



Above: The *Cape Vincent* as it arrives in New Orleans.

Port of New Orleans Director Gary Lagrange requested MARAD's assistance through Federal Emergency Management Administration to provide vessels for berthing to accommodate approximately 3,000 personnel who were anticipated to return to the area to open the Port of New Orleans. Vessels with the optimum berthing capacity included MARAD school ships.

MARAD notified general agents to commence the activation and preparation for sail.



Ready Reserve Force Ship the *Diamond Slate*, the training ship *Sirius*, and the RRF ship *SS Wright* help support relief efforts

The U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) activated ten ships from the RRF to aid the area's recovery by helping to rebuild the infrastructure and three state maritime academy training ships to house over 1,000 relief workers with skills and abilities critical to vital recover efforts.



Above: Shown here Jesuit Bend, Louisiana, the *Empire State VI* provided housing for refinery workers, security, and medical personnel as they rebuilt the infrastructure of the third largest oil refinery in Louisiana.



Above: Homeported at the Poland Avenue complex in New Orleans the *Cape Kennedy* provided hot showers, meals, and a few moments of rest to emergency-response.



U.S. Department of Transportation

Ready Reserve Force
Operations
Supporting the
Federal Emergency
Management Administration
Hurricanes KATRINA and
RITA Response Efforts



FEMA mission started **September 2, 2005**, and completed **March 1, 2006**.

MARAD ship combined for 866 ship days of operations

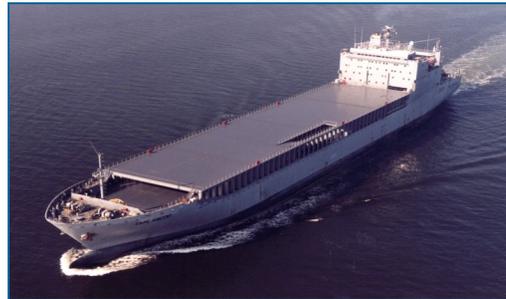
Final Count:
83,165 total berths
269,570 total meals



Ready Reserve Force (RRF) ships supported Hurricanes KATRINA & RITA relief operations : September 2, 2005 - March 1, 2006



**Auxiliary Crane Ship -
SS Diamond State**
Acted as mobile port



**Above: ROLL-ON / ROLL-OFF
Cape Vincent**
Provided a helo landing for the USCG and housed equipment vital to recovery operations



**School ship
TS State of Maine**
Housed 236 relief workers



**School Ship
TS Empire State**
Housed 625 relief workers



**Aviation Support Ship
SS Wright**
Housed 315 relief workers



**ROLL-ON / ROLL-OFF
Cape Kennedy & Cape Knox**
Generated power vital to relief efforts and provided meals to relief workers



**At Left: School Ship
TS Sirius**
Housed 150 relief workers with cots , provided berthing space



**At Right: School Ship
TS Texas Clipper II**
Housed 230 relief workers