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The International Spill Control Organisation, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to raising worldwide preparedness & co-operation in response to oil and chemical spills, marine & freshwater pollution by plastics, promoting technical development and professional competency, & to providing a focus for making the knowledge and experience of spill control professionals available to Intergovernmental, Governmental, NGO's and interested groups and individuals. ISCO holds consultative status at the International Maritime Organisation & Observer Status at the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds

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Incident Reports – Because these may be received close to time of sending out the newsletter, they are entered at the latest possible time on the last page/s.

GLOBAL MARITIME COMMUNITY MARKS 50 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL SHIP SAFETY TREATY.



Above: IMO Secretary General, Arsenio Dominguez (on left) met with ISCO Chairman, Rupert Bravery (on right)

September 26 - Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Arsenio Dominguez said: “2024 marks 50 years since the SOLAS treaty was adopted. We can be proud of the crucial role this convention has played in setting international safety standards for ship construction, equipment, and operation, preventing maritime disasters and protecting lives. But we cannot be complacent. World Maritime Day calls for collective effort to ensure we keep pace with the ongoing transformation in shipping.” IMO / [Read more](#)

UNEP AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

The state of the planet is a key agenda item for the 79th [United Nations General Assembly](#) (UNGA 79). This page features related updates from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and its partners, including key moments of the year such as July's [High-level Political Forum](#) and September's [High-Level Week](#) which in 2024 will include the [Summit of the Future](#). UNEP / [Read more](#)

SCIENTIFIC REVIEWERS FROM ACROSS GLOBE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN LANDMARK ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Since it was first published in 1997, the Global Environment Outlook has had an ambitious goal: assess the state of the planet and offer fixes to some of the Earth's most-pressing environmental challenges. The seventh edition of the report, or GEO-7, is now in the works. Developed under the stewardship of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), GEO-7 will focus on solutions to the triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature, land and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste. UNEP / [Read more](#)

ITOPF 2025 R&D AWARD APPLICATION WINDOW NOW OPEN

ITOPF has announced the opening of its 2025 Research and Development (R&D) Award application window, with up to £60,000 available for short term projects and up to £40,000 for PhD projects. ITOPF / [Read more](#)

INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF P&I CLUBS AWARDS SEVEN SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2024

The International Group of P&I Clubs and our Education Committee are pleased to announce the winners of the 2024 P&IQ Scholarship Programme. Having promised to award four scholarships, the Education Committee were so impressed by the volume of excellent applications that it was decided that seven scholarships would be awarded this year. IGP&I / [Read more](#)

THE FINAL WEEK- THE GREAT GLOBAL NURDLE HUNT 2024

The final week of the The Great Global Nurdle 2024 is already here, but there is still time to join in this year's crucial hunt! Take part by doing a nurdle hunt by the 30th September and help gather important evidence of nurdle pollution, highlight the global scale of this plastic pollution issue and show decision makers you want change. FIDRA / [Read more](#)

OFAC ISSUES ADVISORY ON US SANCTIONS RISKS FOR PETROLEUM SHIPMENTS

The US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has issued a global advisory to alert parties involved in petroleum shipments of the significant US sanctions risks. OFAC urges commercial entities to conduct sufficient due diligence to avoid sanctions violations, which can also lead to business and reputational risks, reports SAFETY4SEA. Mfame.guru / [Read more](#)

REGIONAL NEWS

ARCTIC

Russia Ramps Up Arctic Oil Shipping to a New Record - "The remoteness, lack of infrastructure, and inhospitable environmental conditions in the Arctic mean significant logistical and operational challenges must be overcome" in the event of an oil spill, according to the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation, a not-for-profit organization established on behalf of the world's shipowners to promote an effective response to marine spills of oil, chemicals and other hazardous substances. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

GREAT LAKES (USA & CANADA)

Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise (GLCOE). - The GLCOE Quarterly Project Portfolio for Q4. This quarter, the GLCOE-QPP will highlight the FY23 projects that have been completed and the fully slated FY24 projects that have started. The GLCOE-QPP will be a recurring document that will be shared to expand the knowledge of research efforts funded by the GLCOE. [Editor ; The GLENCOE Project Report contains several pages and unfortunately no web link has been given. However, you can request a copy by sending an email to smb-greatlakescoe@uscg.mil

NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC

OSPAR BBNJ Statement - OSPAR Contracting Parties warmly welcomed the adoption of the BBNJ Agreement at the United Nations on 19 June 2023, the current 92 signatures and 8 ratifications to date, and see it as an important step in providing a legal basis for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ that complements OSPAR's mandate and the actions it is undertaking in the North-East Atlantic. OSPAR.org / [Read more](#)

ARAB REGION & EUROPE

CEDARE Regional Director for Water Resources Participated in the 6th Arab Water Forum, Abu Dhabi, UAE - CEDARE Regional Director for Water Resources, Khaled AbuZeid, participated in the 6th Arab Water Forum, held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, 16-18/9/2024. He delivered the opening keynote presentation of the transboundary water management session convened by CEDARE & Arab Water Council (AWC). CEDARE.org / [Read more](#)

EAST ASIA

PEMSEA, ACB Ink Cooperation for Stronger Capacity Building and Joint Projects – Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) have signed a new five-year agreement with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) to build stronger cooperation on capacity building, information exchange, and joint initiatives for the conservation of marine ecosystems in the region. The Letter of Cooperation (LoC), which renews the long-standing partnership between the two organizations was signed by PEMSEA and ACB Executive Directors, Aimee Gonzales and Dr. Theresa Mundia S. Lim respectively last September 20, 2024. [PEMSEA.org / Read more](https://pemsea.org/)

ISCO NEWS

ISCO DIRECTORS AND MEMBER OF COUNCIL MEET WITH COUNTERPARTS AT IMO RECEPTION



Above, Left to right, ISCO Director, Matthew Sommerville, Council Member, Paul Foley and ISCO Chairman, Rupert Bravery

September 26 – Rupert Bravery, Matthew Sommerville and Paul Foley attended the IMO Reception Celebrating World Maritime Day and were able to meet up with members of IMO staff involved in Marine Pollution Control and representatives of other organisations with whom we share a common interest.

NEWS FOR ISCO STUDENT MEMBERS

Editor – It's recommended that all members of ISCO's Students, Trainees and Apprentices Group should be following our Communications Page (BASECAMP) for the latest news releases from Larissa Montas and Peter Balogun Kayode. Click on the link – https://3.basecamp.com/5471785/buckets/29873844/message_boards/5457948520

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF STEM EXPLORERS

A central pillar of Ocean Exploration Trust's mission is inspiring and motivating the next generation of explorers and STEM professionals. We host a suite of free educational programs and resources to introduce teachers, students, science centers, and local communities to the excitement of discovery and the role models who push back the boundaries of the unknown and inspire explorers around the world.

Ocean Exploration Trust and E/V Nautilus educational initiatives have connected learners of all ages globally with deep sea exploration, science, and diverse role models. Since 2010, notable highlights in our education and outreach programs. [NautilusLive.org / Read more](https://nautiluslive.org/)

CANADA: OVER 70 STUDENTS TACKLE SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE AT THIRD ECONEXT CLEAN GROWTH IDEATHON

Between September 20-22, 2024, the third econext Clean Growth Ideathon took place at Memorial University's St. John's campus, challenging over 70 students to create the best solution for utilizing Newfoundland and Labrador's organic waste to generate clean energy. If you are interested in partnering on a future event, please contact Chelsea Linfield at chelsea@econext.ca or Alex Rumbolt at alex@econext.ca. Econext.ca / [Read more](#)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Availability of news is mostly based on news content and press releases received from websites of national environment agencies. If info is not posted on your monitored website, it can be sent to the editor at info@spillcontol.org. You can also request the addition of your website to our checking list.

ARGENTINA: MUSICIAN CHARLY ALBERTI NAMED UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

September 23 - The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) today named renowned Argentinian musician and activist Charly Alberti as its first Regional Goodwill Ambassador for Latin America and the Caribbean. UNEP.org / [Read more](#)

BRAZIL: COOPERATION TO PROTECT GLOBALLY IMPORTANT BIOME

September 24 - The Caatinga – or “white forest” in the local Tupi language – is one of Brazil's most fragile and species-rich biomes. It is also one of its most minimally protected: just 9 percent of the 844,000-kilometer expanse in the country's northeast is currently under official protection. TheGEF / [Read more](#)

BRAZIL: IBAMA DISCLOSES DEVELOPMENTS OF THE CONVERSATION CIRCLE ON PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, HELD IN JUNE

September 26 - The material, produced by the Editorial Committee of the Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (Ibama), presents the articles individually, with a summary of each one and identification of problems and solutions, in addition to a summary of what was discussed in the conversation circle itself. The 11 articles addressed in the document are of great value to the public interested in the subject of environmental management and other related topics, such as preservation and sustainability. The initiative was supported by the Institute's Environmental Monitoring and Information Center (Cenima). Ibama / [Read more](#)

CANADA: FEDERAL DOLLARS TO CLEAN POLLUTION AND DELIVER CLEAN WATER FOR GREAT LAKES COMMUNITIES

September 20 - Today, Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament for Windsor—Tecumseh, and Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and Special Advisor for Water, on behalf of the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, announced one of the largest single investments in freshwater restoration in Canadian history: \$76 million to support 50 partner-led projects as part of the Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative. Canada.ca / [Read more](#)

CANADA: GOVERNMENT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES THE REMOVAL OF THREE PROBLEM VESSELS FROM THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT IN BRIDGEWATER, NOVA SCOTIA

September 24 - The Canadian Coast Guard determined the vessels posed a risk of pollution to the marine environment and remediation efforts were needed. Recently, the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) operation to remove and safely dismantle three vessels in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, was successfully completed. YahooFinance / [Read more](#)

CHILE: MORE THAN 2 THOUSAND TONS OF GARBAGE HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BEACHES THANKS TO CLEANUP DAYS

September 25 - Since 2008, Beach Cleanup has been promoted by the General Directorate of Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine of the Chilean Navy and has involved more than 115 thousand volunteers from various educational establishments, NGOs, companies, institutions and other organizations. Directemar / [Read more](#)

DENMARK: HOW 'NON-TARGET SCREENING' CAN BE USED AS A TOOL IN GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

September 18 – With [the non-target method of screening](#), it is possible to screen for far more chemical substances than before, as the technique maps the presence of both known and unknown substances. The analysis method draws a chemical signature of the

whole. This is in contrast to the traditional analyses, which only confirm or deny the presence of the known individual substances that the individual analysis is targeting. Mst.dk / [Read more](#)

EGYPT: HE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT MEETS THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO TO DISCUSS WAYS TO ENHANCE BILATERAL COOPERATION IN REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION AND TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT IN THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL REPORTING REPORTS.

September 18 - Dr. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment, met with Ambassador Oka Hiroshi, Japanese Ambassador in Cairo, and his accompanying delegation. EEAA / [Read more](#)

FINLAND: SPATIAL CONSERVATION PRIORITIZATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PROTECTED-AREA NETWORK

September 16 - The thesis concerns identifying the most important areas from the biodiversity perspective in Finland. The studies include forest, mires, and the Natura 2000 network. Also, areas with the least value for biodiversity were recognized, which enables targeting actions that harm nature there. Stinfo/FI / [Read more](#)

ITALY: NEW STUDY INVESTIGATES SPATIAL RISK EXPOSURE OF FLOATING MARINE LITTER TO CETACEANS AND SEA TURTLES

September 26 - A newly published article coordinated by ISPRA, "Potential Risk of Floating Marine Litter to Cetaceans and Sea Turtles: A Review of Spatial Risk Exposure Assessments" highlights the severe threat that marine litter poses to these species indicators of ocean health. ISPRA / [Read more](#)

LITHUANIA: ONEX AT THE 2024 BALEX DELTA EXERCISE

September 24 - New HNS games added to Sea Alarm's OneX tabletop exercise package were trialled at the August 2024 BALEX Delta exercise held in Lithuania. The new additions allow participants to delve into the behaviour of several real HNS products and engage in scenario-based discussions on the challenges, safety concerns and limitations of responding to incidents with these substances. Sea Alarm / [Read more](#)

MEXICO: CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY ALONGSIDE COMMUNITIES

September 20 - Although it makes up about 1 percent of the world's surface, Mexico is home to more than 10 percent of all known plant and animal species. Investing in protecting this rich biodiversity is a major priority for the country and the planet – and new funding from the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund is providing a needed boost to that aim. The GEF / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA AND PARTNERS TO DEVELOP OIL SPILL TRACKER

September 26 - The Nigerian Government through the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency in partnership with the Stakeholder Democracy Network (SDN) has developed a satellite-based methane tracker to tackle oil spillage in Nigeria. APA News / [Read more](#)

SOUTH KOREA: SMART-C SPOTLIGHTS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' PROGRESS IN MARITIME SUSTAINABILITY

September 20 - Solutions for a greener global shipping industry were highlighted by international delegates attending a SMART-C Conference held in Busan, South Korea (11 September).

Delegates from Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Vanuatu and Vietnam presented progress achieved in their countries with the support of IMO's SMART-C Programme, in the areas of gender equality, leadership development, prevention of marine accidents, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from shipping. IMO / [Read more](#)

THAILAND: IOPC FUNDS DELIVERS ONLINE NATIONAL WORKSHOP

September 26 - At the invitation of the Marine Department of Thailand, the IOPC Funds delivered on 26 September 2024, an online national workshop for government and oil company representatives responsible for the submission of oil reports and payment of contributions to the organisation. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

UK: OIL POLLUTION IN UK SEAS IS GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATED, NEW REPORT FINDS

September 26 - An opaque reporting system for oil pollution in UK waters is masking the true state of ongoing oil pollution, according to Oceana UK's latest report, Sea Slick: The true scale and impact of chronic oil pollution in UK seas. The new analysis demonstrates that the extent of frequent, small-scale 'chronic oiling' in the North Sea has been grossly underestimated due to a combination of the oil industry's failure to provide data and an "opaque and misleading" reporting system. Oceanographic / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORT FROM NOAA OR&R

September 23 – Click on the link below to read the latest news

NOAA Participates in Palau National Spill Response Planning Workshop

This month, NOAA’s Office of Response and Restoration participated in a National Oil Spill Response Planning Workshop held in Koror, Republic of Palau which helped Palau responders develop a national response plan for oil and chemical spills.

USA: NATIONAL CHEMICAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 23 -- The National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee (NCTSAC) and its three subcommittees will meet in public in Washington, D.C., to discuss matters relating to the safe and secure marine transportation of hazardous materials. The Committee will be held in person only. The three subcommittee meetings will be virtual. USCG / [Read more](#)

USA: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: HIGHLIGHTING THE U.S. COAST GUARD’S STRATEGIC CAPABILITIES IN THE ARCTIC WITH DR. ABBIE TINGSTAD

September 25 - As part of her ongoing research into Arctic capabilities, Tingstad noted, “The opening of the Arctic is a misnomer, partly because receding ocean ice is a seasonal event and will be for the next several decades. Over time, there will be longer summers with larger ice-free zones; however, there has not yet been a “blue water event,” meaning there are no large areas without ocean ice. Arctic scientists think such occurrences will begin sometime during the 2030s.” Tingstad continues to stress the need for the U.S. to bolster its Arctic infrastructure, such as increasing the number of key assets such as middle and heavyweight icebreakers, to ensure effective presence within the region. USCG / [Read more](#)

USA: GREEN CHEMISTRY CHALLENGE WINNERS

September 26 - EPA announced the winners of the 2024 Green Chemistry Challenge Awards for new and innovative green chemistry technologies. Through the design of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the generation and use of hazardous substances, this year’s winners have developed solutions to significant environmental challenges such as climate change and spur innovation and economic development. [Read the press release.](#)

UZBEKISTAN LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO STRENGTHEN WATER POLLUTION AND TAILINGS SAFETY

September 25 - Uzbekistan [convened](#) the inaugural meeting of the Inter-Institutional Working Group (IIWG) on the prevention of water pollution and tailings safety on September 24. This initiative is part of a broader project aimed at addressing water and sanitation challenges and protecting water resources in light of climate change. Daryo.uz / [Read more](#)

NO NEWS FROM YOUR PART OF THE WORLD ?

Members and other readers are invited to help rectify the balance of world news reporting. News stories from North America, UK, Australia, much more accessible than reports from other parts of the world and especially from non-English-speaking countries. If you come across a report that you think worth sharing with other members of the response community, please send it to the editor info@spillcontrol.org

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

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FOUR SALVAGES IN PNG FOR PACIFIC TOWING

Pacific Towing (‘PacTow’) has been exceptionally busy with salvage projects in its home country, Papua New Guinea. Melanesia’s marine services and salvage market leader performed four salvages across three separate provinces in just two months. The salvages involved international fishing vessels as well as a domestic general cargo vessel.

Three of the recently salvaged vessels had run aground and another was adrift at sea. Two of the vessels were towed back to the capital city of Port Moresby for repairs and the others to Rabaul in East New Britain.



Pictured - Mussau Salvage -PacTow recently salvaged this tuna purse seiner from the remote Mussau Archipelago in New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea.

PacTow Manager Gerard Kasnari reports that “vessels running aground reefs, is the leading reason for PacTow’s salvage operations in PNG, and that this is

especially so for international fishing vessels.” Mechanical or engine failure is the second most common reason for PacTow’s salvages.

Unfortunately, an engine failure which was experienced by the cargo vessel PacTow recently salvaged occurred during unfavourable weather conditions on its approach to Port Moresby via Basilisk Passage. Strong southeast winds from the stern pushed the ship straight onto the reef at Fisherman’s (Daugo) Island. Two ASD tugs of 62 and 64 tonnes bollard pull were deployed from PacTow’s nearby tug base to refloat the vessel and tow her into Port Moresby. Another of PacTow’s ASD tugs has since towed the vessel to Batam Indonesia for repairs.

The most challenging of the recent salvages performed by PacTow was of one of the international fishing vessels. The 71 metre long tuna purse seiner had run aground on a fringing reef at Emirau Island, part of the remote Mussau Archipelago in New Ireland Province. There was grave concern that the vessel would break up and pollute the traditional fishing grounds and coastline, thus severely impacting the local villagers.

PacTow chartered a helicopter to fly in one of its commercial diving supervisors and veteran salvage master, Ian Perrott to assess the technical requirements of the salvage. PacTow has long partnered with Perrott Salvage on numerous projects throughout Melanesia and also in northern Australia.

This initial stage of the project was also important to build rapport with the traditional landowners. Kasnari stresses that the establishment of trust and positive community relations is essential to the success of any salvage project taking place on PNG’s remote coastlines, especially when people are living nearby and relying on the reefs and oceans for their livelihood.

Following the necessary planning and logistical arrangements, a tug and PacTow’s salvage team and commercial divers from Port Moresby were deployed to refloat the vessel and tow her to Rabaul. Upon arrival in Rabaul the commercial divers were able to conduct a full hull inspection and provide the necessary reports to the vessel’s owners so that an application could be made for the vessel’s return to her flagged state.

Salvage is a core service of PacTow’s and one that frequently requires long distance towage. Kasnari says that “many of the vessels we assist, whether they are adrift at sea due to some sort of mechanical failure, or have run aground a reef, are operating hundreds of nautical miles from any kind of port let alone major ports where there are the right kind of repair services. Sometimes we’ll tow a vessel to a small regional port for initial repairs and then we’ll do a longer tow back to Port Moresby or Lae.”

Depending on the extent of repairs required and under which country the vessel is flagged, PacTow will also transfer salvaged vessels internationally if that’s what the owners want. At times, they’ll just provide an escort service if the vessel can travel under its own power.

PacTow’s fleet of tugs, especially its larger and more powerful ASDs, are central to its salvage operations and long-distance ocean towage capacity. Kasnari, points out that the purchase of most of the ASDs has been part of a strategic re-fleeting program that is now two thirds complete. In addition to owning PNG’s largest tug fleet, PacTow has its tugs strategically deployed at each of its five operations throughout PNG, as well as in Solomon Islands, enabling it to provide a more rapid emergency response service. The company has also established a business in Fiji.

PacTow is Melanesia’s only full member of the International Salvage Union (ISU) and is also a member of the International Spill Control Organization (ISCO).

PacTow delivers excellent, reliable, and safe marine services through Melanesia and the broader region. A well-maintained fleet, as well as a dedicated and exceptionally trained team underpin the company’s ongoing expansion and success. PacTow is part of a larger sea and land logistics group wholly owned by Steamships Limited. To learn more about PacTow: www.pacifictowingmarineservices.com.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (

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MEMBRANE TECHNOLOGY FOR REMEDIATION AND DEGRADATION OF PETROLEUM POLLUTANTS

Nowadays, nanotechnology becomes a modern technology to cope with the elimination of PHs in the environment. This chapter deals with the application of nanotechnology for the degradation and removal of petroleum pollutants in environment and particularly in water bodies ScienceDirect / [Read more](#)

HARNESSING NATURE'S RHYTHM: PIEZOCATALYSIS FOR ORGANIC POLLUTANT DEGRADATION

In a pivotal advancement for environmental conservation, researchers have pioneered piezoelectric techniques to efficiently degrade organic pollutants in water. Eureka Alert / [Read more](#)

RECENT INTERESTING PEER-REVIEWED OIL SPILL PUBLICATIONS

A COLUMN CREATED BY DR. MERV FINGAS, Hon.FISCO, MEMBER OF ISCO COUNCIL



This is a weekly column which provides the references and abstracts of new peer-reviewed scientific publications on oil spills.

To read Dr Merv Fingas' weekly column, please click on <https://spillcontrol.org/interesting-peer-reviewed-oil-spill-publications-collated-by-dr-merv-fingas-member-of-isco-council-for-canada/>

CASE HISTORY

BATHURST'S INDUSTRIAL LEGACY: A CASE STUDY IN CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION

In Bathurst, New Brunswick, the abandoned Smurfit-Stone mill site serves as a sobering reminder of the environmental damage that former industrial operations leave behind. This once-thriving commercial hub has collapsed into what Deputy Mayor Michael Willett refers to as a "war zone," posing serious risks to public safety and the environment. It spans more than 20 acres along the waterfront. As remediation gets underway, the site has the potential to be a showcase example of how to deploy new cleanup technologies and redevelop them in a sustainable way. Hazmatmag / [Read more](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2024

- UK - The International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) meets in-person for its 82nd session at IMO Headquarters in London (with hybrid participation) from 30 September to 4 October, 2024. [More info](#)
- USA – Elastec River Spill Workshop, Carmi, Indiana, 8-10 October 2024 [More info](#)
- USA – National Academies - Gulf-Alaska Knowledge Exchange Workshop, October 8-9 2024, Anchorage, Alaska. [More info](#)
- UK – Water, Waste & Environmental Monitoring – 9-10 October 2024, NEC, Birmingham, UK [More info](#)
- NORWAY – Marine Insurance Nordics – 16th October 2024, Oslo. [Registration](#) [More info](#)

- NEW ZEALAND - Land and Groundwater Conference, Auckland, 22-24 October 2024 [More info](#)
- UK – UK & IRELAND Spill Association – Technical Forum 22 October, Belfast, N. Ireland. [More info](#)
- IRELAND – UK & IRELAND Spill Association – Technical Forum 24 October, Killenard, Co. Laois [More info](#)
- CANADA – ECONEXT 2024 Conference - October 30. St Johns, NL [Read more](#)
- ITALY - ECOMONDO Conference and Exhibition, Rimini, 5-8 November 2024 [More info](#)
- CHINA – 8th East Asian Seas Congress, Xiamen, 6-8 November 2024 <https://eascongress2024.pemsea.org/>
- UK – UK & Ireland Spill Association – Annual Awards, 6-7 November 2024, Nottingham Belfry [More info](#)
- TURKIYE – Regional Workshop – “Oil Spill Preparedness and Response – Commitment and Synergy”, being held in co-operation with ISCO Member, MEKE Marine, in Istanbul from 12-14 November 2024. [More info](#)
- USA - Industry Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) - Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA, 13-15 November 2024 [More info](#)
- USA – Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition – 18-20 November 2024 Houston, TX – [More info](#)
- MALTA – REMPEC Regional Workshop - Med Strategy, 20th November, Lija, Malta - [More info](#)
- UK – Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference, London, 11-12 December 2024 [More info](#)

JANUARY 2025 ONWARDS

- UK – Interspill 2025 Conference & Exhibition, London, April 8-10 [More info](#)
- EUROPE/ ONLINE - RemTech Europe, International Conference and Exhibition on land and water remediation markets and technologies, is scheduled for 16-20 September 2024. The first two days of the conference 16-17 September will be fully digital, and broadcasted in streaming. The other three days 18-20 September will be hybrid so in presence but also broadcasted online. [More info](#)

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SOME OTHER INFORMATION

- Recordings of past ExxonMobil OSR Knowledge Transfer Webinar Recordings – [Access and Download](#)
- Gulf-Alaska Knowledge Exchange – A Workshop Series chaired by Ed Levine, Hon.FISCO – [More information](#)
- IG P&I Podcast - Exploring some of the topics discussed at the Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference - [Listen](#)
- Marine Insurance Events: Issue 18 of *The Marine Insurer*: 'Dali incident: Largest ever marine claim?'. [CLICK HERE](#)
Our next three live events will be: Marine Claims International, 25th-27th September, Malahide, Ireland [Click here](#) to register your interest. Marine Insurance Nordics, 16th October, Oslo, Norway [Click here](#) to register your interest. Energy Insurance Americas, 21st November, Houston, USA [Click here](#) to register your interest.
- USA AHMP – Schedule of Upcoming Events – [Click here to view](#)

UPCOMING WEBINARS

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 - **IOPC Funds Webinar Series** – Full programme announced IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)
 - **CEDRE’S EDUCATIONAL TOOLS (2024)** - Cedre Webinar, September 30, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. [More info](#)
In French. The objective of this webinar is to present the new pedagogical methods developed for our training courses.
To register: <https://survey.cedre.fr/668619?lang=fr> To connect, it's [here](#) (on Chrome preferably)
 - **UK & Ireland Spill Association** – Webinar Series, Remediation following a heating oil spill in a Groundwater Protection Zone, 3rd October 3 - Part 1: Initial Response [Registration](#); - October 10 – Part 2 : Mitigation, Monitoring and Management [Registration](#)
October 17 – Part 3: Creating the Remediation Action Plan [Registration](#) The concluding episode incorporating remediation status and implementation will be delivered in person at our Annual Conference on 7 November and delivered in a webinar on 14 November. Please register using the above links and we will email you the details for each webinar including the concluding episode on 14 November. For more details contact Mark J Orr at info@ukeirespill.org
 - **HELCOM** Seminar & networking event, 11th October 2024 – 10.00-1300 EST, Helsinki and Online [More info](#)
 - **UNEP** - Ocean Best Practices Workshop, 14-18 October 2024 (Online) and Enhancing Ocean Governance through Best Practices 16th October 2024, 1500-1630 UTC [More info](#)
 - **OSRL** – Validating recovery, closing the incident and post-incident review; 17th October 2024, 8am CST [More info](#)
- Members can post Upcoming Members here. Send details **with web link** to the editor.

UPCOMING PODCASTS

- Salvage & Wreck Podcast from IGP&I - Welcome to the Group's podcast. In this series, we will be exploring some of the topics discussed at the Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference. Our aim is to make these discussions accessible to everyone, even those unable to attend the event. We've invited some of the Club panellist that participated at the event.

Episode 4: In this episode, Ben Harris, Chair of the International Group's Salvage Committee and Head of Claims at Shipowners Club examines the significance of the Lloyd's Open Form, addressing concerns surrounding its potential decline and exploring actionable steps for ensuring a sustainable salvage industry. <https://www.igpandi.org/article/salvage-wreck-podcast/>

UPDATES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

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Contact Renie Mayfield - 720-289-7008 or rmayfield@accessintel.com - to discuss the exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities available for this year's event!

EUROPE – INTERSPILL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION – 8-10 APRIL 2025 – ExCeL, LONDON

This internationally respected triennial event (which connects global stakeholders involved in marine oil spill research, prevention, preparedness, response and restoration) will return on 8-10 April 2025 at ExCeL London. <https://www.interspill.org/2025>

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The Interspill conference is recognised for its excellence, focus on emerging research and depth of scientific content. It is organised by the Conference Committee that has new chairs Rob Holland and Richard Johnson, who were appointed at the Conference Committee Meeting held in London on 20 February 2024.

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In this edition readers will find a series of articles covering the company's activity in spill response, as well as several feature articles throughout, including topics like satellite imagery, ESG in spill response, an update from its Women in ITOPF group plus more on its recent office move in London and marking one year of its Singapore office opening. [Ocean Orbit 2024](#) (5.63 MB)

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In the September edition of this month's EMSA newsletter: updates on the FuelEU Maritime monitoring plans submitted to THETIS-MRV as well as updated resources on the extension of the EU-ETS to maritime and the updated MRV Regulation. Our Executive Director addresses the TRAN committee, we have a new webinar on the Maritime Knowledge Centre Services (MaKCs) tool, and we've got all the latest on the CISE High Level event in Brussels. Download the latest EMSA Newsletter at <https://emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/newsletters/item/5314-newsletter-september-2024.html>



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