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**AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBER RESPONDS TO DECK
BARGE GROUNDING IN TURKS AND CAICOS**

Arlington, VA – A member of the American Salvage Association (ASA) recently responded to the grounding of the *Thor III*, a 250' x 72' x 16.5' deck barge carrying 4,000 tons of gravel and sand in a national sanctuary in the Turks and Caicos Island, BWI. The ASA member lightered approximately 3,500 tons of cargo and then proceeded to patch, pump, and blow down the necessary compartments to float the barge from its grounded position, avoiding substantial damage to the sanctuary using the 2,000 HP tug *El Morro*.

“Professional salvors are available to respond to a variety of events and to help protect sensitive marine environments such as was done in this incident,” said ASA President John A. Witte, Jr. “We are proud of this ASA member to be there with the right approach when called upon,” he continued.

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

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