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AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION,
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EXCHANGE AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Arlington, VA – The American Salvage Association (ASA) has been accepted as an Affiliate Member of the International Salvage Union (ISU). In turn, the ISU has been accepted by the ASA as an Affiliate Member as well.

Based in London, the International Salvage Union represents salvors from all over the world who provide essential services for the world's maritime and insurance communities. ISU members are engaged in marine casualty response, pollution defense, wreck removal, cargo recovery, towage and related activities.

Based in Arlington, Virginia, the American Salvage Association is a trade association promoting professionalism and improving marine casualty response in American coastal and inland waters.

While operating on different continents, the ASA and the ISU have virtually the same mission and engage in similar activities. Those include professionalizing the marine salvage industry, protecting the sensitive marine environment, identifying places of refuge, and developing industry Safety Standards. One of the ISU's primary objectives is to foster a wider understanding of the salvage industry's contribution to environmental protection and the recovery of property. The ISU also plays an active role in encouraging inter-industry debate concerning the many legal and commercial issues influencing the efficient performance of salvage and pollution prevention services. A key objective of ASA is to encourage the promulgation of long-awaited U.S. Coast Guard regulations for marine salvage and fire-fighting.

The two organizations also share a number of members, including Bisso Marine, Crowley Marine, Donjon Marine, SMIT Salvage, and Titan, A Crowley Company.

“The relationship between the ASA and the ISU is one of mutual respect, understanding and friendship,” said George Wittich, ASA President. “We are pleased to play an active role in the ISU and for them to do so within our organization for the benefit of professional salvors around the globe,” he continued.

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