

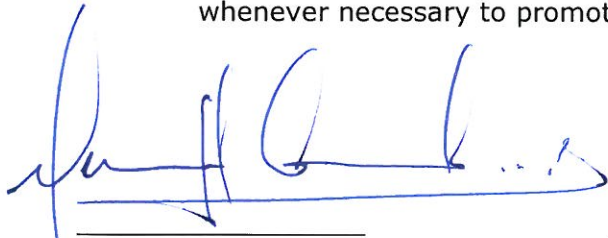
SAFETY

Members of the American Salvage Association (ASA) are encouraged to ensure safe execution of salvage/wreck removal projects. The inherent differences and unforeseen difficulties attendant to any marine casualty compared with general marine activities such as towing, construction, transportation, and subsea work, place salvage in an extraordinary position within the maritime industry.

The ASA considers safety one of the primary and identified goals of any marine salvage or wreck removal operation. The objectives of any salvage operation should include: ensuring safety ashore and at sea; preventing human injury and loss of life; avoiding damage to the marine environment; and preservation of property. In order to accomplish these objectives:

- ❑ ASA members are encouraged to comply with appropriate domestic and international safety regulations while recognizing the unique and sometimes risky nature of marine salvage;
- ❑ ASA members are encouraged to recognize various industry safety standards and use a best endeavors standard to comply with them in promoting a safety culture;
- ❑ ASA members are encouraged to participate and cooperate in safety of operations by adhering to their own company safety standards for the well being of their employees, customers, authorities and visitors. ASA members are also encouraged to promote the notion of individual responsibility for safety;
- ❑ ASA membership requirements include qualification through proven experience and recognition that salvage operations involve a wide range of risks. Members are encouraged to make every effort to minimize risks to an as low as reasonably practicable level;

- ASA members are encouraged to promote the use of risk assessment and management of change techniques to adapt to risk;
- ASA members are encouraged to recognize that their industry is subject to changes over time and therefore ASA encourages all members to participate in safety developments by making suggestions to improve current practices whenever necessary to promote safety.



President

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