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**AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBER RESPONDS TO  
GROUNDED BARGE OFF VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

Arlington, VA – Today, a member of the American Salvage Association (ASA) successfully pulled a grounded barge, *La Princesa*, off Sandbridge beach in Virginia Beach, VA. The barge had broken free from the tug *Sentry* and grounded on the beach near Little Island Pier in Virginia Beach, VA.

Crews used two tugboats pulling together on the bow and stern of the barge at high tide to free it. The U.S. Coast Guard was also on-scene and working together, the ASA member and the Coast Guard removed the barge and ensured the safety of the public and environment.

Coast Guard inspectors and a member of the American Bureau of Shipping will survey the vessel to ensure it is seaworthy. Once completed, the *Sentry* will tow the barge to its next port of call in Pennsauken, NJ.

"Our ASA member was there, once again, to provide a professional salvage response to quickly protect against injury to people, as well as the marine environment, in this successful response," said ASA President Mauricio Garrido.

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