

Salvage Update

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SALVAGE REGS TO GO INTO EFFECT

After a nearly 20-year wait since the original implementation of OPA-90, final Salvage and Marine Firefighting Regulations (SMFF) (33 Code of Federal Regulations Part 155 Subpart I) for tank vessels go into effect on February 22. From the Exxon *Valdez* Spill that prompted OPA-90, to the 1996 promulgation of Vessel Response Plan (VRP) regulations requiring contracts with Oil Spill Removal Organizations (OSRO), to the first public workshop held by the Coast Guard in 1997 to address the need for salvage regulations, to the final rule being published on December 31, 2008, the road to final implementation has been a long one. Much credit is due to Congressman Elijah Cummings, who urged the Coast Guard to make the salvage regulations a priority. ASA members should also be credited for their work in assisting the Coast Guard to craft regulations and subsequent guidance to ensure vessel response plans are updated to identify and contract for appropriate salvage and marine firefighting resources.

Salvage regulations for non-tank vessels are still, however, needed.

ATTEND ASA'S SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 21

American Salvage Association's (ASA) Spring membership meeting will be held at CMA's SHIPPING 2011 conference at the Stamford Hilton Hotel in Stamford, CT.

The agenda is as follows:

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 – 9:00 ASA Standing Committees meet in breakout sessions
- 9:30 Start ASA Meeting:
 - Opening by the President, Mauricio Garrido
 - Confirm the Minutes of the last General Meeting
 - Report on Membership
 - Additional general members
 - Additional associate members
 - Finance
 - Financial report for 2010
 - Budget review for 2011
 - 10:30-10:45 Break
 - Report on status of relationship with U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA, Office of Response & Restoration, and U.S. Navy
 - Update on Wreck Oil Removal Program (WORP)/Derelict & Abandoned Vessel Elimination (DAVE) with Lisa Symons, NOAA OR&R
 - Update on WOW II Conference

-- Update on 2011 National Maritime Salvage Conference
& Expo

- 12:00 – 1:30 WISTA Luncheon
- 2:00 Continue ASA Business Meeting

--Report on status of relationship with Affiliate Members

--Report on Clean Gulf

--Report on Committees (Associates, Education, Legal,
Membership, Safety, Security, Technical, Training)

--Report on Public Relations

--Report on ASA initiative priorities

--Other business

--Next meeting

- 5:00 Meeting Ends
- 5:30 – 7:00 Cocktail Reception

Please confirm your intention to attend the ASA 2011 Spring Meeting by sending an email to Patricia Welch, pwelch@vesselalliance.com.

PLAN TO ATTEND WRECKS OF THE WORLD II JUNE 6-7

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 address pollution threat, impact modeling, risk assessment, oil removal and remediation, implications to the environment, legal, insurance and funding issues, and next steps related to the 8,500+ sunken vessels in the world.

The conference program is being finalized, and further details are available on the ASA and NAMEPA websites at www.americansalvage.org and www.namepa.net.

ASA PANEL SET, OCEAN TECH EXPO

Chairman of Associate Member Committee Jack Ringelberg will chair the ASA panel on Underwater Technology Challenges for Maritime Salvage & Recovery at Ocean Tech Expo, May 17-19 in Newport, RI. Other panelists include Chuck Maclin, Phoenix, who will address Deep Ocean Recovery; Bill Key, WK Tech Group, who will focus on Salvage Survey Tools; someone TBD from Supsalv to address Remote Heavy Lift (*F/V Ehime Maru*), and John Flory (invited), Tension Tech Inc., to discuss rope techniques. The session was developed in cooperation with Bob Urban, Chairman of ASA's Technical Committee. To register for the conference and save \$25 by April 29, visit

<http://www.oceantechexpo.com/2011/registration.html>.

ASA SEEKING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ASA's Membership Committee continues to work to identify and bring aboard appropriate new Associate Members to the organization. Please contact ASA Membership Chairman Matt Miller, 206/624-7850, msmiller@glosten.com and inform him of your recommendations. Thank you!

INDUSTRY CALENDAR

- **March 21:** ASA Spring Membership Meeting at CMA SHIPPING 2011 (March 21-23), Stamford, CT. Visit www.shipping2010.com
- **June 6-7:** Wrecks of the World II, MITAGS, Linthicum Heights, MD. Visit www.americansalvage.org and www.namepa.net
- **May 17-19:** Ocean Tech Expo, Newport, RI. Visit www.oceantechexpo.com
- **Oct. 3:** ASA Fall Membership Meeting, Arlington, VA. Visit www.americansalvage.org
- **October 4-6:** National Maritime Salvage Conference, Arlington, VA. Visit www.americansalvage.org
- **Nov. 30-Dec. 1,** Clean Gulf, San Antonio, TX. Visit www.cleangulf.org

- **Nov. 30-Dec. 2**, International WorkBoat Show, New Orleans, LA. Visit www.workboatshow.com
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