

A History of the Port of Gulfport

120 YEARS OF COMMERCE

A Gulf Port

The idea of a port on the Mississippi Gulf began in 1871, as a logical connection to the existing rail hub an hour north of Gulfport. When the U.S. government was unwilling to dredge the natural channel, Captain Joseph Jones purchased the "Cape Charles," an old steam boat, and installed pumping machinery in 1897 to dredge it himself.





Commercial Success

Dredging was completed, and in 1902, the Trojan was the first cargo vessel to navigate the new shipping channel and dock at the Port of Gulfport

By 1907, the Port was the world's leading exporter of yellow pine.



90 minute channel transit from sea buoy to dock

miles from US Interstate
10, with no congestion

100-ton ship-to-shore gantry cranes with 4th on order acres, including several inland properties

5,000+
feet of berthing space, including ro/ro capabilities

1400+

reefer plugs on the terminals

Stevedores

Both Ports America and SSA Marine (CSA) provide stevedore services for the Port of Gulfport, with one specializing in container cargo and the other specializing in the handling of bulk and breakbulk materials.

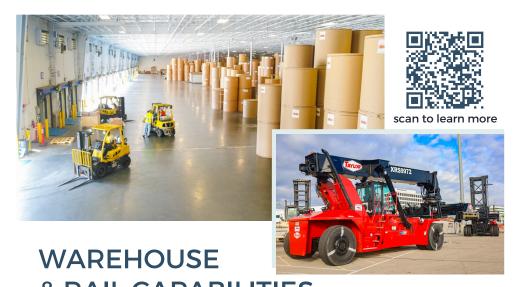
Quick, Unrestricted Arrival and Departure

We offer a competitive advantage for both vessel and cargo movement, featuring a short 18-mile transit to open Gulf waters, a 90-minute channel, a quick 5-mile drive to Interstate 10, and Class 1 rail service, with no delay due to traffic or congestion.

Our Advantage

With on-dock Class I rail and an excellent trucking network, we are experts at moving goods quickly. Thanks to an excellent relationship with local union labor, we are ready to service vessels any hour of the day or night. Our centralized location allows us to access a majority of the US market within 24 hours, with easy access to major East/West and North/South corridors. We have virtually no congestion, and trucks experience no traffic delays leaving the Port.









- 600,000 sq ft of warehouse space on port
- Indoor rail access for inclement weather
- Ample loading doors for trucks/containers
- Class 1 rail
- Rail service 6 days a week
- 30K linear feet of rail on port
- Two on-port staging areas
- Two near-port staging areas
- On-dock rail across intermodal terminals
- Direct ship-to-rail loading via our STS cranes

CONTACT US

The Port of Gulfport is primed for growth and ready to discuss how we can partner with you for the future. We offer an advantageous location on the northern Gulf of Mexico, access to a majority of the US market, a business-friendly environment, and an unparalleled workforce ready to move your cargo.

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The Port of Gulfport is a deep-water, international seaport located in Gulfport, Mississippi directly on the Gulf of Mexico. The Port handles more than 2 million tons of cargo annually. Our strategic location on the northern Gulf of Mexico allows customers to distribute products to a majority of the U.S. market within 24 hours, with class 1 rail connection. Vessels have a short 90-minute transit from sea buoy to dock, with no congestion and no traffic delays for cargo exiting our gate. The labor at our Port of Gulfport is second to none, available to service your cargo any hour of the day or night.

Strategically and Centrally Located



Mississippi is centrally located between the East and West coasts, providing quick and convenient access to major U.S. markets. The Port of Gulfport is equipped for bulk, break-bulk, special cargo, and containerized operations.