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**AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES
NEW LEADERS FOR 2007-2009**

Washington, DC – **John A. Witte, Jr.**, Executive Vice President of Donjon Marine Co., Inc. (Hillside, NJ) has been elected President of the American Salvage Association (ASA). **Mauricio Garrido**, Managing Director of Salvage for the Americas for Titan, a Crowley Company, (Fort Lauderdale, FL) has been elected ASA’s Vice President, and **Tim Beaver**, President of Global Diving & Salvage, Inc. (Seattle, WA) has been elected Secretary/Treasurer.

In addition, James Calhoun, Senior Vice President, Bisso Marine Co., Inc. (Houston, TX); Paul Hankins, Vice President for Operations, Donjon-SMIT, LLC (Alexandria, VA); Charles Usher, President, Marine Pollution Control (Detroit, MI); and Ken Edgar, Marine Response Consultant (Houston, TX) were elected to ASA’s Executive Committee.

“We look forward to great things from the slate of incoming leaders to ASA,” said John Witte, Jr. “Among the areas the ASA will focus on throughout this year and beyond are the status of the still pending U.S. maritime salvage regulations, the Quality Partnership agreement between ASA and the U.S. Coast Guard, responder immunity, and the salvors’ role in environmental protection and maritime security, Witte said.

“ASA owes tremendous thanks to George Wittich, Vice President/General Manager, American Marine Corporation, who led the association as its President since 2005. George’s critical guidance and hard work served ASA and the industry well,” Witte said.

The American Salvage Association is the national trade association representing North America’s professional salvors. Its goal is to promote professionalism and improve marine casualty response in American coastal and inland waters.

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