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## **DONJON MARINE CO., INC.** **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **DONJON MARINE CO., INC. CONTRACTED FOR WORK ON HISTORIC WAR VESSEL**

Hillside, NJ -- Donjon Marine, Co., Inc., a global marine services provider based in New Jersey, served as the lead salvage contractor to the U.S. Navy to coordinate the locating and initial archeological investigation of the *USS Scorpion*, the flagship of a U.S. Navy fleet known as the Chesapeake Flotilla during the War of 1812.

The recovery of the vessel is to be accomplished in 2 to 3 phases. Phase 1, just completed, was designed to locate and conduct preliminary preparatory work for the more extensive archeological work to be done in concert with the bicentennial celebration of the War of 1812. Phase 2 and 3 will involve installing a cofferdam so that the *Scorpion* recovery and excavation can be done in the dry.

The contract was awarded to Donjon on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and will continue through the completion of the recovery in the summer of 2012.

The *USS Scorpion* was a ship designed to navigate the shallow waters of the Patuxent and to harass the British, whose Royal Navy at the time was terrorizing towns from Havre de Grace to Norfolk, according to news reports and historical depictions. The Chesapeake Flotilla harassed the larger British fleet and successfully delayed their advance on Washington DC when the Americans scuttled the fleet across the Patuxent River 20 miles east of Washington DC in Upper Marlboro, MD.

“Donjon was very fortunate to be a part of this archaeological project and to touch a part of history at the same time,” said John A. Witte, Jr., Donjon’s Executive Vice President.

*Donjon Marine Co., Inc. ([www.donjon.com](http://www.donjon.com)) provides a broad spectrum of marine services, including dredging, marine salvage, heavy lift transport, tug/barge transportation, demolition, pollution control and remediation, shipbuilding and repair, as well as land-based metals recycling, demolition and landfill remediation/site management. Based in New York*

*and New Jersey, Donjon and its affiliates maintain offices, assets and personnel throughout the Northeast, with operations spanning the globe.*

