



## **Cenac Marine History**

Louisiana has long been fertile ground for individuals with entrepreneurial spirit, unafraid to weather the storms of change, and filled with an intrinsic dedication to the land and waters they call home. The Cenac family history, is indeed one of those success stories.

In 1917, the first commercial gas well in Terrebonne parish became operational, ushering in the booming business of Oil and gas. The Cenac family, already well established in the marine business was called upon for navigational and logistical expertise, and was instrumental in developing the first oil and gas production within the coastal region of South Louisiana.

In 1927 the Cenac family got its start in the Oil business, when Ovide “Jock” Cenac began converting oyster schooners, then powered by sail, into new motorized vessels. Outfitted with Cummins diesel engines, the wooden barges were used for towing oil rigs and hauling crude oil for a company that would later become known as Texaco.

Over the next 56 years, Jock Cenac expanded the company’s reach across the Gulf Coast. Arlen “Benny” Cenac Jr. took the helm of his grandfather’s company, Cenac Towing Company in 1983.

**Throughout its history, Cenac holds title too many milestone developments in its field.**

- Not only was Cenac the first company to install Cummins diesel engines on a marine vessel- they were also the first to institute the US Coast Guard tank barge self-inspection program, and with Coast Guard’s approval, the first to institute its own tanker man training program.
- Cenac was the first to perform well test and flow back operations in the Gulf of Mexico. As part of Conoco’s Magnolia project, they were the first company to moor a liquid petroleum barge to a dynamic positioning drilling rig in the Gulf.
- Cenac Towing has entrenched itself as a leader in the towing and tank barge industry, drawing upon nearly a century’s worth of expertise and industry

- knowledge. Their safety record is impeccable- ranking them in the top echelon of towing companies that work with major oil companies and refiners.
- Cenac's maintenance program is second-to-none, built on a strict model of standardization and managed by top rated, experienced in-house technicians.

Located in a state of the art facility at mile marker 58 on the intercostal waterway, Cenac Marine Services is a fully self-sustaining entity strategically located to service the Gulf Coast.

They supply warehousing, classrooms and crew housing, ensuring that Cenac's crews have the supplies, training and rest required to arrive at the job site prepared and ready to work.

With the purchase of Main Iron Works, Cenac Marine Services also has the ability to build its own boats and make all of its own barge and boat repairs.

This unique business model of standardization and self-sustainment allows Cenac Marine Services to control the quality of service and equipment they provide to their customers better than anyone else in the industry.

Cenac has the newest fleet of vessels in the industry today, with the most innovative push boat and tank barge fleet operating within the US Inland Waterway and the US Gulf of Mexico. Their first class equipment and mechanical design are built on years of trials, helping to maintain standardization for the towing industry. However, Cenac is constantly pushing the towing industry forward with new technological advances including Z-drives, ensuring that they and their customers are always positioned at the front of the pack.

Cenac is proud of their strong vendor relationships, earning their loyalty through consistency and collaboration to ensure the job gets done properly and efficiently.

Their diverse fleet of boats and barges leave them uniquely positioned to cater to the specific needs of the Oil industry, transporting Crude Oil, LPG's, petrochemicals, feed stocks, lubricants, and residual fuels.

Cenac Towing has earned the sincere loyalty of their employees. Their trust and respect is built upon an appreciation for a company they can count upon to provide the correct tools, training and support staff to get every job done right.

Above all, Cenac Towing is a long standing and financially stable family business. They carry forward a tradition of excellence that goes back almost 90 years. In the business of marine towing, there is no substitute for experience. Let Cenac put their advanced towing solutions to work for you.