

# Salvage Update

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



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## ASA RELOCATES OFFICES

ASA has relocated its offices from Arlington, VA, to Alexandria, VA. The new address is **103 Oronoco Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314 USA**. The telephone and fax numbers remain the same, Tel: 1-703-373-2267; Fax: 1-703-373-2036, as does the website( [www.americansalvage.org](http://www.americansalvage.org)).

Previously at offices co-located with the American Waterways Operators (AWO), ASA now resides in office facilities maintained by the Passenger Vessel Association (PVA). Of the move, ASA President Mauricio Garrido, said, "ASA's leadership team is grateful to AWO for the experience and support ASA received while a member of the "Vessel Alliance" program for the last eight years. With this move, ASA looks forward to the future with the Association's staff operating from new offices in Alexandria and we encourage colleagues and friends to stop by for a visit."

## WOW II CONFERENCE GREAT SUCCESS

The ASA and North American Marine Environmental Protection Association (NAMEPA)-co-sponsored "Wrecks of the World II" conference was held June 6 and June 7, 2011 at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) in Linthicum Heights, MD. The conference, attended by nearly 100, addressed 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.

Special thanks to ASA Associate members Dr. Dagmar Schmidt Etkin, Environmental Research Consulting, and Bob Urban, PCCI, Inc., for their leadership in helping to plan the WOW II program. Thanks also go to sponsoring organizations TITAN Salvage, SMIT Salvage Americas, Inc., T&T Bisso, LLC, Frank Mohn Houston, Inc., SVITZER Salvage, Marine Pollution Control, and to Ballard Diving and Salvage and Frank Mohn Houston, Inc. for exhibiting at the event

Presentations from the conference are available on the ASA and NAMEPA websites at [www.americansalvage.org](http://www.americansalvage.org) and [www.namepa.net](http://www.namepa.net).

## **BALTIMORE SUN FEATURE WOWs**

*Baltimore Sun* reporter Frank Royslance attended the WOW conference in June, interviewing several attendees and those involved in the program. He wrote a feature story about shipwrecks located near the Eastern shore of Maryland in this article, link below, that appeared on page 1 on Saturday, July 9.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-shipwreck-oil-20110708,0,4311687.story>

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE KICKS OFF**

On June 16, ASA's newly created Education Committee, whose theme is "Bridging the gap between your education and your career," held a very successful Kick-Off Party that included a BBQ dinner, games, live band, and a live auction, at Pelican Island in Galveston, Texas. This was the first event to be held in cooperation with an ASA member, this time with T&T Marine Salvage.

Chaired by Doug Martin, ASA's Education Committee promotes general maritime industry interest with a focus on marine salvage and to help develop maritime industry expertise through interactive experience with ASA salvage professionals. The Committee's goal is to support career development in all maritime disciplines inclusive of, but not limited to, the development of both licensed and unlicensed seafarers, with encouragement for licensed officers to reach senior officer status and to gain experience at sea. For non-seafarers, the promotion of math, sciences, engineering, naval architecture, diving, environmental sciences, robotics, marine insurance, maritime law, ocean engineering, accounting, logistics, and other related fields is a focus of the Committee.

If you would like to contribute to the work of ASA's Education Committee, it is tax-deductible and checks should be made payable to:

Ocean Technology Foundation  
ASA Education Committee  
c/o American Salvage Association  
103 Oronoco Street, Suite 200  
Alexandria, VA USA 22314

## **ASA PARTICIPATES IN OTE EXPO 2011**

ASA was once again invited to participate in the conference Ocean Tech Expo, May 17-19, in Newport, R.I., offering a marine salvage panel on May 18 titled, "*Underwater Technology Challenges for Maritime Salvage and Recovery.*"

Special thanks to the following ASA members and participants: Capt. Jack Ringelberg, (USN, Ret.), President, JMS Naval Architects, Inc., Session Chair; Capt. Chuck Maclin, (USN, Ret.), Submarine Rescue Program Manager, Phoenix International, Inc., Topic: *Deep Ocean Recovery*; David Usher, Chairman, Marine Pollution Control Corp., Topic: *Deep Oil Recovery*; William Key, WK Tech Group, Topic: *Application of Sonar in Salvage Operation*; Michael Dean, Deputy SUPSALV, Director of Ocean Engineering, Topic: *Remote Heavy Lifting Technology*; and John Flory, Tension Tech, Inc., Topic: *Rope Technology*.

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBER CANDIDATES?**

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,

[m-smiller@glosten.com](mailto:m-smiller@glosten.com) and inform him of your recommendations for new Associate members. Thank you!

## INDUSTRY CALENDAR

- **Oct. 3:** ASA Fall Membership Meeting, Arlington, VA. Visit [www.americansalvage.org](http://www.americansalvage.org)
- **Oct. 4-6:** National Maritime Salvage Conference, Arlington, VA. Visit [www.americansalvage.org](http://www.americansalvage.org)
- **Nov. 30-Dec. 1,** Clean Gulf, San Antonio, TX. Visit [www.cleangulf.org](http://www.cleangulf.org)
- **Nov. 30-Dec. 2,** International WorkBoat Show, New Orleans, LA. Visit [www.workboatshow.com](http://www.workboatshow.com)

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