



The Port of Greater Baton Rouge Celebrates 60 Years!

THE DEEPWATER PORT known today as the Port of Greater Baton Rouge was created in 1952 by an act of the Louisiana legislature. Construction began two years later and the first vessel, the S.S. Clarisse, discharged the first general cargo at port's new general cargo wharf on June 22, 1956.

FROM THE ARRIVAL of that first ship, the port has served as an economic engine for the parishes of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension and Iberville by providing jobs and attracting industry to the region.

THE OUTLOOK FOR THE PORT is very positive today in the areas of international trade, maritime commerce, manufacturing and new industrial expansion. Under the direction of the Port Commission, the Port of Greater Baton Rouge will continue to actively promote and grow the assets of this vital public maritime facility.

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