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AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AGREE UPON KEY
ACTIONS AT SPRING BOARD MEETING

Arlington, VA – At its Spring Board Meeting, held March 20 at the Connecticut Maritime Association’s (CMA) SHIPPING 2006 conference in Stamford, CT, the American Salvage Association (ASA) agreed to several key actions to be undertaken over the next several months.

ASA

- welcomed SvitzerWijsmuller as the Association’s 16th General Member.
- elected **Tim Beaver**, Global Diving and Salvage, Inc; **Jim Calhoun**, Bisso Marine Company, Inc.; and **Neil Williams**, American Marine Corporation, as members of its newly created Executive Committee.
- will establish a committee to review the ASA-created Salvage Safety Standards, to be chaired by Joe Farrell, Resolve Marine Group.
- welcomed new associate members to the association. They are **Lawrence Bowling, Maersk Line, Limited; Frank Boyland, Anderson Kelly; Jerome Eker, Maersk Line, Limited; Stewart Ellis, Ro-Clean DESMI; Chris Errington, Maersk Line, Limited; William Mahaffy, MedAire; Bendt Nilsen, Frank Mohn Houston, Inc.; Don Patterson, Columbia Helicopters; Gaston Larco Pooley, Engineering & Insurance Consultant; Brad Rosello, Engineering Systems Inc.; Paul Smith, Glosten Associates; Rik van Hemmen, Martin, Ottaway, van Hemmen & Dolan; Ann Hayward Walker, Scientific and Environmental Associates; and Phil Risko, North Star Marine.**
- bestowed its Rapid Response Award to Captain Sam Nelson and crew of the JUSTINE FOSS, and to Captain Eric Franzen and crew of Maersk Line, Limited’s

SEALAND COMMITMENT. Captains Nelson and Franzen received the awards for their swift and positive response to the dire needs of the crew of the 135-foot tug VALOUR and the barge M-192 while in heavy weather and rough seas during the early morning hours of January 18, 2006.

- will hold its Spring Board meeting each year in conjunction with the CMA's SHIPPING conference in Stamford, CT.
- will continue to push for the inclusion of the U.S. Coast Guard developed standardized salvage response plan template in all of the Area Contingency Plans established across the country.
- will work with *Marine Log* Magazine, which was selected to manage the National Maritime Salvage Conference 2007.

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