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AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERS FOR 2011-2013

Washington, DC – **Tim Beaver**, Chief Executive Officer of Global Diving & Salvage, Inc., has been elected President of the American Salvage Association at its recent meeting in Arlington, VA, October 5, 2011. He succeeds **Mauricio Garrido**, who served as President from 2009-2011. **Paul Hankins**, Donjon-SMIT, LLC, has been elected Vice President. **Todd Schauer**, Resolve Marine Group, has been named Secretary/Treasurer.

"This new leadership team will serve to energize the ASA's approach to the diverse fronts tackled by the ASA," said Beaver.

In addition, **David DeVilbiss** (Global Diving & Salvage, Inc.); **Dan Schwall** (Titan Salvage); and **Bob Umbenstock** (Resolve Marine Group) were elected to ASA's Executive Committee.

Paul Smith (The Glosten Associates, Inc.) and **Bob Urban** (PCCI, Inc.) were elected co-chairs of the ASA Associate Membership Committee, and serve on the Executive Committee in this capacity.

"ASA owes great thanks to Mauricio Garrido, who led us as President since 2009. His guidance served our members and the industry well over his term in office," Beaver continued.

"This year and beyond, ASA will remain focused on the OPA 90 salvage and marine firefighting regulations for tank vessels, pending regulations for non-tank vessels, responder immunity, Arctic response, the ongoing Quality Partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as continuing to strengthen our industry's commitment to the marine environment," Beaver noted.

The American Salvage Association is a trade association promoting professionalism and improving marine casualty response in North American coastal and inland waters.

