



## **AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION** **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES** **NEW LEADERS FOR 2005-2007**

Washington, DC – **George Wittich**, Senior Vice President of Weeks Marine (Cranford, NJ), has been named President of the American Salvage Association (ASA). **John Witte, Jr.**, Executive Vice President of Donjon Marine Co., Inc. (Hillside, NJ), has been named ASA's Vice President, and **Paul Gallagher**, Director of Sales – Marine Transportation, Foss Maritime (Seattle, WA), has been elected Secretary/Treasurer.

“We expect great things from ASA's incoming leadership,” said George Wittich. “Among the areas the ASA will focus on throughout the year are the status of the still pending U.S. marine salvage regulations, responder immunity, and the salvors' role in environmental protection and maritime security. Our member's salvage response work in the hurricane devastated Gulf Region continues to be a priority”, he said.

“The association owes a great debt of thanks to Richard Fairbanks, President, Titan, A Crowley Company, who served as ASA's President over the last two years. Dick's hard work, diligence, and critical guidance served our association and our industry well,” Wittich said.

*The American Salvage Association is the national trade association representing North America's professional salvors. Its goal is to promote professionalism and improve marine casualty response in American coastal and inland waters.*

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