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Have you renewed your membership?

It's not too late to renew your membership for 2014!

To renew, you may mail in the renewal form you received with your latest issue of *PowerShips*; or renew easily and securely online by [clicking here](#). Thank you!

Nominate Your Favorite Ship for an SSHSA Award

We are now accepting nominations for the 2014 Ship of the Year Award, as well as a number of other ship awards, such as Tugboat of the Year, Cruise Ship of the Year,

ShiPosium III Registration is Now Open!

[Click here to register](#)

SSHSA hosts ShiPosium III and Annual Conference from May 15th-18th, 2014 in Newport, Rhode Island. The ShiPosium conference will take place at the Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina, right in the heart of downtown Newport and within walking distance to many Newport attractions.

Highlights of the conference include:

- President's Reception at the Sanford-Covell Villa Marina
- ShiPosium III Conference, with a coffee break and lunch included
- Tour of the International Yacht Restoration School
- ShiPosium Reception at the Newport Harbor Hotel
- Continental Breakfast
- Cocktail cruise on the classic motor yacht *Rum Runner II*
- Awards Gala with dinner, drinks, and Keynote speaker Dennis Hale, author of *Shipwrecked: Reflections of the Sole Survivor*
- Annual Meeting of Members

You don't want to miss this event! For more information and to register for ShiPosium, please [click here](#).

(Above photo: Newport Harbor and Marina)

Museum Ship of the Year, and more.

Our awards will be presented at this year's Awards Ceremony on May 17th at the Atlantic Beach Club in Newport, Rhode Island, during our ShiPosium and Annual Conference. To learn more about each of SSHSA's Annual Awards and to download an Awards Nomination Application, please [click here](#).

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Where in the World is Steamship Historical?

SSHSA has been all over the U.S. visiting with members, holding social gatherings, and spreading the word about what we're up to. Since our last edition of "Where in the World is SSHSA" we have held get togethers in Washington, D.C., California, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Florida, and Maine. With the winter Board of Directors meeting in Galveston, Texas, we took the opportunity to meet with old and new friends for a presentation by maritime historian and author, Andy Hall, in Houston.

Andy's recent book, *The Galveston-Houston Packet: Steamboats on the Buffalo Bayou*, is a researched account of the development of one of the world's busiest ports. With steam vessels playing the lead role from Civil War action to railroad development, the presentation provided an in-depth understanding of how this portion of the southwest was won. You can purchase the book on Amazon.

The following day, board members and staff followed the route from Buffalo Bayou to the Houston Ship Channel and down to the port of Galveston. Museums, self-guided architecture tours, and a harbor cruise filled out the day.

We are enjoying getting to meet our members and sharing what we're doing to ensure the longevity of SSHSA for the next 79 years. So watch your mail and our newsletters to learn where SSHSA is going to be next. Then come out and join us as we put the "social" back into our society.

(Above photos: Author Andy Hall, and USS *Texas* in Houston. The USS *Texas* is celebrating her 100th birthday in 2014. Photo credit: Vera Harsh)

Mark Your Calendars!

SSHSA to participate in upcoming maritime conferences

The Council of American Maritime Museums (CAMM) will be having their **Annual Conference** from April 27th-30th at the National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo, Ohio. The National Museum of the Great Lakes is a brand new museum that will be opening its doors in April. They are showcasing the collections of the former Inland Seas Maritime Museum, Great Lakes Historical Society, and the historic vessel *Col. James M. Schoonmaker*. SSHSA will participate in the conference along with maritime museums from around the country.

SSHSA will also attend the **Tenth Maritime Heritage Conference** in Norfolk, Virginia, from September 17th-21st. During this Conference, you will be able to visit various exhibits, and several educational sessions will be held. To learn more about this exciting event, [click here](#). Registration begins on February 28th!

What's Happening in Ship History?

This is a brief listing, so make sure to check locally for what's going on in your area.

March 1st

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park's Adventures at Sea: Life Aboard a 19th Century Sailing Ship

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

San Francisco, CA

<http://www.nps.gov>

March 1st

Independence Seaport Museum's Behind-the-Scenes Tours of Historic Ships

Penn's Landing

Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.phillyseaport.org/historicships>

Tickets Required

April 17th

Mystic Seaport's Adventure Series: Readiness for the Morgan's 38th Voyage

Latitude 41 Restaurant and Tavern

105 Greenmanville Ave

Mystic, CT

<http://www.mysticseaport.org>

Tickets Required

April 27th-30th

CAMM- Annual Meeting

The National Museum of the Great Lakes

1701 Front St.

Toledo, OH

<http://councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org/annualmeeting>

May 15th-18th

SSHSA's ShiPosium III and Annual Conference

Newport, RI

http://www.sshsa.org/media_center/ShiPosium2014.html

August 29th-September 4th

San Diego Maritime Museum's Festival of Sail

San Diego Bay

San Diego, CA

<http://www.sdmaritime.org/festival-of-sail>

September 17th-21st

Maritime Heritage Conference

Norfolk, VA

<http://www.nauticus.org/maritime/index.html>

Is there a ship history event happening in your area soon? Submit your events to info@sshsa.org by May 1st, 2014 for the May 2014 edition of *Ahoy!*

Ahoy! is the quarterly electronic newsletter for those interested in maritime history. It is produced in February, May, August and November and distributed by Steamship Historical Society of America to friends, members and any other individuals interested in maritime heritage.

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