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**AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS RESPOND TO CAPE
FLATTERY GROUNDING IN HONOLULU**

Washington, DC – Several members of the American Salvage Association (ASA) quickly responded to the grounding of the *Cape Flattery*, a bulk ship hauling cement cargo, which grounded near Barber's Point Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii, on February 2. After crewmembers discovered seawater in an empty fuel tank, the ASA members successfully and quickly acted to remove approximately 8,000 tons of bulk powder cement to refloat the vessel.

After refloating of the vessel, ASA members will sound all tanks to confirm hull integrity. Tugs will then take and hold the vessel in a suitable position designated by the pilot in the vicinity of the Barber's Point harbor channel entrance. The vessel will be held in position using tugs. After daylight, divers will meet the ship and perform an underwater hull survey. The ship will then likely be ballasted to drafts and trim for entering the harbor.

Upon completion of the survey, the tugs under control of a pilot will take the ship into the harbor and moor it at a lay berth booked at the Hawaiian Cement quaywall. Resources presently at the site will remain in the vicinity of the ship while the survey and ballasting are performed and the ship is taken to the harbor.

"The professional marine industry has once again, in this marine emergency, responded to help refloat the *Cape Flattery*, protecting against human injury, safeguarding the marine environment, and mitigating damage to the ship, her cargo and other property," said ASA President Dick Fairbanks.

The American Salvage Association is a trade association promoting professionalism and improving marine casualty response in American coastal and inland waters.

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