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Work on *Titanic II* begins again in China

The *Titanic II* could set sail as soon as 2022. The idea to build a replica *Titanic* came out in 2012, and after the Chinese government halted development back in 2015, many thought this project's days were numbered. But Australian businessman and politician, Clive Palmer who is behind this controversial project, announce that work on the ship for the Blue Star Line began in September. The ship is scheduled to sail the same route as the original *Titanic*.

Although climate scientists warn that icebergs are on the rise due to climate change, passengers on board the *Titanic II* can rely on the International Ice Patrol operated by the US Coast Guard to monitor iceberg danger in the North Atlantic Ocean.

(Photo: A rendering of the *Titanic II*, Blue Star Line)

Symphony of the Seas takes crown as new queen of cruise ships

The world's largest cruise ship, Royal Caribbean's *Symphony of the Seas*, was christened by one-year old Ocean PenaVega with assistance from his parents Carols and Alex, actors and godparents of the vessel,

The fall issue of *PowerShips* has landed

Issue #307 of *PowerShips* features articles on the *Johan van Oldenbarnevelt*, the remnants of *Queen Elizabeth*, Wind-Class Icebreakers, Black Ball Line, the *Kalakala* and the steamer *Boston*. Whether you're new to SSHSA or your membership has lapsed, it's not too late to come on board! Sign up or renew today by [clicking here](#) or calling our headquarters at (401) 463-3570. Don't miss out!

What you're missing on social media

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in Miami. Royal Caribbean said that the christening marked the first time an entire family has christened a cruise ship. Normally a woman christens the ship, keeping with the longstanding maritime tradition.

Symphony can hold up to 6,680 passengers and sails with a crew of 2,200. She was constructed at the giant Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in St. Nazaire, France – the same shipyard that built *Harmony of the Seas*. Its cost was more than \$1.3 billion. Royal Caribbean now has 25 ships with the addition of *Symphony of the Seas*.

(Photos: *Symphony of the Seas*, Royal Caribbean)

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Giving Tuesday is November 27 this year. Consider helping us STEAM into the future as our education program (www.shiphistory.org) provides free access to STEAM subjects for students, helping prepare them for tomorrow's jobs. [Click here to donate today!](#)

Singapore to host worldwide heritage conference

The 1st World Congress on Maritime Heritage, “Connecting with the Past to Navigate the Future” will take place in Singapore, March 13-15, 2019. The three-day conference will bring together a diverse group and provide an opportunity to form new partnerships in achieving a common goal – a better understanding of our maritime heritage to secure a more sustainable future.

Support comes from the International Maritime Organization, the International Chamber of Shipping, the Singapore Shipping Association, the International Congress of Maritime Museums, the North American Marine Environmental Protection Association, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Maritime Alliance, and the Maritime & Ports Authority of Singapore, among others.

Famous designer lends touch to new Cunard ship

Cunard has announced that world-renowned designer, Adam D. Tihany has been appointed Creative Director of its upcoming new ship. This still unnamed ship will join the Cunard fleet in 2022. Tihany's work can be seen in iconic hotels, restaurants, and resorts across the globe, including the Beverly Hills Hotel, Bemond Hotel Cipriani and The Oberoi New Delhi. Cunard has always been a forward-looking brand, Tihany said.

"It has a classic image but actually each ship has been innovative or its period." Guests can expect a more contemporary feel, but Cunard's loyal guests will still feel right at home. Work is now ongoing in preparation for construction at the Fincantieri shipyard in Italy.

(Photo: Adam D. Tihany, courtesy of Cunard Line)

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Shipping companies unite to tackle digitization, standardization

Five of the biggest shipping companies are coming together to form a container shipping association. A.P. Moller – Maersk, CMA CGM, Hapag-Lloyd, MSC and Ocean Network Express are discussing the creation of common information technology standards that will be available and free of charge for all stakeholders in the wider container shipping industry. They are striving for less red tape and better transparency. They hope it will lead to better standardization and interoperability in the industry.

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.

November 23 to December 23

Lantern Light Tours

Tours every 15 minutes; see website for dates and times

Members: \$27 for adults and \$20 for children age 4-17; Nonmembers: \$33 for adults and \$26 for children

Mystic Seaport Museum

Mystic, CT

www.mysticseaport.org

November 30 to December 2

The Tug Ohio: Before and After Experience

9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Free for members, \$15 for nonmembers; admission to the museum is included

National Museum of the Great Lakes

Toledo, Ohio

www.inlandseas.org

December 1

Party on the Pier Toy Drive

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Donate a minimum of two new, unwrapped toys and receive a free pass to visit the USS Midway

USS Midway Museum

San Diego, CA

www.midway.org

December 5

Working and Researching Along New York's Waterfront

6:30 PM

Free for members, \$10 for nonmembers

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South Street Seaport Museum
New York, NY
www.southstreetseaportmuseum.org

December 8

Maritime by Candlelight
5:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Free
Florida Maritime Museum
Cortez, FL
www.floridamaritimemuseum.org

December 8

Mixers & Merriment
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM
\$40 for members, \$50 for nonmembers, \$20 for designated drivers
Maine Maritime Museum
Bath, ME
www.mainemaritimemuseum.org

December 8

Lee Murdock: Christmas Ship Concert
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
\$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers
Chicago Maritime Museum
Chicago, IL
www.chicagomaritimemuseum.org

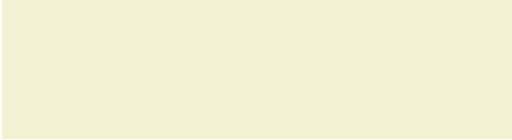
December 9

Steam Day at San Francisco Maritime
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Free
San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park
www.nps.gov

December 9 and 16

Parade of Lights Viewing Dinner
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
\$50 for adults, \$25 for children age 3-12; children age 2 and younger
are free with an adult ticket, but does not include dinner
San Diego Maritime Museum
San Diego, CA
www.sdmaritime.org

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