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WELCOME MESSAGE

From Singapore: State of the Industry in Asia

With the start of a new year, and thinking about this issue's welcome message, I reflected on my upcoming 10-year anniversary with Resolve Marine and 25 years in the salvage industry. During this time, there have been significant changes in Asia, notably the economic growth across the region. Forty-six countries span central, east, west, north, south and southeast, from frontier to developed economies. Asia has some of the largest shipping hubs in the world: Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Japan and Korea each with deepwater ports and shipyards that build sophisticated, state-of-the-art vessels. All of which raises the bar on visibility of the region.

What this means for Resolve Marine is that we work with large, demanding clients who expect high levels of professionalism in every interaction. Our teams here have been a part of the industry's higher standards amongst customers, partners and employees and I am pleased to say that our Asia teams – as do our worldwide teams – get high praise for our capabilities.

Important to note specifically is our great network of resources and business partners. Countries in the region have their own maritime and response regulations, often imposing logistical and bureaucratic challenges. To have access to resources and navigate such complexities all while maintaining our strong environmental and high safety standards, we could not work without them and deliver for our customers.

From Singapore, our 12-person team represents all aspects of Resolve Marine's business: emergency response, projects, compliance and a wide range of marine and environmental services. We work with a diverse set of stakeholders that includes insurers, managers, owners, consultants and lawyers. And critical to our success is the geographical breadth of our footprint, the 24/7 nature of response operations and 40 years of global experience across tens of thousands of jobs, where no two recovery or response efforts are the same.

Bas Wiebe
General Manager, Asia



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



WRECK REMOVAL, CHILE

Resolve Marine was called upon by P&I insurers to remove a wellboat which grounded outside the Strait of Magellan in southern Chile. The salvage team developed a “drag-up” removal plan to raise the vessel off the seabed and onto a barge for transportation, a method that involved converting our own deck barge, the RMG 302, into a temporary submersible barge. Resolve welders and engineers installed a pumping and ventilation system on the barge to allow the bow to be submerged while divers installed chains around the wreck to use for the drag-up. The bow of the RMG 302 was submerged, and the casualty was partially refloat using blow-down and submersible pump dewatering techniques. Chain pullers were then used to pull the refloat wreck onto the RMG 302. The wreck was secured to the RMG 302 and sailed to a disposal site in Valdivia, Chile. The Resolve Marine crew then completed an intricate removal process that utilized large cylindrical air bags to roll the wreck off the barge onto land.

COLLISION, BANGLADESH

Resolve Marine was engaged by owners/underwriters to assist a loaded bulk carrier which suffered a collision outside of Chittagong, Bangladesh. A salvage team was mobilized from Resolve Marine’s Singapore response base and, upon arrival, began initial assessments and surveys of the vessel. Working together with ISU Associate Member, Prantik Salvage & Diving, damaged ballast tanks were prepared, and a large patch was fabricated to the damaged cargo hold followed by a lightering operation before she proceeded to a repair yard.



GROUNDING, BRAZIL

A loaded bulk carrier ran aground while transiting outbound on the Amazon River in Brazil. The vessel ended up in a sandbank area and sustained damage to its rudder. Resolve Marine was contracted to provide refloat assistance. Together with local partners, the team provided a dive survey of the vessel’s running gear and a bathymetric survey of the area. After obtaining approvals from the local authorities, the vessel was safely refloat with the aid of four local tugs.



A YEAR IN REVIEW

TRAINING, DRILLS & EXERCISES



2024 was a year of milestones for Resolve Marine and we are proud to reflect on our accomplishments across all segments of our business. Resolve Marine serviced over 178 different companies, with 47 major operations completed. Twenty-five of those operations were emergency response cases and at one point, 14 projects were running simultaneously. Our geographic span was vast: we worked on five continents and in 16 countries. One of the largest marine incidents in modern U.S. history, refloating of the MV Dali after it struck the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland, was a significant achievement.

Compliance Activities

- Participated in 23 client and/or QI-led tabletop drills and exercises
- Monitored over 3,500 vessel transits through Alaska according to APC requirements
- Completed 643 RACE drills
- Serviced 705 compliance clients covering 6,300+ vessels
- Completed nearly 3,000 SMFF and APC customer service requests



CLIENT TRAINING

Resolve Marine recently delivered a comprehensive one-day SMFF and emergency preparedness course for yacht management company NauticALL's shoreside personnel. This tailored course was designed to deepen understanding of vessel casualty types, SMFF operations, emergency response measures, and considerations specific to NauticALL's emergency response plan. The course featured a blend of classroom instruction and hands-on, scenario-based learning, offering attendees the opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge in simulated real-world situations. This approach ensured participants gained both valuable insights and practical skills essential for managing salvage and marine firefighting casualties effectively.

Interested in scheduling a custom in-house training? Contact us at opacompliance@resolvemarine.com.



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OUT & ABOUT

SEATRADE MARITIME SALVAGE & WRECK

Resolve Marine was a bronze sponsor at Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck in London. The conference brings together professionals responsible for managing, preventing and responding to marine emergencies at sea. An active participant at the event, we presented a paper on the technical challenges managing the MV Dali response and Daniel Dettor, Director of Business Development, participated in a panel along with the U.K. Secretary of State's Representative for Maritime Salvage and Intervention, Stephan Hennig, Vice President of Gard, Capt. Ajaz Peermohamed and Capt. James Stride, Chief Harbour Master – Port of London Authority. The group discussed an extreme event scenario involving an ultra large container ship casualty in U.K. waters and the cooperation required amongst various stakeholders.

achievements in salvage operations. Speakers from ASA included Joseph Farrell III, CEO of Resolve Marine and President of ASA, and Executive Director Mike Dean.



ASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The American Salvage Association's Annual General Meeting was held in November bringing together 50+ industry leaders, innovators and experts from North and South America to collaborate, share insights, network and celebrate a year of

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In October, Resolve Marine celebrated our 40th anniversary in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Hosting an industry event, we welcomed over 60 clients and business partners, including representatives from marine service providers, cruise lines, yachting companies, the U.S. Coast Guard, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and others across the maritime field.

Guests toured Resolve Marine's 40,000-square-foot warehouses, which house mobile salvage, emergency response and diving equipment, and Resolve Academy's firefighting training vessel. The event provided a unique opportunity to gain insight into Resolve Marine's wide-ranging capabilities.



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INTERNATIONAL WORKBOAT SHOW

The Resolve Marine team attended the International WorkBoat Show in New Orleans in November, where over 13,000 attendees and 1,000 exhibitors gathered for one of the maritime industry's most influential events. Our team welcomed over 400 attendees to our booth, building new connections and engaging with clients and industry peers.

PACIFIC MARINE EXPO

Our Pacific Northwest and Alaska-based teams participated in Pacific Marine Expo, the largest and longest-running commercial fishing and marine tradeshow on the West Coast. Held in Seattle, the expo brings together over 350 exhibitors and more than 5,000 attendees. Attendees were excited about new videos showcasing our West Coast operations as our team engaged with customers and prospects.

To see the videos go to [resolvemarine.com/services-capabilities/shipyard-drydock](https://www.resolvemarine.com/services-capabilities/shipyard-drydock).



MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY

During the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, Commercial Coordinator Cameron Witman gave a presentation to students from his alma mater, Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He provided an overview of Resolve Marine's global operations, shared insights about his role, and discussed recent projects. We are excited to do our part in attracting the next generation of maritime professionals to our industry.



IN THE NEWS

Press releases can be found in the News section of resolvemarine.com



PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENT

Several promotions and appointments were made in November at Resolve Marine. Nishant Choudhary was appointed General Manager, Resolve India and is responsible for commercial operations, emergency response, projects and regulatory compliance. Choudhary brings over 20 years of industry experience and leads a team of 15. Matthew Bierwagen was promoted to Director, Bids and Estimating. In this role he oversees the development and submission of bids and proposals worldwide. Samuel Adams was promoted to Director of Projects and is responsible for the company’s portfolio of global wreck removal and marine services projects. Adams replaces Todd Schauer, a 25-year veteran with the company, who retired at the end of 2024. Schauer will continue working for Resolve Marine in an advisory role. Other appointments included Jeffrey Weaver, who joined Resolve Marine as Director, HSEQ and brings nearly 20 years of HSEQ experience in onshore and offshore industries.



Anchorage, Alaska

Dutch Harbor, Alaska

Tacoma, Washington

Theodore, Alabama

MARINE SERVICE CENTERS FORMED

In January, Resolve Marine announced the formation of Resolve Marine Service Centers, a new division that offers comprehensive marine solutions to clients in diverse industries, including oil and gas, utilities, construction and salvage and emergency response. Marine Service Centers unites the company’s Pacific Northwest facility in the Port of Tacoma, Washington, a shipyard and drydock in the Port of Dutch Harbor, Alaska, the Theodore, Alabama eight-acre waterfront location and Resolve Aviation out of Anchorage, Alaska. The division is led by A.W. McAfee, Director, Marine Service Centers.



PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

MARITIME INDIA CONFERENCE & EXPO

Mumbai, India 22-24 January

11TH INDIA TANKER SHIPPING & TRADE SUMMIT

Mumbai, India 6 February

WEST PALM BEACH BOAT SHOW

West Palm Beach, Florida 20-23 March

MARINE INSURANCE LONDON

London, United Kingdom 21 March

ARTIC ENCOUNTER

Anchorage, Alaska 2-4 April

CONNECTICUT MARITIME EXPO

Standford, Connecticut 1-3 April

SEATRADE CRUISE GLOBAL

Miami, Florida 7-10 April

INTERSPILL

London, United Kingdom 8-10 April



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