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**American Salvage Association and Association of Diving Contractors  
International Forge Collaborative Partnership to Enhance Commercial Diving and  
Marine Salvage Cooperation**

October 20, 2025 - Alexandria, VA - The American Salvage Association (ASA) and the Association of Diving Contractors International (ADCI) solidified their commitment to collaborative progress last week, signing a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

This agreement formally acknowledges their intent to work together, outlining the signatories' joint intent to strengthen cooperation on matters of mutual interest in commercial diving, salvage operations, marine incident response, and environmental protection while promoting industry safety, education, and best practices in accordance with the International Consensus Standards for Commercial Diving and Underwater Operations.

"The importance of this MOU cannot be overstated, particularly given the inherently intertwined nature of marine salvage and commercial diving operations. Diving contractors are indispensable partners in nearly every complex salvage operation, providing essential underwater expertise for damage assessment, wreck removal, environmental protection, and casualty response," said Mike Dean, Executive Director for the American Salvage Association. "By formalizing this partnership, ASA and ADCI are poised to enhance operational efficiency, promote best practices, and elevate safety standards across both critical sectors."

Moreover, the collaboration will foster a united front in advocating for industry interests, sharing vital knowledge, and ensuring professional development, ultimately benefiting the broader maritime community through more coordinated, safer, and effective responses to marine incidents worldwide.

The ASA and ADCI plan to collaborate to co-host educational sessions covering topics including, but not limited to:

- Salvage operations and emergency response

- Commercial diving safety and workforce competence
- Marine incident response and environmental protection practices

Additionally, each party will encourage mutual participation through speaker and panelist exchanges at each other's events.

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### **About the American Salvage Association**

The mission of the American Salvage Association is to be a unifying association of the commercial marine salvage industry, serving as the definitive spokesperson for the industry in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere in North, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean Sea. Learn more about the American Salvage Association at [americansalvage.org](http://americansalvage.org). For inquiries, please reach out to media contact Katie Hill, Director of Operations, at [khill@americansalvage.org](mailto:khill@americansalvage.org).

