

# From Steamer to **NUCLEAR**

Steamship Historical Society of America

**2012 MEETING & CONFERENCE**

Coming May 18 - 20, 2012 • NS *Savannah* • Baltimore, Maryland

Three days of maritime events and activities you won't want to miss

**MAY 18**

**SHI**POSIUM: *Ships in Transition*

**MAY 19**

SSHSA Annual Meeting, Awards, National Maritime Day Celebration

**MAY 20**

SSHSA Business Meeting, Historic Ships of Baltimore Tours



# SHIPOSIIUM

## Highlights the 2012 SSHSA Annual Meeting

**T**HE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STEAMSHIP HISTORICAL Society of America (SSHSA), will be held May 18-20 in Baltimore, MD aboard the nuclear merchant ship NS *Savannah*. For the first time, the event will feature the SHIPOSIIUM (May 18), where representatives of endangered vessels and ship history enthusiasts will gather to network and share ideas and lessons learned in their efforts to preserve these vessels.

“NEVER HAS THE TIME BEEN MORE IMPORTANT for maritime preservationists to come together to share information,” said Matt Schulte, Executive Director of SSHSA. “So much is at stake that immediate action is necessary before it’s too late. SSHSA is coordinating this first gathering of its kind where the people involved are coming together to learn the current status of America’s endangered engine-powered vessels, to meet and network with each other face to face, and to emerge better informed as to what potential next steps can be taken to save these ships.”

The day-long SHIPOSIIUM event will consist of the following activities:

- **THE MORNING WILL FEATURE CASE STUDIES** of five endangered vessels, providing highlights of their current status and a prognosis for their future. These five offer a variety of situations and vessel types and include the SS *United States*, *Olympia*, NS *Savannah*, SS *Badger*, and *Delta Queen*.
- **NETWORKING LUNCHEON**
- **THE AFTERNOON WILL FEATURE AN OPEN DISCUSSION** where SSHSA members and ship preservationists can offer ideas and solutions for the five case studies or talk about other vessels in danger and ask for advice from the audience.
- **THE EVENING FEATURES A RECEPTION FOR SHIPOSIIUM ATTENDEES** at the Marriott Courtyard Baltimore Downtown, where earlier conversations can be continued and new networks of support can be developed.

“Who better to coordinate the discussion on ship preservation than the SSHSA” said CDR John Hamma, USN (Ret.), SSHSA President. “The SHIPOSIIUM is an open discourse, a combination of the attendees’ passions for a ship with the realistic possibility of uses for that ship. After all, the attendees aren’t competitors, they’re compatriots. They’ll leave with new ideas, solutions to common problems, a renewed fire in their belly—they’re all in the same boat; and they’ll see what others are doing and trying.”

Annual Meeting: May 18-20  
Baltimore, MD

**SHIPOSIIUM:** May 18

Location: NS *Savannah*

Attendees (limited to 100):

- SSHSA members
- Representatives from ship preservation organizations
- Leaders in maritime history
- Engine-powered ship enthusiasts

## SHIPOSIIUM CASE STUDIES



**Cruiser *Olympia***  
(Independence Seaport Museum)

- *A New Home Is Needed For This Vulnerable Spanish American War Hero*



Launched in 1892, the *Olympia* is the world’s oldest floating steel warship and the sole surviving naval ship of the Spanish-American War. *Olympia*’s last official naval mission was to carry the body of the Unknown Soldier from France to the United States in 1921. In addition to being a

National Historic Landmark, *Olympia* is also a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark, on the National Register of Historic Places, and part of the Save America's Treasures program. The Independence Seaport Museum has worked tirelessly to preserve, repair, and maintain the ship, but inspectors have concluded that the ship could decay to a point beyond saving within a few years if nothing is done. The Museum is currently working with various partners exploring options for the future of the *Olympia*.



### Luxury Passenger Liner SS *United States*

(SSUS Conservancy)

• *A Cultural Icon, The United States Faces An Uncertain Future*



**B**uilt in 1952, the SS *United States* remains the largest passenger vessel constructed in the United States and the fastest ocean liner to ever cross the North

Atlantic. The *United States* operated uninterrupted in transatlantic passenger service until 1969; since 1996 she has been docked on the Delaware River in Philadelphia. The *United States* faces an uncertain future, and no plans for her refurbishment have come to fruition. The current steward of the *United States* is committed to working to preserve the historic integrity of this unique national treasure. In 2010, the SS United States Conservancy announced that it had received a pledge from a philanthropist providing enough money to purchase the *United States* and maintain her at her current berth while funds are raised for her redevelopment. The ship is on the National Register of Historic Places.



Coming to Baltimore  
**MAY 18, 19 & 20, 2012**

**Friday, May 18, 2012 • 8AM – 4 PM**

## SHIPOSIIUM: *Ships in Transition*

The Event Ship Lovers  
Won't Want To Miss

■ If you've grown up with a love for ships and the history of iconic vessels, like *Olympia*, *SS Badger*, and *Delta Queen*, then this is the best reason ever to make a trip to Baltimore.

The Steamship Historical Society of America has put together a power-packed program of extraordinary events and activities that begin with SHIPOSIIUM being held on the nation's only civilian, nuclear-powered ship, *NS Savannah*.

SHIPOSIIUM is the nation's first ever symposium with leaders in ship preservation gathering to present their plans and activities for some of the nation's most iconic, and endangered, powered vessels.

### Presenters include:

- *Cruiser Olympia / Independence Seaport Museum*
- *SS United States / SSUS Conservancy*
- *NS Savannah / U.S. Maritime Administration*
- *SS Badger / Lake Michigan Carferry*
- *Steamboat Delta Queen / Save the Delta Queen*

### Attendees Include:

- *M/V Charles D. Gaither and Tug Baltimore / Baltimore & Chesapeake Steamboat Co.*
- *JB Ford / Great Lakes Steamship Society*
- *Lehigh Valley No. 79 / Brooklyn – Waterfront Museum & Showboat Barge*
- *U.S. Lightship Chesapeake / Baltimore Maritime Museum*
- *Mary A. Whalen / Portside New York*
- *SS Columbia / SS Columbia Project*
- *Lighthouse Tender Lilac / Lilac Preservation Project*
- *Pegasus / Tug Pegasus Project*

**Register Now • Don't Miss this Historic Event**

Attendance at SHIPOSIIUM on the *Savannah* is limited to the first 100 attendees!



### Ferry SS *Badger* (Lake Michigan Carferry)

- *Federal Laws Will Impact The Last Coal-Fired Ferry's Operation In 2012*



As the only coal-fired steamship in operation in the United States, the SS *Badger* has been in Lake Michigan service since 1953. In 2008,

the *Badger* came under fire from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because of its daily practice of dumping untreated coal ash from its boilers directly into Lake Michigan. The EPA is demanding that the *Badger* find a way to capture and safely offload ash, change the fueling configuration of the ship, or cease operations by 2012.



### Nuclear Merchant Ship NS *Savannah* (U.S. Maritime Administration)

- *Experience In Person The Challenges Ahead For This Unique Nuclear Ship, Host Of The SHIPOSUM*

In 1955, President of the United States Dwight Eisenhower proposed building a nuclear-powered merchant ship as a showcase for his "Atoms for Peace" initiative. Launched in 1959, the NS *Savannah* was in service from 1962 to 1972 as one of only four nuclear-powered cargo ships ever

built. The *Savannah* is owned by the U.S. Maritime Administration. The Maritime Administration intends to maintain the *Savannah* in protective storage for some years into the future; however, under current law and regulation the decommissioning process must be completed and the *Savannah's* operating license terminated no later than December 2031. The *Savannah* has been designated a National Historic Landmark, and the Maritime Administration has expressed interest in offering the ship for preservation once decommissioning, decontamination and radiological work is completed.



### Sternwheeler Steamboat *Delta Queen*

(Save the Delta Queen)

- *Now A Hotel, Will She Ever Be Operational Again*



The *Delta Queen*, built in 1926, is an American sternwheeler steamboat that's a U.S. National Historic Landmark. Until 2008, the *Delta Queen* operated under

a special Congressional Exemption from the 1966 Safety of Life at Sea Law. This law forbids any vessel that operates from a United States port from carrying over 50 overnight passengers if it is constructed primarily of wood. But in 2008 Congress denied further exemption for the *Delta Queen* from this law. The ship is currently owned by TAC Cruise who bought it in 2011. A group called Save the Delta Queen has been trying to purchase the ship and put it back into operation, carrying only 49 people in order to be exempt from the law.

## About the 2012 SSHSA Annual Meeting



In addition to the SHIPOSUM, the SSHSA Annual Meeting features the membership meeting,

Awards Banquet (including a reception, buffet, keynote address, and awards ceremony), business meeting, and time to explore a variety of maritime events (free to attendees), including a self-guided tour of the *Savannah*, the National Maritime Day Celebration, a visit to the Historic Ships of Baltimore, and more.

### Registration Rates

Reduced registration rates are offered until April 1, 2012. Registration for the Annual Meeting includes ShiPosium registration. A separate rate is offered for those attending only the SHIPOSUM.

### SHIPOSUM & ANNUAL ANNUAL MEETING

	Until 4/1/12	After 4/1/12
• SSHSA Member	\$125	\$145
• Non-Member	\$200	\$220
• Student Member	\$70	\$85
• Student Non-Member	\$110	\$125
• Guest*	\$50	\$75

\*Family member accompanying an SSHSA member or non-member who has paid the registration fee.

### SHIPOSUM ONLY

	Until 4/1/12	After 4/1/12
• SSHSA Member	\$35	\$55
• Non-Member	\$50	\$70
• Special "Presenter Member" Rate*	\$35	\$55

\*Individuals who are members of a SHIPOSUM presenters organization.

### Registration

For information on registering for the SHIPOSUM and the SSHSA Annual Meeting, visit [www.sshsa.org](http://www.sshsa.org), fill out the registration form, or call (401) 463-3570.

**Keynote Address** Presented by  
CDR Richard R. Paton USCGR (Ret)

## New Board of Inquiry into the Loss of *Titanic*: a Cold Case File

Uncover the ugly truth behind the *Titanic*. Be a member of a new "Board of Inquiry," hearing startling evidence originally suppressed, re-evaluated testimony from the transcripts of the American and British inquiries, navigational errors, eye witness testimony, chilling personal recollections, radiograms and photos of the events leading to one of history's worst maritime disasters. Join this investigation, led by a former Marine Inspector, Coast Guard Investigating Officer and risk management expert, to find what really happened.

### Schedule of Events

#### FRIDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

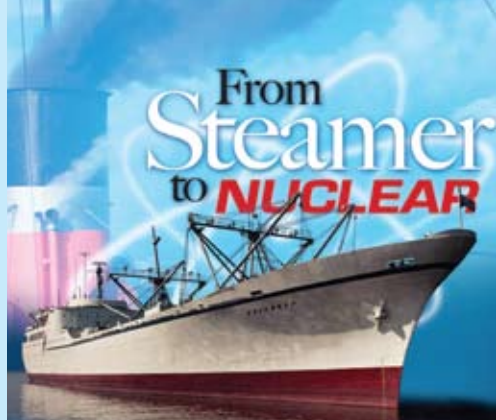
- **SHIPPOSTIUM** on the *NS Savannah*
- Registration (8:00 am)
- *Endangered Vessels Case Studies* (9:00 am)
- *Networking Lunch* (12:00 pm)
- *Open Discussion* (1:00 pm)
- *Free Time* (4:00 pm)
- *Reception at the Marriott Courtyard Downtown – cash bar* (5:00 pm)

#### SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

- Registration (8:00 am)
- *Annual Meeting on the NS Savannah* (9:00 am)
- *Self-guided Tour of the Savannah* (10:00 am)
- *National Maritime Day Celebration* (11:30 am)
- *Lunch* (12:45 pm)
- *Free Time to Enjoy Various Maritime Activities* (2:00 pm)
- *Awards Banquet at the MITAGS Conference Center*  
*Reception – cash bar* (6:00 pm)  
*Buffet/Keynote Address/  
Awards Ceremony – cash bar* (7:00 pm)

#### SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

- *SSHSA Business Meeting at the Marriott Courtyard Downtown Baltimore* (9:00 am-3:00 pm; members welcome)
- *Free Time to Enjoy Various Maritime Activities* (all day)



**REGISTER TODAY.**

CALL  
**401-463-3570**

VISIT  
**www.sshsa.org**

OR EMAIL  
**registration@sshsa.org**

**Saturday, May 19, 2012 • 8AM – 7 PM**

## SSHSA 2012 Annual Meeting

■ Mingle with fellow members, make new acquaintances, and be part of the fun at the SSHSA Annual Meeting aboard the *Savannah*.

**Shipboard activities are limited to 100 people.** Don't Miss Out — Don't Delay.

Contact SSHSA Headquarters and guarantee you have your spot reserved for this historic ship history event.

- *Learn what SSHSA is doing*
- *Tour the Savannah*
- *Celebrate the National Maritime Day Observance (bell ringing, wreath laying ceremony, water cannon display ...and more)*
- *Visit the Historic Ships of Baltimore – admission is included with your registration.*

## Reception, Keynote & Awards Banquet

■ Saturday evening you will enjoy the 2012 Awards Banquet at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute.

■ Catch up with fellow ship lovers at the SSHSA reception and immerse yourself in the role of 'investigator' with a Board of Inquiry, as keynote speaker CDR Richard Paton presents a "New Board of Inquiry into the Loss of *Titanic*: a Cold Case File."

■ Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner and join with fellow members in honoring the recipients of the 2012 SSHSA Awards, including presenting the prestigious "SSHSA Ship of the Year Awards."

**Sunday, May 20, 2012 • 9AM – 3 PM**

## SSHSA Business Meeting

■ Every SSHSA member is invited to join with SSHSA board members, committee leaders and fellow members at the Marriott Courtyard Baltimore Downtown for the 2012 Business Meeting.

**Save on Hotels!** • Please contact the hotels directly by April 17

■ Marriott Courtyard Baltimore Downtown

(4 miles from Savannah / 1 block from Inner Harbor)

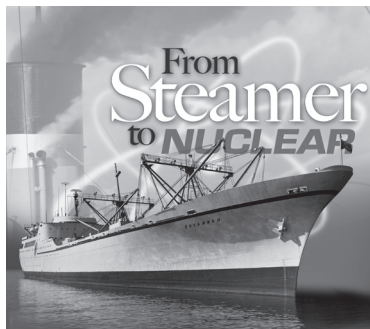
1000 Aliceanna St., Baltimore, MD 21202 • 888-236-2427 • www.marriott.com

■ Conference Center at the Maritime Institute (MITAGS)

(13 miles from Savannah / 9 miles from Inner Harbor)

692 Maritime Blvd., Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

• 866-900-3517 • www.ccmiit.org



THE STEAMSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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## Conference Registration Form

Registration for the SSHSA 2012 Steamers To Nuclear Conference will open on Monday, January 15, 2012.

There are three ways to register:

- 1. ONLINE until April 1, 2012.** The link to the online registration system for the SSHSA 2012 Conference will be posted on the SSHSA website homepage ([www.sshsa.org](http://www.sshsa.org)) as of January 15, 2012.
- 2. FAX your completed registration form** with your credit card payment information to SSHSA at +(401) 463-3572 until April 15, 2012.
- 3. MAIL your completed registration form** with your payment by April 15, 2012 to: Steamship Historical Society of America, 30-C Kenney Drive, Cranston, RI 02920.

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE completing this form**, please contact the SSHSA Headquarters staff at +(401) 463-3570 or [registration@SSHSA.org](mailto:registration@SSHSA.org).

### Discounts For Advance Registration

**The advance registration period** runs from January 15, 2012 to April 1, 2012. After April 1, advance registration rates increase to regular registration rates. After April 15 all registration must be done onsite at the conference. See other side for registration categories and fee schedules.

## Full Registration

CHECK ONE:  Attending SHIPOSIIUM ONLY  Attending the SHIPOSIIUM AND Annual Meeting

Full Name (as to appear on badge)

Suffix

First Name (as to appear on badge)

Firm / Affiliation (as to appear on badge)

Address

City

State/Province

Zip Code

Country (if other than U.S.)

Postal Code

Phone

E-Mail

## Guest Registration

Full Name (as to appear on badge)

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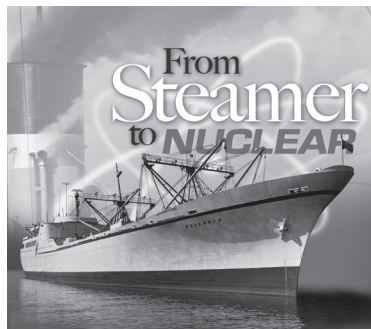
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[Calculate Fees and Include Payment on Reverse >](#)



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## Registration Categories and Fees

**FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** includes admission to all events & activities: ShiPosium Endangered Vessels Case Studies, Lunch, ShiPosium Open Discussion, SHIPOSITIUM Reception at Marriott.

Saturday SSHSA Annual Meeting & Lunch, Member Reception at Marriott Hotel, Pre-Awards Banquet Cocktail Hour, Keynote Speaker and the Awards Ceremony and Sunday Business Meeting, Morning Welcome, Business and Board of Directors Meeting; Admission to Historic Ships of Baltimore.

Tours, other than self-guided tour of the *Savannah* are priced separately and are not included in the Full Conference registration price.

**TO QUALIFY** For the member registration rate, you must be a 2012 SSHSA member.

**STUDENTS** must provide proof of current student status (copy of student ID) with their registration to receive the student rate.

**GUEST REGISTRATION** for a family member, includes admission to the Friday ShiPosium, Friday evening Reception at Marriott Courtyard Downtown; Saturday Annual Meeting on *Savannah*, Lunch, Awards Banquet at MITAGS Conference Center, Reception and Buffet, Keynote and Awards Ceremony; Sunday Business Meeting at Marriott Courtyard Downtown.

**SHIPOSITIUM ONLY REGISTRATION** includes admission to all SHIPOSITIUM events & activities on Friday, May 18: SHIPOSITIUM Endangered Vessels Case Studies, Lunch, SHIPOSITIUM Open Discussion, SHIPOSITIUM Reception at Marriott.

## Full Conference Registration Fees

Includes All scheduled activities on Friday, Saturday & Sunday: ShiPosium, Member Meeting & Business Meeting

	Until 4/1/12	After 4/1/12
SSHSA Member .....	\$125 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$145 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Guest* .....	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$75 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGISTRATION TOTAL</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____

\* Guest rate applies only to a family member accompanying an SSHSA Member or Non-Member who has paid the registration fee.

## SHIPOSITIUM Only Registration Fees

Includes ShiPosium on Friday

	Until 4/1/12	After 4/1/12
SSHSA Member .....	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$55 <input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Member .....	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$70 <input type="checkbox"/>
Presenter Guest* .....	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$55 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGISTRATION TOTAL</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____

\* Guest rate applies only to members of a ShiPosium presenters organization.

**Method of Payment:**  Check enclosed  Visa  Mastercard  Discover

Registrations will not be processed without full payment.

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorizing Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Specially Priced Hotel Deals

SSHSA has arranged for special discounted rates at these hotels. **Please contact the hotels directly to make reservations by April 17.**

Marriott Courtyard Baltimore Downtown (\$159)  
1000 Aliceanna St.,  
Baltimore, MD 21202

888-236-2427 [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

- 4 miles from Savannah
- 1 block from Inner Harbor

Conference Center at the Maritime Institute (MITAGS) (\$119)

692 Maritime Blvd.,  
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090  
866-900-3517 [www.cmiil.org](http://www.cmiil.org)

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SSHSA  
30-C Kenney Drive,  
Cranston, RI 02920.