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# The Shipyard Launching H. Merritt “Heavy” Lane Jr.



## Job Specs

**Weight:** 1,126 Tons

**Dimensions:**  
166'L x 48'W x 71' H

**Equipment Used:**  
32 axle lines of SPMTs, 2  
power packs, steel plate,  
loading ramps & winch  
trucks

Berard was commissioned to load out this impressive towboat named H. Merritt “Heavy” Lane Jr. for a South Louisiana shipyard. The team lifted the 166’ long towboat from its supports to begin the transport to the waiting dry dock. Steel plating was laid in several places throughout the transport route to support the 1,126 ton load as well as loading ramps utilized to make the transition from bulkhead to dry dock a seamless one. After the towboat reached its final position the team lowered it onto supports. Later that day, the vessel would be lowered in the water and ready for further outfitting. Thanks go out to the Berard team members and the client’s team for making this another success story.





# The Shipyard Launching USNS Newport



## Job Specs

**Weight:** 2,200 Tons

**Dimensions:**

338'L x 94'W x 105'H

**Equipment Used:** 112 axle lines of SPMTs, 4 power packs, loading ramps, high volume water pumps and winches for barge securement

The Berard team once again played a major role in the launching of another great US Navy ship. The team loaded out the USNS Newport, a 2,200 ton Expeditionary Fast Transport ship (EPF). The team transported the 338' long EPF from the client's final assembly bay to a deck barge. Once secured on the barge, it traveled down river to be trans-loaded. Once at the transfer point, the trans-loading of the vessel onto the Alabama, an 800' floating dry dock, began. As usual, the trans-load went smoothly thanks to all involved. With the team's hard work and dedication, the job was completed safely and successfully in only one day.



# Eye Protection Save Your Sight!



The Berard team promotes good safety practices on every job we do. One important topic is eye protection. Many of the job sites we work in are dusty environments and the chances for dust particles ending up in the eye are many. Our team members wear the most up to date eye protection available to keep the things that can cause severe injury or blindness at bay. Below are some facts about eye injuries. Practice good eye protection at your workplace and your team will see the difference!

- > 2000 eye injuries occur everyday at work in the US Construction workers have one of the highest eye injury rates
- > Particles of dust, metal, wood, slag, drywall, cement etc. are the most common source of eye injury
- > Even “minor” eye injuries can cause life-long vision problems and suffering—a simple scratch from sawdust, cement, or drywall can cause corneal erosion that is recurrently painful

## > Birthdays @ Berard

# Happy Birthday!

### Happy Birthday to These Dedicated Team Members!

Kevin Bienvenu  
Ray Breaux  
Spencer Freyou  
Vicki Pellerin  
Kelsey Pelous  
Baron Berard

Dustin Ronsonet  
Caleb Segura  
Sloane Simoneaux  
Joel Thibodeaux  
Karl Vann  
Jared Wiley