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**AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES CREATION OF
SALVAGE INDUSTRY SAFETY STANDARDS**

Washington, DC – The American Salvage Association (ASA) has created an independent set of safety standards for the professional salvage industry for adoption both in the Americas and internationally. While recognizing existing international salvage safety standards, the objective of ASA’s Salvage Safety Standards is to further ensure safety at sea, prevent human injury and loss of life, avoid damages to the marine environment, and preserve property. These Salvage Safety Standards are the primary source of reference for the conduct of all operations in a salvage/wreck removal operation and will be used in conjunction with ASA’s member companies’ own safety standards and practices, as well as existing, accepted legislative mandates.

The ASA Salvage Safety Standards include such areas as site safety and health plans; daily briefings and reporting; vessel equipment inspections; subcontractors; salvage master’s logs; and roles and responsibilities of salvage teams. There is also a focus on salvage diving safety requirements.

“By planning, organizing and implementing the safety elements affecting this unique business of salvage and wreck removal, our industry can expect to attain the highest level of success, safety and environmental protection,” said ASA President Dick Fairbanks, President, Titan Maritime (Ft. Lauderdale, FL). “ASA, as the principal voice for the domestic salvage industry, is leading the way for safer operations and environmental protection,” he continued.

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