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**MEDIA: REGISTER NOW FOR THE NATIONAL MARITIME SALVAGE
CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 6-8, 2009**

Washington, DC - The 2009 National Maritime Salvage Conference, sponsored by the American Salvage Association (ASA) and *Marine Log* magazine will take place October 6-8, 2009 at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA.

This biennial executive event focuses on the critical issues of marine salvage, wreck removal and firefighting. The theme of this year's conference is "OPA 90 Salvage and Firefighting Regs: The Impact."

The first days of the conference, October 6-7, will focus **on OPA 90 requirements, environmental salvage, media relations, port operations and salvage, salvage contracting** and more.

The last day of the conference, October 8, will offer a training seminar focusing on **Maritime Security, Wreck Removal, Environmental Protection, Contracting, Firefighting**, and more.

Speakers will include RDML Mary E. Landry, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard; CAPT Patrick Keenan, Supervisor of Salvage and Diving, U.S. Navy; CAPT Anthony Lloyd, Office of Incident Management Preparedness, U.S. Coast Guard; CAPT Lincoln Stroh, Deputy Director of Prevention Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; Archie Bishop, Counsel to the International Salvage Union; and David Westerholm, Director, NOAA Office of Response & Restoration, among others.

"The National Maritime Salvage Conference 2009 will offer insight and guidance of importance to representatives of the maritime community, including governmental representatives, shipowners, underwriters, attorneys and salvors alike, on matters concerning salvage regulations, salvage plans and training, environmental protection, port security and wreck removal," said John A. Witte, Jr., President of the American Salvage Association. "This is an important event for those involved with the U.S. and international salvage community," he continued.

For a complete schedule and list of speakers, **and to register as media**, visit www.marinelog.com.

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