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AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AGREE UPON ACTIONS
AT FALL BOARD MEETING

Arlington, VA – At its Fall Board Meeting, held November 2 in Linthicum Heights, Maryland, the American Salvage Association (ASA) agreed to several key actions to be undertaken over the next several months:

- ASA's membership elected a new slate of officers including George Wittich, President; John Witte, Jr., Vice President; and Paul Gallagher, Secretary/Treasurer.
- ASA expressed its gratitude to Richard Fairbanks, ASA's Immediate Past President, for a very successful two-year term.
- ASA welcomed Magone Marine Service, Inc. as the Association's 15th General Member.
- ASA will create an Executive Committee comprised of its officers, and four to six General Members.
- ASA will push for the inclusion of the U.S. Coast Guard developed standardized salvage response plan template in all of the Area Contingency Plans established across the country.
- ASA will exchange Associate Membership status with the International Salvage Union (ISU) as well as with C-PORT.
- ASA will endorse the principles outlined in the ISU's statement on criminalization of seamen and its impact on salvage and spill prevention, which relates to the larger issue of responder immunity for the professional salvage community.

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- ASA will review options for rescheduling the National Maritime Salvage Conference, planned for November 1-3 in New Orleans, which was cancelled due to hurricane Katrina.

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