

Salvage Update

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



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PLAN TO ATTEND ASA'S SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ASA's Spring membership meeting will be held in conjunction with CMA's SHIPPING 2012 conference at the Stamford Hilton Hotel in Stamford, CT. CMA's web site is open for hotel information and registration, and you are urged to reserve hotel rooms early!

Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo, Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, will attend again this year and provide remarks to ASA members on current concerns and developments.

Please confirm your intention to attend the ASA 2012 Spring Meeting by sending an email to Patricia Welch, pwelch@americansalvage.org.

ASA SALVAGE WORKSHOP HELD AT PVA CONVENTION

On Sat., Jan. 28th, ASA's Training Committee held a pre-convention workshop, "How to Plan for and Respond to a Marine Casualty," at the Passenger Vessel Association's MariTrends 2012 conference in Portland, Oregon. ASA Training Chairman Jim Elliott, joined by David DeVilbiss, Paul Smith, and Robert Tyson, presented a three-hour course which included "The Business of Salvage, Incident Command

System/Regulatory Overview, Casualty Assessment and Survey, Salvage Plan Development, and Marine Casualty Case Studies."

Special thanks to Jim Calhoun and Patricia Welch for their support of a very successful, standing-room-only event!

ASA: SALVAGE TRAINING 2012

Under the leadership of Jim Elliott, the ASA Training Committee is scheduled to provide salvage training to the Seventh Coast Guard District in San Juan, Puerto Rico in June 2012. The Coast Guard has also expressed interest in scheduling courses in San Francisco and New Orleans this year.

COSTA CONCORDIA FOCUSES

ATTENTION ON SALVAGE

The tragic stranding and resulting capsizing of the *Costa Concordia* in Italy has brought international media attention to the professional maritime salvage industry. On behalf of the association, ASA President Tim Beaver was interviewed by Discovery Canada, National Public Radio, Los Angeles Times, New York Post, Toronto Star, Discover News, and CNN. ASA member Bob Umbenstock was a guest on NBC News. ASA Founding President J. Arnold Witte was interviewed by CBS News.

ASA MEMBERS ARE PANELISTS AT QUEBEC CONFERENCE

ASA Members Tim Beaver , Paul Hankins, Dan Schwall, and Todd Schauer are serving on panels addressing marine salvage and the environment, OPA 90, international marine salvage, and marine salvage engineering, respectively, at the “Maritime Salvage: Where Do We Stand?” conference to be held in Quebec on March 15. The event is sponsored by Institut Maritime de Quebec, Maritime Innovation, and Ocean Group. For more information visit <http://www.imar.ca/en/events/maritime-salvage-where-do-we-stand/>

ASA TO PARTICIPATE IN OTE 2012

ASA has been asked to participate again this year in Ocean Tech Expo, May 21-24 in Newport, RI. This year, the conference focus is on “Meeting the Growing Challenges to the Health of the Coastal Oceans.” ASA members Eva Longobardi and Jack Ringelberg will address new concepts in emergency response and salvage in the coastal ocean, as well as highlight areas where technology gaps may exist.

ASA IMPLEMENTS AVECTRA

With the start of the new year, ASA has implemented a new feature for members that will enhance and streamline our record-keeping and update our procedures. You will now find a Member Login access point on the ASA website which will enable you to log into our members’ database to perform updates to your information.

When you log in, you’ll be able to do any of the following:

- Validate and update your personal information currently on file at ASA
- Check the status and work of committees that you serve on (ASA is still in the process of updating committees)
- Register for ASA events – the first events will be the Executive Committee meeting on March 18 and the ASA General Meeting on March 19 in Stamford, CT.
- Look up an ASA member or member company
- Manage any ASA transaction

And, as always, you can also update your information by calling or emailing Patricia Welch (703/373-2293) if you opt not to use the online system. We encourage all of you to try this powerful new feature and we trust you will bear with us during the start-up process.

ASA SEEKING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

INDUSTRY CALENDAR

- **Feb. 20-24:** [Great Lakes Waterways Conference](#) Cleveland, OH
- **March 6-8:** [Inland Waterways Conference](#) St. Louis, MO
- **March 15:** [Quebec Salvage Conference](#) Quebec City, Canada
- **March 19:** ASA Spring Membership Meeting at CMA SHIPPING 2011 (March 19-21), Stamford, CT. [SHIPPING 2012](#)

- **May 15-17:** [Clean Pacific 2012](#)
Long Beach, CA
 - **May 21-24:** **Ocean Tech Expo**, Newport, RI
www.oceantechexpo.com
 - **May 28-June 1:** [The 22nd International Tug, Salvage & OSV Convention and Exhibition](#)
Barcelona, Spain
 - **Oct. 15:** American Salvage Association 2012 Fall Meeting, Seattle, WA
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