

# Salvage Update

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



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## ASA PRESENTS RAPID RESPONSE AWARDS

ASA presented its Rapid Response Awards at the Fall membership meeting on November 1, 2010 to Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Chairman of the House Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee; James T. Shirley, ASA's Legal Counsel; and Edmund Welch, Legislative Director of the Passenger Vessel Association and former Capitol Hill staff member on the former House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, who worked to create initial Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) legislation after the Exxon VALDEZ spill. All three received the awards for their efforts to include salvor immunity in regulatory changes to OPA 90 being addressed as a result of the DEEPWATER HORIZON spill on the Gulf Coast.

"The ASA is delighted to recognize Congressman Cummings, Jim Shirley and Ed Welch for their efforts to try to move forward legislation to protect salvors working to protect life, property and the environment in a professional emergency salvage or oil spill response," said ASA President Mauricio Garrido, who bestowed the awards.

## WRECKS OF THE WORLD II (WOW II) CONFERENCE IN THE WORKS

ASA is in the early stages of planning for a Wrecks of the World II (WOW II) conference at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) this coming May. Related work that has occurred in the U.S. including the Coast Guard's remediation of the BEAUMONT off the coast of Texas and the PRINCESS KATHLEEN on the Alaskan coast, as well as expected USCG and/or NOAA work on the MONTEBELLO off California and the COIMBRA off New York among other wrecks, has raised awareness of WOW issues. As well, wreck oil/HAZMAT removal projects planned by the Canadian, Korean and Norwegian governments, new technological developments to support wreck oil removal, challenges posed by possible oil removal from the wreck of the DEEPWATER HORIZON, not to mention funding challenges that may result from recent changes in Congress, make this an optimal time to promote awareness of and support for this type of activity. Note that while the first WOW conference held in September 2009 spanned one day and was organized by the ASA alone with support from NAMEPA, the plan for WOW II is a two-day event to be organized by both ASA and NAMEPA. More details to follow.

## ASA STANDING COMMITTEES NOTED

Thanks to the following ASA leaders who chair ASA's Standing Committees, as identified at the Fall Membership

meeting, including the creation of two new committees, the Education Committee and the Legal Committee:

- CAPT Jack Ringelberg, Chairman, Associate Membership Committee, [jack@jmsnet.com](mailto:jack@jmsnet.com)
- Paul Smith, Vice Chairman, Associate Membership Committee, [psmith@glosten.com](mailto:psmith@glosten.com)
- Doug Martin, Chairman, Education Committee [dmartin@smitamericas.com](mailto:dmartin@smitamericas.com)
- Tim Williamson, Chairman, Security Committee, [twilliamson@donjon-smit.com](mailto:twilliamson@donjon-smit.com)
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- Bob Urban, Chairman, Technical Committee, [burban@pccii.com](mailto:burban@pccii.com)
- Todd Schauer, Chairman, Training Committee, [tschauer@resolvemarine.com](mailto:tschauer@resolvemarine.com)

If you are interested in participating in these committees, please contact the chairmen.

## ASA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SOUGHT

ASA's Membership Committee continues to work to identify and bring aboard appropriate new Associate Members to the organization. If you can help, please contact ASA Membership Chairman Matt Miller, 206/624-7850, [mmsmiller@glosten.com](mailto:mmsmiller@glosten.com) and inform him of your recommendations. Thank you!

## INDUSTRY CALENDAR

- **December 1-3**, International WorkBoat Show, New Orleans, LA. Visit [www.workboat.com](http://www.workboat.com)
- **December 13-14**, Salvage Law & Practice Seminar, sponsored by Informa, London. Visit [www.lloydsmaritimeacademy.com/KS0246ASAWL](http://www.lloydsmaritimeacademy.com/KS0246ASAWL) (ASA members receive 25% discount)
- **December 15-16**, Salvage & Wreck Removal Conference, sponsored by Informa, London. Visit [www.informamaritimeevents.com/KT0149ASAWL](http://www.informamaritimeevents.com/KT0149ASAWL) (ASA members receive 25% discount)
- **SAVE THE DATE: March 21, 2011**, ASA Spring Membership Meeting at CMA SHIPPING 2011 (March 21-23), Stamford, CT. Visit [www.shipping2010.com](http://www.shipping2010.com)

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FAMILIES!**

