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### Training is a Top Priority for the American Salvage Association

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August 23, 2023 – Alexandria, VA – The American Salvage Association today announced that a three-day Marine Salvage Response course was conducted with members of the U.S. Coast Guard National Strike Force. The seminar, held at the NOAA Disaster Response Center in Mobile, AL, provided U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) members a detailed overview across a wide range of topics and issues expected when responding to marine casualties. The 2023 course marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of training between ASA and the USCG.

The program included discussions across:

- The business of commercial salvage;
- Regulatory requirements for commercial diving operations;
- Naval architecture as it relates to salvage; and
- Pumping and lightering procedures during response operations.

Kerry Walsh, chair of ASA's Training Committee commented, "Marine industry training for the USCG, state and other agencies is a top priority for ASA. Our members and industry partners rely on the ASA to provide high-quality training that in turn, enhances safety and efficiency during a response and increases the visibility of our role in the industry."

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About the American Salvage Association - The mission of the ASA is to be a unifying association of the commercial marine salvage industry, serving as the definitive spokesperson for the industry in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere in North, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean Sea. Learn more about the American Salvage Association on our [website](#).

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