

# ***THE LAST VOYAGE OF THE COSTA CONCORDIA***

**Crowley Maritime Corporation** subsidiary **TITAN Salvage** and Italian partner **Micoperi** have confirmed that 10 days after the intricate refloating phase of the **Costa Concordia** wreck removal began, the ship is ready to tow.



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A convoy of 14 vessels, led by the tugboat **BLIZZARD**, was scheduled to begin towing the **Concordia** yesterday at daybreak to a port near Genoa, where it will be broken up for scrap, completing the largest maritime salvage operation in history.



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In preparation In preparation of towing, the salvage team began the refloat phase on Sunday, July 13, and in a very calculated and deliberate manner, controlled buoyancy within the attached sponsons to bring the ship out of the water with approximately 18.5 meters of draft.

Since the Concordia's safe refloating, she has been, and will continue to be, under the constant power of a team of tugs keeping a series of lines tight to ensure control in her upright position.

Additionally, divers and remotely operated underwater vehicle (ROV) operations have continued to monitor sponsons, cables and chains under the hull, and tow wires while onboard, and shoreside personnel constantly review and watch systems to ensure continued integrity of the operation.

"This operation has been and continues to be reflective of the team's desire to accomplish the mission with safety, ingenuity and detail," said **Chris Peterson, TITAN Salvage** vice president. "Every aspect is being handled with the utmost professionalism and an inordinate amount of calculation and planning."

To learn more about this extraordinary engineering project, please visit [www.theparbucklingproject.com](http://www.theparbucklingproject.com) website, which is the source of this information.