

# Salvage Update

Promoting professionalism and improving marine casualty response in American coastal and inland waters.



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## ASA/NAMEPA TO SPONSOR WRECKS OF THE WORLD II IN JUNE

ASA and the North American Marine Environmental Protection Association (NAMEPA) will co-sponsor “Wrecks of the World: Hidden Risks of the Deep (WOW) II” on Mon., June 6 and Tues., June 7, 2011 at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) in Linthicum Heights, MD. The conference will explore the myriad issues (pollution threat, impact modeling, risk assessment, oil removal and remediation, implications to the environment, legal, insurance and funding issues, next steps) related to the more than 8,500 sunken vessels in the world.

With the work that has recently occurred in the U.S. including remediation of the BEAUMONT off the Texas coast and the PRINCESS KATHLEEN on the Alaskan coast, anticipated work on the MONTEBELLO off of California and on the COIMBRA off of New York among others, as well as oil recovery from the wrecks of the ASIAN FOREST and the BLACK ROSE off the coast of India, not to mention the oil removal projects being considered by the Canadian, Korean and Norwegian governments, among others, wreck oil removal has come to the forefront of marine environmental concerns. The risk of oil and other

hazardous materials seeping out of sunken shipwrecks is growing yearly, and the likelihood of leakage or even a massive spill occurring increases, as do the potential costs. Taking a proactive rather than a reactive approach to mitigating this risk will save not only dollars in response costs, but also reduce the threat of environmental and socioeconomic damages.

“The issue of spills emanating from sunken shipwrecks is an issue that the United States is greatly concerned about as the risk to the delicate marine environment continues to grow in importance,” said Mauricio Garrido, ASA President.

“The national and international implications for responding to these environmental threats are tremendous,” said Clay Maitland, Founding Chairman of NAMEPA. “We have an opportunity to mitigate the risks of these wrecks becoming environmental disasters fouling our marine environment.”

The conference program is being finalized, and further details are available on the ASA and NAMEPA websites at [www.americansalvage.org](http://www.americansalvage.org) and [www.namepa.net](http://www.namepa.net).

## USCG ISSUES VRP UPDATE

In an effort to keep the Vessel Response Plan community informed of actions being taken by the Coast Guard to assist Owners/Operators of Tank vessels in meeting the regulatory compliance of the Salvage and Marine Firefighting Regulation (SMFF) (33 CFR 155 Subpart I) and

CAPS "Dispersant" Regulation (33 CFR Part 155, Subpart D), the USCG released the following this week:

CAPS "Dispersants" updates to VRPs are required to be submitted to the Coast Guard to comply with the February 22, 2011 compliance date. Owners/Operators of Tank vessels should refer to the 2009 updates to the regulation for specific requirements to contract with dispersant response resources and aerial oil tracking resources.

Salvage and Marine Firefighting (SMFF) updates to VRPs are also required to be submitted to the Coast Guard to comply with the February 22, 2011 compliance date.

## REMEMBERING PETER L. DeMARSH (1923-2010)...

Peter or "Pierre Louis" DeMarsh was born in New York in the roaring 20s, son of John DeMarsh of New York and Jeanne Pierre DeMarsh of France. The family later moved to Canada during the Great Depression.

He joined the U.S. Army Air Force as a pilot in WW II, seeing action in North Africa and Europe, and in the Korean War.

Although he was born in New York, he always considered himself a Southerner. After the war, he attended Rice University in Houston and became an engineer in the oil industry. This led to a lifetime of traveling and working around the world but he always considered the South as his home and lived in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi for the past 70 years.

Pierre was also an inventor with a multitude of patents to his name. As an entrepreneur, he started and managed several companies. He was Founder & Director of Demex International, Inc., an explosive service company that has been a worldwide industry leader for 38 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. His love of education was

well known as he always encouraged our young to excel in life by bettering themselves. He was generous not only financially but with his time to all around him. He will be missed by many in the ASA and the industry at large.

## ASA TO PRESENT PANEL AT OTE 2011

ASA has again been invited to present a salvage panel at Ocean Tech Expo to be held May 17-19, 2011 in Newport, RI. This year ASA panelists addressed the WORP program. ASA's topic next year may address Salvage Engineering. Mark your calendar to attend and visit [www.oceantechexpo.com](http://www.oceantechexpo.com)

## STILL SEEKING ASA ASSOCIATES

ASA's Membership Committee continues to work to identify and bring aboard appropriate new Associate Members to the organization. If you can help, please contact ASA Membership Chairman Matt Miller, 206/624-7850, [msmiller@glosten.com](mailto:msmiller@glosten.com) and inform him of your recommendations. Thank you!

## INDUSTRY CALENDAR

- **SAVE THE DATE: March 21**, ASA Spring Membership Meeting at CMA SHIPPING 2011 (March 21-23), Stamford, CT. Visit [www.shipping2010.com](http://www.shipping2010.com)
- **May 22-24**, International Oil Spill Conference, Portland, OR. Visit [www.iosc.org](http://www.iosc.org)
- **June 6-7**, WOW II Conference, Linthicum, MD. Visit [www.americansalvage.org](http://www.americansalvage.org)

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ASA MEMBERS,  
SUPPORTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

See you next year

