

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

The overall mission of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) is to promote the development and maintenance of an adequate, well-balanced United States Merchant Marine:



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- sufficient to carry the Nation's domestic waterborne commerce and a significant portion of its waterborne foreign commerce and
- capable of serving as a naval and military auxiliary in time of war or national emergency.

MARAD maintains a fleet of Ready Reserve Force (RRF) ships that can be rapidly activated and placed in service to support the Department of Defense or emergencies. Upon activation the ships come under the operational control of the Military Sealift Command, while MARAD retains responsibility for ship maintenance and its ability to perform assigned missions.

MARAD manages RRF ships with private sector U.S. ship managers and U.S. Merchant Mariner crews. A 10-person crew performs continuous maintenance to maintain the vessel in class with the American Bureau of Shipping classification society and maintain certifications issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

An RRF ship can be identified by its distinctive grey hull and red, white and blue stripes on a gray stack.

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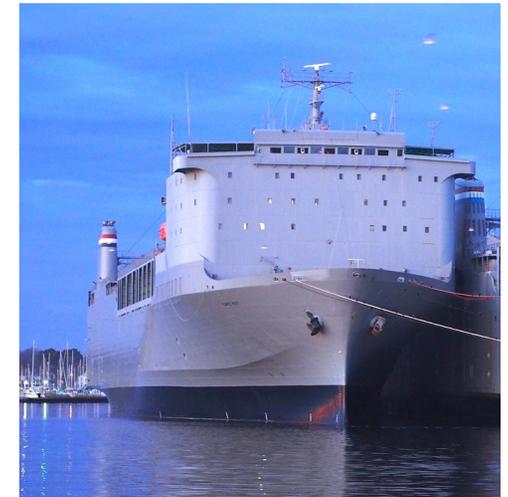
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## Welcome Aboard the CAPE RAY (T-AKR 9679)



The CAPE RAY a Roll On-Roll Off (RO/RO) ship entered the Ready Reserve Force on December 17, 1994.

<b>Characteristics</b>	
Builder / Year	Kawasaki Heavy Industries / 1977
Former Name (s)	Seaspeed Asia, Saudi Makkah
Crew Complement	29
Ship Manager for MARAD	Keystone Shipping Service

<b>Performance</b>	
Propulsion	Medium Speed Diesel
MAX Speed	19 Kts
Operational Speed	18 Kts

<b>Dimensions</b>	
Length Overall	647.9 ft
Beam	105' 6" ft
Mast Height	153 ft
Draft MAX	32.8 ft

### Ship Function

The Cape Ray carries vehicles wherever needed in the world. A new vehicle ramp called a 'slewing ramp' that can load from either side or the back of the ship was installed in 2012.

### Ship Images



### Brief History

- ◆ 2008-Turbo Activation
- ◆ 2006-Turbo Activation
- ◆ 2004-OP Iraqi Freedom 04-06
- ◆ 2003-OP Iraqi Freedom
- ◆ 2002-Turbo Activation
- ◆ 2001-Turbo Activation
- ◆ 2000-Turbo Activation

### Weights

(Summer load line)

Gross Tonnage (N)	31,236 Tons
Net Tonnage (N)	9,370 Tons
Full Displacement Loaded	35,248 Tons
Cargo Deadweight	22,060 Long Tons

### Capabilities

Cargo Space	176,313 SQFT
20-ft Containers	None
Cranes for Cargo	None
Booms or Stores Crane	2
Vehicle Loading Ramps	Yes