberia and off loaded at the Port of Lake Charles, LA. The final portion of the job consisted of rotating the crane 90 degrees while still on the barge and then transferring it from the barge to the concrete pier. Once on the pier the team then precisely set it down onto the pier's rail system.

"From the miniscule clearances between the power stations on the dock, limited barge width and lack of buoyancy that included perfect timing with high tidal conditions added to the ever changing list of challenges. Having to worry about a vertical center of gravity that towered 75'-6" greatly increased the difficulty of this assignment. Another key was having an experienced team with an outstanding calm, meticulous operator. The throttle control had to be very precise and one simple mistake would have led to a catastrophe" says Braedon Berard, Chief Operating Officer of Berard Transportation.

We would like to dedicate this award to all of our valued and dedicated team members who worked countless hours and gave it their all as well as putting their passion for the job into making this and every job we do yet another success story for our blessed company.



# OTC

## Show Report



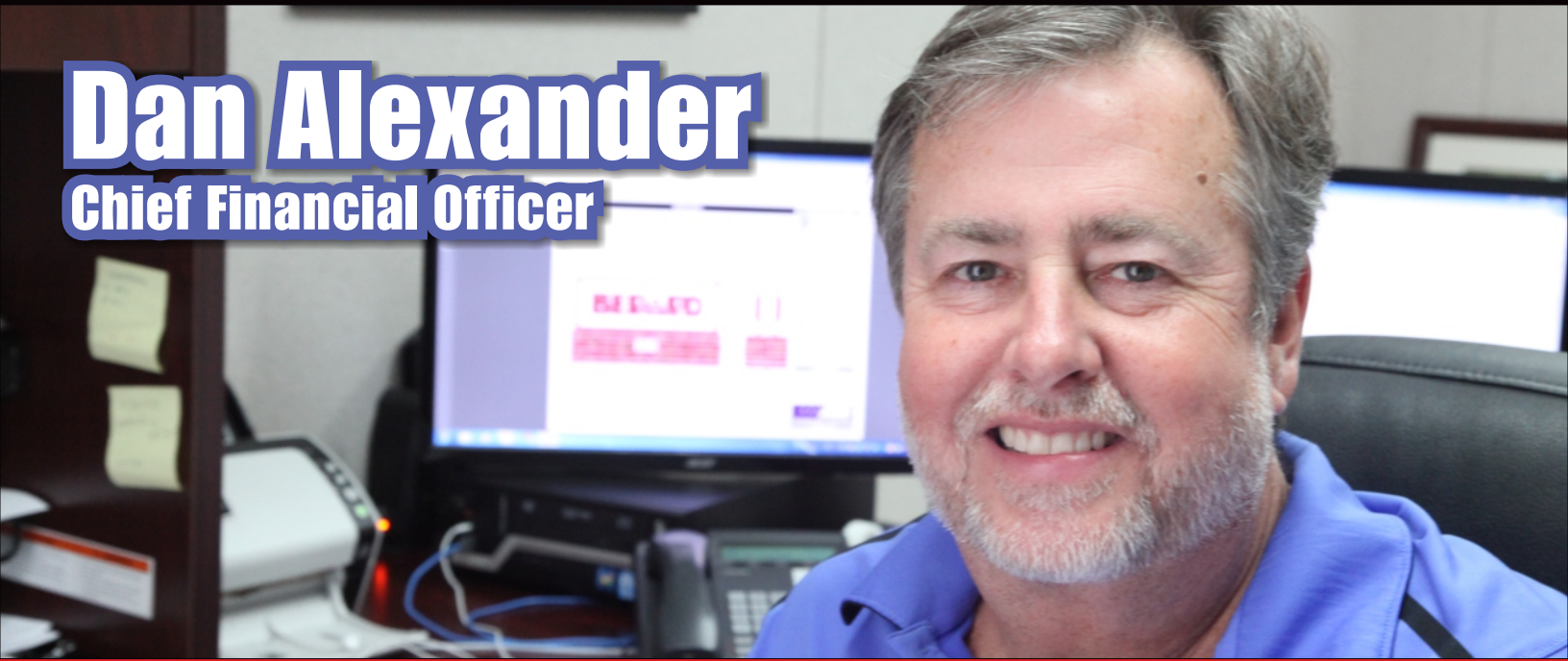
The team once again had a great showing at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, Texas. The show was held at the Reliant Center and featured some of the latest technological advances in the offshore oil & gas industry. Several people stopped by to visit with the team and enjoy a beverage while watching some of our awesome moves on video. We enjoyed meeting everyone there and we thank the great City of Houston for the hospitality shown to us. We're already planning next year's show so we'll see you there!



> **Team Member Spotlight**

# **Dan Alexander**

## **Chief Financial Officer**



Dan has been with Berard for 18 months as Chief Financial Officer. A CPA, Dan brings 30 years of business experience to Berard having been CFO of local fabrication companies in the New Iberia area and also a nationwide ambulance company. Getting married in July, he has four children. Asked what he likes most about working here, "The quality character of the owners and employees is what drew me here and I feel fortunate to be part of the growth that has and will occur." Actively involved in the new facility construction, he says "Seeing the new facility come together after so many years of planning is very satisfying and it will surely make Berard a stronger and more visible company throughout the South."

> **Birthdays @ Berard**

# **Happy Birthday!**

**From The Berard Team**

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

- > **Carolyn Bouillion**
- > **Dylan Albert**
- > **Dustin Lemaire**
- > **Dean Toucheque**