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# Making History Main Pass 23 Installation



**Job Specs**  
**Weight:** 860 Tons

**Dimensions:**  
100'L x 65'W x 60'H

**Equipment Used:** 72 axle lines of SPMTs, 4 power packs, loading ramps, crane mats, steel plating and high volume water pumps.

The Berard Team stands ready to tackle new challenges and this project was just what we strive for everyday — making the seemingly impossible, possible. The team was commissioned to perform a first of its kind off load, load out and installation of this 860 ton offshore platform in South Louisiana. The project began with the team offloading the deck and jacket to the client's fabrication yard for refurbishing. One of the first challenges the team faced in the offloading process was helping the client achieve a lower leg height for the deck for its future installation. To accomplish this the team utilized a strategy its used several times before by stacking SPMTs onto SPMTs to lift the deck so fabrication crews could cut the legs to the new desired height. The deck was then offloaded by having the top set of SPMTs roll off of the bottom SPMTs and into the yard. The jacket was then offloaded in typical fashion. Continued . . . . .







Once the refurbishment was complete, the deck and jacket were loaded onto a deck barge for water transport to the installation site. The key element was utilizing a narrow barge that would allow the deck legs to overhang for the installation phase. Having less width called for using a longer barge to compensate for the narrow width. Once on the barge, both cargo and Berard's SPMTs set sail to the installation site at Main Pass 23 in Black Bay near the Gulf of Mexico.







The final phase of the project was a history making event. Typically offshore platforms are installed onto their jacket structures by way of a derrick barge crane but due to the shallow water depth in Black Bay, a conventional installation proved nearly impossible. The engineers at Berard devised a plan to install the deck onto the jacket by lifting the deck with SPMTs then floating the barge and cargo between the jacket legs and using the SPMTs to lower the deck onto the jacket.

The team began the final process by slowly threading the deck barge through the jacket legs with only inches to spare on each side. With the deck legs now in position directly above the jacket legs, the mating process was started by lowering the deck with the SPMTs. The installation phase of the project went exactly as planned and now Main Pass 23 is well on its way to producing America's future petroleum needs. This is the first time this type of deck installation has ever been executed and is a project of which the team is very proud. There were many high fives and handshakes all around when the project was completed. Thanks to all involved for making this another great project for Berard and the history books!





# See the Berard Team



**October 5-8 | Houston, Texas**

The Berard Team will once again exhibit at the 2015 Breakbulk Americas show in Houston, Texas, October 5th - 8th, at the George Brown Convention Center. Breakbulk Americas is the largest exhibition of its kind in North America, bringing top-tier shippers together with breakbulk and project cargo service providers. Come by the Berard booth and meet to some of our great sales team members.



# World Championship Gumbo Cookoff!

*Ready to Roux!*

The pots are loaded and the ingredients are ready to go for the 2015 World Championship Gumbo Cookoff! The Berard Team has participated in the event for the past few years and hopefully this will be the year we'll bring home the big win! Our team members work hard every year to make the event a great one for Berard. Stop by the Berard tent to wish us luck and get some of our great tasting gumbo! See you there!





# Jamie Houghton

## Heavy Haul Coordinator



Jamie Houghton joined the Berard Team in February of 2013 and currently serves as Heavy Haul Coordinator. He brings many years of over the road heavy transport expertise to the team. "I've been trucking for 18 years. It's kind of crazy and has been my dream since I was a little boy—if you can imagine I was ever little—to haul the big stuff. I was very fortunate at a young age to get some very good experience heavy hauling. It's no secret trucking was my first love. I've been married for 17 ½ years. A hobby of mine is polishing aluminum—have to make those big rigs shine! I also enjoy hunting and fishing as well as mud riding. The opportunity to work for this company has been a Godsend for me. The Berards are amazingly generous people who really care about their people. It's nice to know that I'm not just a number. With help from Berard Transportation, I have fulfilled all of my dreams as a kid. I figure I've got 30 years before I can retire. Hope they don't mind me being around for a while!" says Jamie.



### > Birthdays @ Berard

# Happy Birthday!

From The Berard Team

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

- > Randy Berard
- > Jacob Boudreaux
- > Darryl Doucet
- > Renee Legendre
- > Tina Lasseigne
- > Jamie Houghton