



ST. BERNARD PORT HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT

2023
ANNUAL REPORT



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Drew M. Heaphy

The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District had a year that emphasized community. This included our annual tour with Associated Terminals, participation in community events, and more. This year, we also set records and improved productivity. Our building and warehouses are leased at 100% capacity, and we have unloaded over 8 million in total cargo tonnage, with a 762,072.341 record in break bulk cargo.

With the help of federal and state grants, the rehabilitation of the Chalmette Slip is still ongoing and is on track to being completed in May 2024. A federal infrastructure investment to facilitate the deepening of the Mississippi River began in 2021. With this infrastructure, the St. Bernard Port will be in an even more competitive position in the shipping industry by enabling larger bulk carriers’ access to the Port. The deepening of the river is now to 50 feet.

We are working on securing the funds for the rehabilitation of the Main Lift Station, which provides sewage to everyone at the Chalmette Terminal. This comes after receiving \$250,000 from a Delta Regional Authority grant for replacing the Hurricane Katrina damaged sewerage treatment plant in 2019.

In our security department, we have hired a Deputy Port Facility Security Officer (FSO) to assist our head of security with day-to-day operations. Three grants have been submitted: A grant to replace the outdated Access Control Station at Associated Terminals in Arabi, another for the Geographic info system (GIS), and finally for the update and maintenance of the Maritime Security Operations Center (MSOC). If awarded, these grants will help keep the St. Bernard Port a high security facility and maintain a sense of security for our employees and visitors.

The \$2 million grant the St. Bernard Parish Government received from the state for the north-south connector road is still underway. This road will begin at St. Bernard Highway*and extend to Judge Perez Drive near St. Bernard Parish Hospital. This will be of great convenience for residents, as there is only one way in and out of the hospital. The land was donated by the Meraux Foundation. The St. Bernard Port was a co-applicant for this federal grant and the St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation assisted in writing the application and reaching out to community leaders and elected officials for support. Everything is truly a community effort. Currently, _____

Just like last year, community outreach and future generations of St. Bernard Parish were a big focus this year. The Maritime field trip had two groups, and both sold out quickly. Some of our administrative staff participated in the Special Olympics, Ag Magic on the River, and some educated themselves on how to promote the growth of the parish through the St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership St. Bernard. The port will continue participating in events that benefit the community and sponsoring important local events. The goal in all of this is to make sure the residents of St. Bernard see the port as an ally and asset to the community. We also want to promote the benefits and careers of the maritime industry to the youth of St. Bernard.

For more than 50 years, the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District has been a catalyst for commerce and economic opportunity. We are listed as one of the most notable ports/harbors in Louisiana, and have a dedicated Board of Commissioners, staff, administration, and legislative delegation. We will continue to pursue opportunities that encourage growth, success, and prosperity of St. Bernard Parish.



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Executive Director



ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT STAFF



HARBORING GROWTH

The St. Bernard Port, Harbor & Terminal District is recognized as one of the key economic drivers of St. Bernard Parish, consistently playing a pivotal role in fostering growth and prosperity within the local community. Encompassing 430 acres spread across four terminals, the port provides a home to 48 tenants and sustains employment for over 2,000 individuals. Its significant contribution to the job market is estimated to account for 18% of all jobs in St. Bernard Parish, while injecting approximately \$325 million into the local economy. The dedicated efforts of the port’s employees underscore their commitment to not only improving their own lives and futures but also enhancing the lives of their families and the broader community they diligently serve.

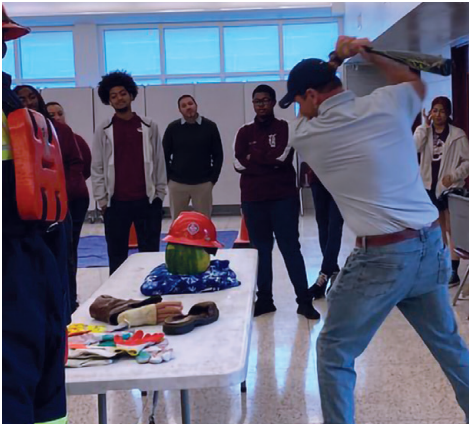
ANCHORING PROSPERITY THROUGH COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES



The St. Bernard Port and Associated Terminals actively engage with the community through various educational and outreach initiatives, promoting the port’s importance and career opportunities to young individuals. One such program, “Who Works the Rivers,” targeted three groups of 30 seniors at Chalmette High School on March 24, 2023, introducing them to potential maritime careers.

Led by Dawn Lopez, Vice President of Public Relations at Associated Terminals, the event started with a video on career development in the maritime industry. Capt. Jeanne E. Ferrer highlighted the significance of the maritime industry and the value of the Mississippi River to St. Bernard Parish. Executive Director Drew Heaphy shared insights into the port’s operations, emphasizing its handling of 10 million tons of cargo last year. Capt. Roy E. Vance II discussed the benefits of working on the river, and Darryion Osborne offered tips on landing a job with Turn Services.

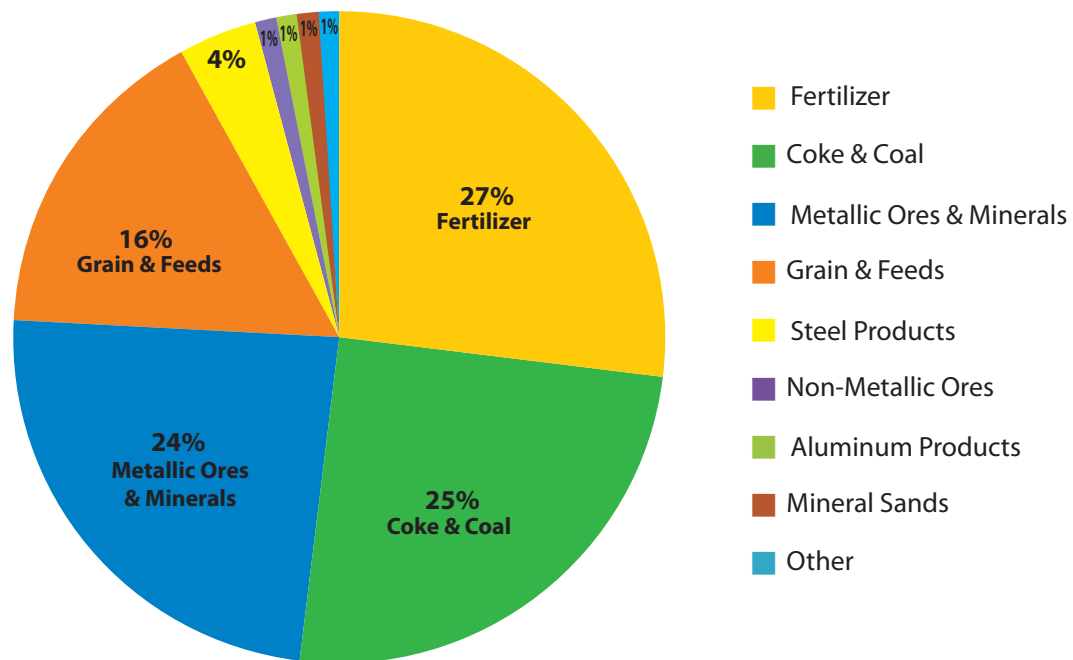
After absorbing valuable information, the students participated in activities at the gym to deepen their understanding of the industry’s intricacies and safety aspects. The St. Bernard Port and Associated Terminals’ dedication to fostering interest in maritime careers received gratitude from the students, laying the groundwork for future economic development in St. Bernard Parish.



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in maritime careers

The Maritime Month event celebrated the port’s history and future with two tours, Prezi presentations, and a riverside boat tour. The event was a success, encouraging community participation and awareness of the port’s significance in global commerce.

Executive Director Drew Heaphy was honored with the Global Maritime Ministries Inc.’s Crystal Lighthouse Award, recognizing his significant contributions to the port’s growth and community impact. His leadership and faith have played a vital role in his success. Global Maritime Ministries Inc. supports hard-working individuals in the maritime industry, aligning with the values of the St. Bernard Port and Associated Terminals in fostering employee well-being.



Fertilizer



Metallic Ores

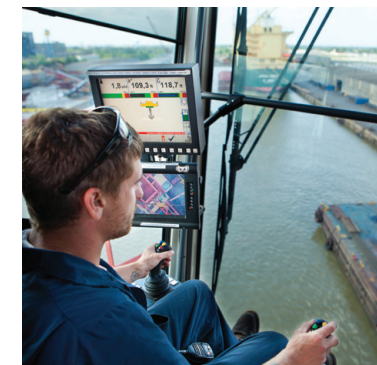


Grain & Feeds

VITAL COMMODITIES

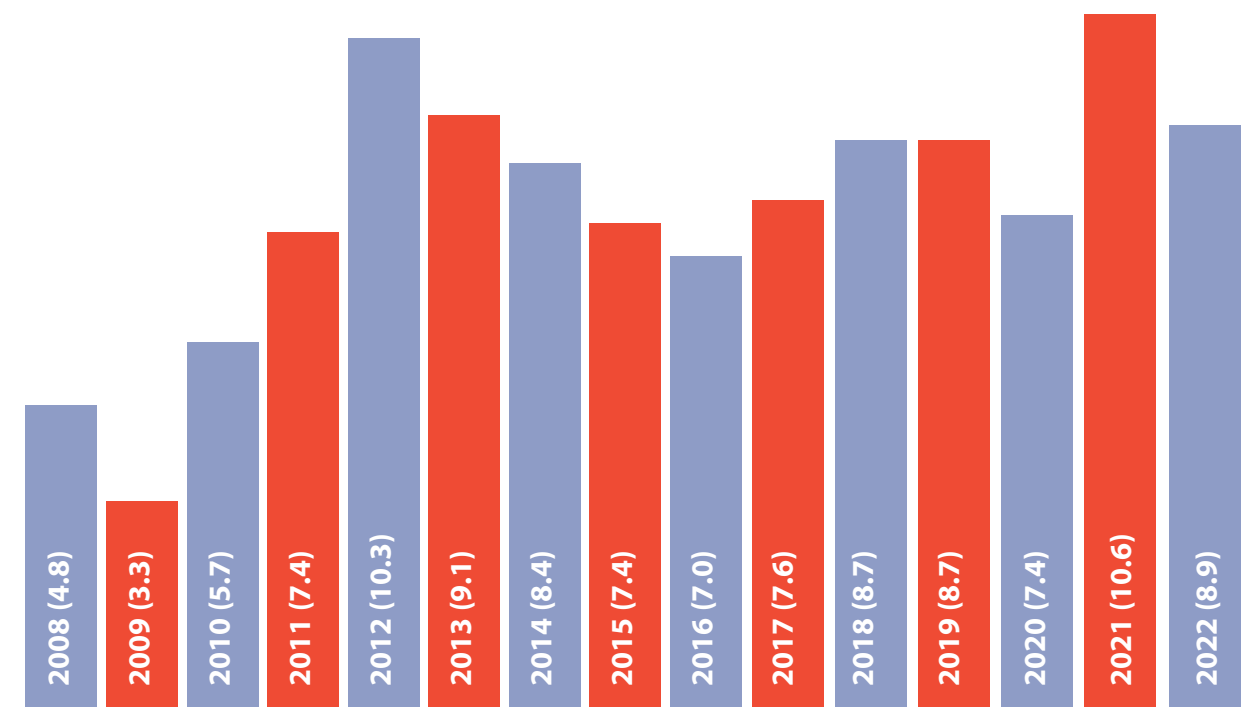
In the heart of St. Bernard Parish, the St. Bernard Port serves as a vital gateway for unloading a diverse array of essential commodities. From metallic ores and minerals to ferrous alloys, petroleum coke, zinc concentrates, fertilizers, steel, and lumber, these materials form the backbone of the nation's industries. One standout feature is the Chalmette slip, the only slack-water slip on the lower Mississippi River, boasting a distinctive design tailored to efficiently handle project cargo and break bulk cargo. With unwavering dedication, the port plays a crucial role in supporting the seamless flow of vital goods, contributing significantly to the nation's trade landscape.

CHARTING A COURSE FOR A YEAR OF SUCCESS



In 2022, the St. Bernard Port efficiently handled an impressive 8.9 million tons of cargo, including bulk, break bulk, and general goods. This accomplishment was supported by 392 ocean-going vessels that chose the port as their destination. Situated strategically along the bustling lower Mississippi River, the port boasts seamless connectivity to the Intracoastal waterway, Gulf of Mexico, and Industrial Canal, facilitating the transportation of raw materials across the United States and worldwide. Its influence extends beyond the waterways, with seamless land connections through highways and six class one railroads. Moreover, the port's convenient proximity to both the New Orleans International Airport and the New Orleans Lakefront Airport adds yet another dimension of efficiency to its operations, facilitating swift access to airfreight options.

In the spirit of growth and progress, the St. Bernard Port continues to stand as a steadfast pillar in global trade, strategically positioned to propel commerce both domestically and internationally.

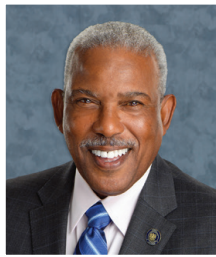


TOTAL TONNAGE 2008-2022

(Cargo Tonnage in Millions)



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