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**AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBER RESPONDS TO
DAMAGED RAILROAD BRIDGE**

Washington, DC – On July 10, a member of the American Salvage Association (ASA) was contracted, following an emergency call, to lift the Bayou Boeuf Railroad Bridge in Amelia, Louisiana, which had been struck by a tug and barge resulting in significant damage to the bridge span. Upon arrival at the site, the ASA member lifted the damaged 200-ton bridge span and placed it onto a deck barge. The bridge span was then transferred to a local repair facility where the member company again lifted the bridge span and placed it into the repair yard. Upon completion of the repairs, the bridge span was placed back on the deck barge and transferred back to the rail line where it was put back on to its supports, allowing rail traffic to resume.

“The repair of the railroad bridge in Louisiana is another example where a professional salvage response was needed to help restore normalcy to the surrounding community,” said ASA President George Wittich. “An ASA member was quick to respond and do it successfully.”

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