

## ***M/V Cayo Largo Deployed to Assist in the Haitian Relief Effort***

San Juan, PR – January 20, 2010 – Puerto Rico Maritime Transportation Authority (PRMTA) deployed the 300 passenger / 300 ton cargo vessel, *M/V Cayo Largo* to Barahona, Dominican Republic to assist in the humanitarian effort for Haiti.

The vessel, which was designed and built by Blount Boats, Inc. of Warren, Rhode Island, has been in service between the port of Fajardo on the east coast of Puerto Rico and the islands of Culebra and Vieques since her delivery in 2008.



### ***M/V Cayo Largo on Trials in July, 2008    Large Roll On / Roll Off Deck with Stern Ramp Up***

The vessel has an overall length of 162', a beam of 46', and draws less than 8' of water loaded. These particulars, combined with her large cargo deck and stern ramp, allows the *M/V Cayo Largo* to utilize piers and bulkheads of opportunity to deliver badly needed aid and supplies to the people of Haiti.

"The *Cayo Largo* is being used to transport humanitarian aid from Puerto Rico to the Dominican Republic, where it can be moved over land to Haiti. We are currently moving equipment, food, supplies and over 65 doctors, medics and aid workers" said Ibsen Santiago Flores, Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Maritime Transportation Authority.

Bristol Harbor Group, Inc., Bristol, Rhode Island, developed the performance specifications for the vessel back in 2005, then oversaw the acquisition, design and construction of the vessel for PRMTA, and we are very proud to see her being utilized for such a noble cause. Good luck to the crew of the *Cayo Largo*, and all of the people helping and being helped in Haiti!