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ASA's FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APPROACHING, NOVEMBER 1!

ASA's 2010 Fall Meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2010 at MITAGS in Linthicum Heights, Maryland, just outside of Washington DC and close to BWI Airport.

For room reservations, call MITAGS, 866/900-3517 and reference ASA. The \$135 room rate includes dinner served from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and a full breakfast the next morning served from 6:30-9:00 a.m. You may make reservations on-line at www.ccmit.org.

For free shuttle reservations for pickup at BWI airport, call MITAGS, 410/859-5700 ext. 0. You may also arrange for a free shuttle to the airport for your departure.

The ASA Meeting will open on November 1 with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m., followed by Committee meetings from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. The General Meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m., followed by a cocktail reception. ASA's 10th Anniversary Luncheon will be held from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. with special invited guests and a speaker.

The agenda will be sent out shortly. For questions, contact Patricia Welch, 703/373-2293, pwelch@vesselalliance.com.

See you there!

REMEMBERING TITAN FOUNDER/FORMER CHIEF DAVID PARROT

David Parrot, founder and former chief of Titan, died September 15 after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Penny and sons, Hunter and Gage.

David began his life at sea in 1945 in Newfoundland, when he moved aboard his father's schooner at the age of six weeks. His passion for salvage and creativity accelerated Titan into the salvage field on a world-wide basis and today the company is headquartered in Pompano Beach, FL, with offices in Newhaven, UK, and Sao Paulo, Brazil, and equipment depots in Batam, Indonesia, and Dubai, UAE.

David continued to work with the company as Vice President and was involved in all aspects of Titan's work, from job development and project conception, while still remaining a hands-on adviser for Titan's on-going projects.

He will be missed by many in ASA and the industry at large.

CREATION OF ASA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TO BE DISCUSSED

Among the topics at the ASA Fall Meeting is the establishment of a Technical Committee as an ASA Standing Committee, the purpose of which is to support the membership by presenting information on technical issues to advance the capability, quality and safety of American salvage.

The Technical Committee would have a Chair and a Vice-Chair and initially have 5-7 members from the Associate and General Member ranks. All Technical Committee Meetings would be open to the membership, but voting on issues would be limited to Committee members. At the last meeting of the Associate members, Bob Urban was elected as Chair and Hendrik Bruhns as Vice Chair. These officers would serve a two-year term but a staggered rotation of Chair and Chair Elect is envisioned. Future Chairs will be elected by the committee members as per ASA Guidelines. Thanks to Jack Ringelberg for work on this new initiative.

ASA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SOUGHT

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 and inform him of any recommendations you may have for new Associate members. Thank you!

INDUSTRY CALENDAR

- **October 19-20:** Clean Gulf, Tampa, FL (www.cleangulf.org)
- **October 21:** NAMEPA seminar series on Environmental Intelligence in Shipping, "Corporate Risk Management," New York, NY (<http://www.namepa.net/events.html>)
- **October 29:** NAMEPA seminar series on Environmental Intelligence in Shipping, "Operational Risk Management," Houston, TX (<http://www.namepa.net/events.html>)
- **November 1:** ASA Fall Membership Meeting at MITAGS, Linthicum Heights, MD (www.americansalvage.org)
- **December 1-3:** International Work Boat Show, New Orleans, LA (www.workboatshow.com)

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