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AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION RECEIVES
PROFESSIONAL MARINER'S SAMUEL PLIMSOLL AWARD

Washington, DC - The editors of *Professional Mariner* magazine have awarded the 2008 Samuel Plimsoll Award for Outstanding Service by an Organization to the American Salvage Association (ASA). The award recognizes outstanding service by individuals and organizations in the promotion of marine safety and safe ship and port operations. It was presented at the Connecticut Maritime Association's SHIPPING 2008 conference in Stamford, Connecticut, on March 18, 2008. *See photo below.*

"ASA is honored to receive this year's Plimsoll Award in recognition of our efforts in the areas of safety and training in the field of Marine Salvage," said John A. Witte, Jr., President of ASA. "As we continue to respond to marine casualties across North America, the Plimsoll Award will be a daily reminder to ASA's members that our efforts to enhance safety as well as our efforts to bring a better understanding of the intricacies of our business have been recognized. For this, we are grateful," he continued.

Information on the Plimsoll Safety Awards can be found at www.professionalmariner.com.

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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Cutline: ASA President John A. Witte, Jr., (left) proudly holds the 2008 Plimsoll Safety Award, presented to the association by Professional Mariner Editor John Gormley (right).

