How we Sea Base?

“Sea-based operations permitted delivery of humanitarian aid without putting additional “sustainment consumers” on the ground … The (22d) MEU/(Nassau) ARG demonstrated the flexibility, capability, and wherewithal to adjust force levels ashore so that they did not become part of the greater sustainment problem, while extending the operational reach of the commander.”

Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned, 23 August 2010 – Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief Operation Unified Response, Haiti Earthquake 12 January 2010,

- **Close** – rapid closure of joint force capabilities to an area of crisis.
- **Assemble** – seamless integration of scalable joint force capabilities on and around secure sea-based assets.
- **Employ** – flexible employment of joint force capabilities to meet mission objectives supported from the sea base.
- **Sustain** – persistent sustainment of selected joint forces afloat and ashore, through transition to decisive combat operations ashore.
- **Reconstitute** – the capability to rapidly recover, reconstitute and redeploy joint combat capabilities within and around the maneuverable sea base for subsequent operations.

JFCs will rely on seabasing to complement, integrate and enable joint military capabilities throughout the littorals with minimal or no access to nearby land bases…

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