

Salvage Update

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ASA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS THIS MONTH!



Congratulations, American Salvage Association (ASA) members, on the 10th anniversary of your founding this month.

A special logo has been developed (above) and other celebrations and recognitions will take place throughout the year. Stay tuned!

PROVIDE YOUR USCG CONCERNS BY THIS WEEK

Recently ASA contacted the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Office of Vessel Activities, for an update on the status of the Salvage and Marine Firefighting Regulations NVIC and Public Meeting.

Many in the Coast Guard are focused now on the Deepwater Horizon explosion, loss of life and oil spill. As a result, progress on the NVIC has taken a back seat to working on these critical tasks, so there is no word on when it will be finalized.

The Coast Guard has asked the ASA membership to provide a list of concerns/issues that are not adequately addressed by the Salvage & Marine Firefighting Regulation FAQs currently posted on the VRP Section of Homeport. The USCG will try to address any outstanding concern/issue prior to the September 1, 2010 date when updates to VRPs are accepted, in advance of the February 2011 implementation date.

Any ASA member concerns should be submitted to Tricia Welch, pwelch@vesselalliance.com, by close of business today, Wednesday, June 16th for possible consolidation and/or forwarding to the USCG. Members may always contact the Coast Guard directly with specific concerns or suggestions.

TECHNICAL ARTICLES NEEDED

ASA is submitting technical articles to *Industrial Prevention & Response* newsletter and is in need of additional articles. Two articles have been published thus far, by ASA members Dr. Dagmar Schmidt Etkin, Environmental Research Consulting, and Tony Kupersmith, PCCI, addressing Wrecks of the World and Salvage Engineering for *Ex-Shadwell* Refloat Operation, respectively. The articles will appear on ASA's web site under "IPR" in the menu bar.

OCEANTECH EXPO A SUCCESS!

Special thanks to ASA Associate Members Dr. Dagmar Schmidt Etkin, President, Environmental Research Consulting, and Robert Urban, President, PCCI, Inc.; Affiliate Member Carleen Lyden-Kluss, Director, North American Environmental Protection Association; and friend to ASA Dr. Deborah French McCay, Principal, Applied Science Associates, Inc., who delivered an Industry Outlook Panel at the recent OceanTech Expo, held May 25-27 in Newport, Rhode Island. Well attended, the event was kicked off by Donald L. Carcieri, Governor of Rhode Island, who delivered the keynote address.

INDUSTRY CALENDAR

- **June 29-30**, ASA's Salvage Training Course will be conducted for the U.S. Coast Guard, under the leadership of Todd Schauer, and assisted by Mauricio Garrido, Jim Calhoun, Paul Hankins, David DeVilbiss, Paul Smith and Bill Hazel, (Texas City, TX).
- **September 23-24**, Global Greenship Conference, Washington, DC (www.marinelog.com).
- **November 1**, ASA Fall Membership Meeting, MITAGS, Linthicum, MD.

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