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AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AGREE UPON ACTIONS
AT SPRING BOARD MEETING

Arlington, VA – At its Spring Board Meeting, held April 19, the American Salvage Association (ASA) agreed to several actions to be undertaken by the membership over the next several months:

- ASA will urge its strong participation in the government's National Strategy for Maritime Security including The Maritime Infrastructure Recovery Plan.
- In view of the fact that Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals and ships are becoming major topics of interest within the shipping sector, ASA will hold discussions into proper salvage response in this area.
- ASA's Salvage Training Program will continue. Members will work to develop a new commercial module to focus on business and contracting issues.
- ASA continued its discussions related to the issue of Responder Immunity for the Salvage Community. While commonplace for the Pollution Response Community, the lack of like legislation, at both the State and Federal Level, continues to be a major concern and one which ASA will continue to monitor until proper legislation is enacted.
- ASA will change the format of its Board meetings to include an Associate Members meeting in addition to its General Members meeting. ASA's next Board meeting will take place on October 31 in New Orleans.
- ASA will continue to review the value of and need for an ASA Accreditation of Salvage Masters and the appropriate set of standards to be used.
- ASA will sponsor the National Maritime Salvage Conference on November 1-3, 2005 at the Hyatt Superdome in New Orleans, LA. On-line registration is currently being offered at www.americansalvage.org.

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