

# Salvage Update

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## CHAIRMAN LOBIONDO SPEAKS TO ASA

Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ), Chairman of the House Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, addressed the ASA membership at its Spring meeting in Stamford, CT on Monday, March 21, saying of the new Coast Guard Salvage and Marine Firefighting regulations, “We are very anxious to hear from you about the details... what’s working, what’s not working. It is a complicated issue and if we didn’t get it right, we want to hear from you.” He said some of the priorities of the Subcommittee included the Coast Guard budget, piracy, the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, ballast water and the *Deepwater Horizon*.

## ASA ESTABLISHES EDUCATION COMMITTEE

At ASA’s recent Spring membership meeting, held in Stamford, CT, it was announced that the organization has established an Education Committee committed to promoting general maritime industry interest with a focus on marine salvage. The Committee will help develop maritime industry expertise through interactive

experience with ASA salvage professionals. Its primary goal is to support career development in all maritime disciplines inclusive of, but not limited to, the development of both licensed and unlicensed seafarers, encourage licensed officers to reach senior officer status and help them to gain experience at sea. For non-seafarers, the goal is to help promote math, sciences, engineering, naval architecture, diving, environmental sciences, robotics, marine insurance, maritime law, ocean engineering, accounting, logistics, and other related fields.

As well, ASA’s Education Committee intends to establish a charter membership in ASA, at no charge, for students under the age of 30 to allow for networking opportunities within industry, internships, and attendance at industry events.

The ASA Education Committee, chaired by Doug Martin, is planning to create a foundation and/or scholarship fund that would assist students pursuing goals consistent with the goals of the committee in furthering their education.

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## ATTEND WOW II CONFERENCE, JUNE 6-7 AT MITAGS, PROGRAM FINALIZED

ASA and the North American Marine Environmental Protection Association (NAMEPA) will co-sponsor “Wrecks of the World II: Evaluating and Addressing Potential

Underwater Threats,” 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 has been finalized, and 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).

## KNOW 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, [msmiller@glosten.com](mailto:msmiller@glosten.com) and inform him of your recommendations for new Associate members. Thank you!

## OCEAN TECH EXPO APPROACHING

ASA’s panel on Underwater Technology Challenges for Maritime Salvage & Recovery is taking shape for Ocean Tech Expo, May 17-19 in Newport, RI. Chaired by Associate Member Committee Chairman Jack Ringelberg, The panel is as follows: William H. Key, William Key Technical Group LLC; John Flory, Tension Technology International; Michael Dean, Deputy Supervisor of Salvage and Diving; Director of Ocean Engineering (SEA 00CB); and Chuck Maclin, Phoenix International. The session was developed in cooperation with Bob Urban, Chairman of ASA’s Technical

Committee. Register by April 29 and save \$25: visit <http://www.oceantechexpo.com/2011/registration.html>.

## INDUSTRY CALENDAR

- **May 1-5:** Offshore Technology Conference 2011, Houston, TX. Visit [www.otcnet.org/2011](http://www.otcnet.org/2011)
- **May 17-19:** Ocean Tech Expo, Newport, RI. Visit [www.oceantechexpo.com](http://www.oceantechexpo.com)
- **June 6-7:** Wrecks of the World II: Evaluating and Addressing Potential Underwater Threats, MITAGS, Linthicum Heights, MD. Visit [www.americansalvage.org](http://www.americansalvage.org) and [www.namepa.net](http://www.namepa.net)
- **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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