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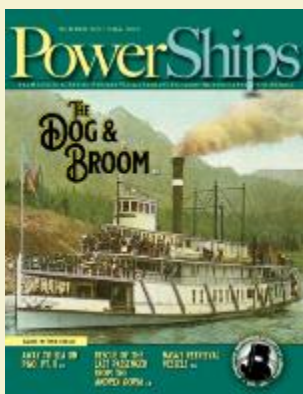
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The Fall issue of *PowerShips* has landed

Issue #323 of *PowerShips* magazine is available now, featuring the following stories:

Maine voters elect to restrict cruise traffic

Cruise ships and local politics don't often intersect, but voters in Bar Harbor, Maine, sent a loud and clear message to the entire industry by limiting the number of daily passengers that can disembark at the popular tourism destination.



With 58 percent of the vote, the referendum will limit the number of cruise ship visitors to no more than 1,000 each day. To achieve this feat, the town harbormaster was tasked with creating a reservation system to count and track everyone who disembarks.

The results come after months of debate that claimed the town wasn't doing enough to combat overcrowding and congestion. Officials had recently adopted limits of 3,500-3,800 per day or 30,000-40,000 per month, with an increase to 65,000 monthly visitors during peak season in September and October.

Some are concerned that the new law might lead to a lawsuit or could cause cruise companies to bypass the town altogether. Lines that operate voyages with stops in Bar Harbor include Norwegian Cruise Line, Royal Caribbean, Princess Cruises, Holland America, Oceania Cruises, Silversea Cruises, Windstar Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises. The Cruise Lines International Association reported that these trips contributed \$68 million in direct spending and created more than 1,000 jobs in Maine pre-pandemic.

A similar ballot question in the city of Portland, Maine, was rejected.

Several other municipalities are attempting to limit cruise traffic around the world. Key West, Florida, approved a similar measure two years ago, before being overruled by the

- The Dog & Broom
- Away to Sea on P&O, Part II
- Rescue of the Last Passenger from the *Andrea Doria*
- NASA's Retrieval Vessels

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governor. Venice, Italy, has also imposed a ban on large cruise ships from docking.

Caption: Holland America's *Maasdam* is seen here off the coast of Bar Harbor, Maine, in an undated photo. Residents recently voted to restrict the number of passengers who can disembark at the town each day. (Photo: [Mainebiz.biz](#), Laurie Schreiber).

USMMA promotes first female superintendent

The U.S. Department of Transportation and the Maritime Administration made an historic appointment this week by naming Rear Admiral Joanna M. Nunan (U.S. Coast Guard, Ret.) as the first female superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) at Kings Point. Nunan, who spent more than three decades in the U.S. Coast Guard, has commanded units at every level both afloat and ashore. She will begin work at the Academy in a few weeks.



“Rear Admiral Nunan is uniquely prepared to lead and strengthen USMMA on every front,” said Maritime Administrator Ann Phillips. “She understands both the critical role USMMA plays in our economic and national security and the organizational transformations that are essential to ensuring USMMA prepares students in a safe and respectful environment to excel in a maritime industry undergoing rapid change.”

A Bridgeport, Connecticut native, Nunan graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1987 and received her Master of Business Administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She also obtained three Coast Guard merchant mariner licenses and served more than nine years at sea, including commanding two buoy tenders.

Nunan retired earlier this year as the Coast Guard's deputy for personnel readiness. In that role, she oversaw the Coast Guard's entire personnel enterprise, including the recruitment, training, support and retention of all active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel. She also supervised the Coast Guard Academy and served on its Board of Trustees.

Previously, she served as the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources. In that role, among her many responsibilities, she helped spearhead efforts to expand diversity and inclusion in the Coast Guard, including formulating policy changes focused on increasing the

Titanic exhibitions land in NY, LA

Are you feeling the *Titanic* nostalgia coming on as we approach the 25th anniversary of James Cameron's epic movie? Then make your way to the coasts this winter as the hugely popular *Titanic: The Exhibition* makes its way to both New York City and Los Angeles.

The immersive exhibits have traveled around the world and wrapped up a six-month stay in London earlier this year. Each promises to be a unique narrative experience — a tale of the people aboard history's most legendary ship on its maiden and final journey. Attendees are brought back to 1912 through photographs, handwritten letters, wayward keepsakes and other personal belongings telling countless stories about the fates and heroic deeds on board.

The exhibitions boast over 200 original objects, as well as life-sized, detailed recreations of the ship's interiors. It was curated by Claes-Göran Wetterholm, who spent more than 40 years studying the *Titanic* and has taken part in four expeditions to the wreckage.

The New York exhibition opened last week with tickets currently on sale through January 22, 2023. The Los Angeles venue opens on Thursday, November 17, and has tickets available through January 14, 2023. For more information, visit thetitanicexhibition.com/los-angeles/ or titanicexhibition.com/nyc/.

Caption: A reconstructed cabin gives visitors an idea of how the upper class traveled at *Titanic: The Exhibition*. (Photo: [Secret London](#)).

Grants aim to curb supply chain woes

The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced more than \$703 million in funding for 41 projects aimed at improving port facilities through the Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). The money will benefit coastal seaports, Great Lakes ports and inland river ports, bolstering supply chain reliability through increased port capacity and resilience, more efficient operations,

retention of women in the service. She also served as a member of the Coast Guard's Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery Committee.

Caption: Rear Admiral Joanna M. Nunan, seen here in an official portrait from 2018, will become the first female superintendent at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. (Photo: [Newsday](#))

SSHSA members invited to attend special events in New York, Pennsylvania

Andrea Doria — Rescue at Sea

SSHSA members are welcome to attend the next The World Ship Society — Port of New York Branch meeting being held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, at the Noble Maritime Collection.

There will be a presentation by John Moyer, who was granted the rights to the wreckage of the *Andrea Doria* in 1993, followed by a tour of Noble Maritime's current exhibit on the ship.



“Andrea Doria — Rescue at Sea” uses video, still images and historical artifacts to document the rescue operations that took place in 1956 following the legendary ship's collision with the *Stockholm*, while Moyer's presentation will focus on over 60 years of diving the wreckage with photographs and newly captured video. In the ruling awarding the ship's rights to Moyer, the judge stated that his “research and archeological documentation of his effort indicate a respect for the *Andrea Doria* as something more than just a commercial salvage project.”

The Noble Maritime Collection is located at historic Sailors' Snug Harbor, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Building D, in Staten Island, NY. Those who are unable to attend in person can view the presentation remotely via Zoom. [Click here to sign up.](#)

For more information, visit www.worldshipny.com.

Holiday Brunch Buffet

The SSHSA Delaware Valley Chapter will celebrate the holidays with the Philadelphia Ship Model Society on Sunday, December 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The annual event will be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club of

reduced port emissions and new workforce opportunities.

The PIDP supports efforts to meet the nation's freight transportation needs and ensure that port infrastructure can meet anticipated growth in freight volumes. The program provides planning, capital funding and project management assistance to improve port capacity and efficiency in both urban and rural areas.

"So many of the goods we all count on, from appliances to furniture to clothes, move through our nation's ports on their way to us," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg. "Using funds from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this year we're awarding record levels of funding to improve our port infrastructure, strengthen our supply chains, and help cut costs for American families."

More than 60 percent of the awards will benefit ports in historically disadvantaged communities. Additionally, more than \$150 million will focus on electrification of port equipment to reduce emissions and improve air quality, and nearly \$100 million was set aside for port projects that will advance offshore wind deployment.

The biggest single grant awarded was \$68.7 million for the North Extension Stabilization Step 1 Project in Alaska. The money will be used to reconfigure and realign the shoreline at the Port of Alaska at Anchorage. Part of a multi-year plan, the project will remove approximately 1.3 million cubic yards of material from the area and construct a shoreline barricade made of armor rock.

[Click here for a full list of projects that were funded.](#)

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Philadelphia, located along the Delaware River at 300 West Second Street in Essington, PA.

Tickets are \$32 for adults and \$15 for children. To RSVP, send a check and a list of those attending to Steve Bulova, 4631 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143. Please note that you are an SSHSA member with your reservation. All requests must be received by November 23, 2022.

For more information on the event, or to join the Delaware Valley Chapter, contact Chairman Steve Loveless at 215-495-8889 or slldvcsshsa@gmail.com.

(Photo courtesy of The Noble Maritime Collection).

Dry weather causes logjam along Mississippi River

Months of dry conditions are wreaking havoc on U.S. farmers, but maybe not in the way you are thinking. Because the latest issue isn't just getting the crops to grow, it's getting them to the market amid dangerously low water levels along the Mississippi River.

Multiple outlets have reported recently on the continuing crisis threatening a river system that serves as the main transportation route for more than a trillion pounds of freight per year.

And it's not just the farmers who are being upended, it's also the tugboat companies and pilots who steer barges toward the Gulf of Mexico and back. With

traffic along the river ground to a crawl, the cost to ship one ton of soybeans by barge nearly quadrupled, and officials say the total economic cost of the situation could reach \$20 billion.



Sadly, there is no end in sight. Despite some recent rains in the Mississippi basin, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says it expects drought conditions to worsen in the lower Mississippi Valley with dry conditions in the forecast for the southern United States.

The Army Corps of Engineers has been doing what it can to keep traffic moving. A number of vessels have been out dredging channels to nine feet to accommodate the tugs and barges, but each of those operations closes a section of the river to all traffic for 12 to 24 hours at a time. That, combined with a number of barge groundings, has made river travel wholly unpredictable.

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With that in mind, food producers are looking toward other shipping methods, like moving soybeans by rail to the Gulf Coast. However, the rail system is already close to capacity and many farmers can't make the switch that easily. The only realistic option for some is to find a way to store their crops until conditions improve.

Caption: Barges are stranded by low water at the Port of Rosedale along the Mississippi River on October 20. (Photo: Getty Images, Scott Olson)

Scientists: More studies needed on environmental effects of shipwrecks

Thousands of ships were sunk throughout the two world wars, and many of them have been long forgotten. But it turns out that they still may have an effect on our world to this very day.

A recent study published in the scientific journal *Frontiers in Marine Science* showed that an 80-year-old shipwreck from World War II is still leaking explosives and heavy metals. And it is likely far from the only ship that poses a danger, considering that an estimated 2.5 to 20.4 million tons of petroleum products present in the World War I and II shipwrecks around the world.



The project focused on the *John Mahn*, a fishing trawler that was used as a German patrol boat before it was sunk in the North Sea by British forces. More than 8 decades later, researchers are still able to detect pollutants that have leaked from the ship's hull, fuel and munitions. As a result, the marine environment on and around the ship continues to be influenced by the wreck.

Scientists hope that the results help lead to better monitoring of other wreck sites around the world. It's unfeasible to remove every ship from the water just based on the cost alone. Money aside, such an operation would be tricky because many of these vessels are considered hallowed ground where dozens, if not hundreds, of sailors died.

But while removal is nearly impossible, these ships can't be forgotten altogether. "You can't go in there and remedy the wreck," senior investigator Maarten De Rijcke told the New

York Times. “What we would like to do is to be able to advise policymakers and assess each wreck individually. It is a stoplight system.”

[Click here to read the full study.](#)

Caption: Torn deck plating on the sunken World War II ship *John Mahn*. Scientists say hazardous materials from the wreck continue to impact the surrounding environment. (Photo: VIZ)

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 18

Civil War Lecture Series: Evolution of Naval Ordnance
12:00-1:00 PM

Free to watch online; \$1 for nonmembers to attend in person

Mariners' Museum and Park
Newport News, VA

www.marinersmuseum.org

November 18-20

Annual Fall Book Sale

9:30 AM to 5 PM

Free to browse the book sale and museum store

Maine Maritime Museum
Bath, ME

www.mainemaritimemuseum.org

November 19 and 20

Eastern Shore Sea Glass and Coastal Arts Festival: Holiday Edition

10:00 AM-4:00 PM on Saturday, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM on Sunday

\$18 for adults; \$15 for senior citizens, college students and retired military members; \$6 for museum members, active military members and children ages 6-17; tickets include admission for both days

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
St. Michaels, MD

www.cbmm.org

November 30

Telling the Whole Story: Centering Diversity in Maritime Histories (Virtual Talk with Live Q&A)

10:30 AM

Free; [click here to register](#)

Mystic Seaport Museum
Mystic, CT

www.mysticseaport.org

December 4

Arrival of the Christmas Tree Ship

1:00-4:00 PM

Museum admission is free for anyone who purchases or

donates a tree; [click here for info](#)
National Museum of the Great Lakes
Toledo, OH
www.nmgl.org

December 10

Christmas in Cortez
1:00 to 4:00 PM
Free family event
Florida Maritime Museum
Cortez, FL
www.floridamaritimemuseum.org

December 11 and 18

Parade of Lights Holiday Dinner
5:00-8:00 PM
\$70 for adults; \$35 for children ages 3-12; children ages 2 and under free (dinner not included) with the purchase of an adult ticket
Maritime Museum of San Diego
San Diego, CA
www.sdmaritime.org



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