

GULF COAST TRAILING COMPANY GCT

Headquartered in New Orleans, Gulf Coast Trailing Company owns and operates a fleet of three modern hopper dredges — the ATCHAFALAYA, MERMENTAU and OUACHITA.

Their scope of operation includes ports, bays, channels and inlets along all coastlines of the United States, as well as among the Caribbean islands and parts of South America. The Company was formed in 1979 "to develop and maintain a sizeable modern dredge fleet with the capability and flexibility to operate effectively in all port environments."

ATCHAFALAYA

Completed in 1980, the ATCHAFALAYA was the forerunner of a class of small split-hull hopper dredges that have since proven their efficiency in accomplishing various types of difficult jobs.



THE FLEET

Performing with 360-degree maneuverability, GCT's versatile fleet combines speeds of up to 13 knots with powerful suction dragarms to accomplish the most demanding dredging projects. The vessels are equally adaptable to dredging in the cross currents and tidal surges of small channels and inlets, as well as in the larger port entrances and bays found along domestic and overseas coastlines.

VESSEL CHARACTERISTICS

	ATCHAFALAYA	MERMENTAU	OUACHITA
Length	197'	197'	297'
Breadth	41'	41'	55'
Draft-Light	7'	7'	12'
Draft-Loaded	14'7"	14'7"	21'5"
Dragarms	1	2	2
Pump HP	1@700HP	2@450HP	2@1500HP
Propulsion HP	2@850HP	2@850HP	2@4000HP
Suction Diameter	22"	18"	28"
Discharge Diameter	20"	16"	28"
Hopper Capacity	1300cy	1300cy	4000cy
Speed-Light	10kt	10kt	13kt
Speed-Loaded	9kt	9kt	12.8kt
Max. Digging Depth	65'	65'	65'
Pump out Capability	yes	yes	can be added



OUACHITA

A high-powered, highly maneuverable mono hull hopper dredge, the 4,000 cu.yd. OUACHITA was completed in 1985 and has been engaged mainly in channel and port dredging since joining the GCT FLEET.

