

SSHSA Awards 2016

Ship of the Year - USCGC INGHAM

A proud veteran of two wars and the Cuban Mariel Boat Lift, the Ingham now serves as a floating National Historic Landmark and National Memorial to Coast Guardsmen who lost their lives in World War II and Vietnam.

Built at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, she served from 1936 to 1988 in a variety of situations, including the Atlantic (31 Convoys), Mediterranean and Pacific Theaters in World War II. She is the last U.S. warship afloat today to have sunk a Nazi U-Boat (U-626), and she served as the Flagship when General MacArthur re-captured the Philippine Island of Corregidor in 1945. She also served as a Flagship for Admiral Arthur Struble in the Leyte Gulf amphibious landings. At war's end, she served as Flagship for the South China Naval Forces under RADM Elliot Buckmaster in China, Formosa and Vietnam.

The Ingham remains the only cutter to ever be awarded two Presidential Unit Citations for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after December 7, 1941, for duty in Vietnam that included 92 gunfire support missions and two major operations, "Swift Raider" and "Sea Lords."

After the ship was decommissioned, she was donated to the Patriots Point Maritime Museum in Charleston, South Carolina, as a museum ship. She was transferred to Key West, Florida, in 2009 to be the centerpiece of the USCGC Ingham Memorial Museum on the former U.S. Navy Base at Truman Waterfront.

Tug of the Year - HERCULES

The Hercules was built in 1907 at one of the East Coast's foremost tug builders, John H. Dialogue and Son, and represented the apex of ocean-going tugs at the turn of the 19th century. Lovingly restored to pristine operational steaming condition by her dedicated crew of volunteers and full-time staff, the Hercules provides a crucial link to the tug technology of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She also represents an important connection to the economic and cultural development of the West Coast of the United States, something she played a major part in during her voyages from San Francisco to ports as far away as Alaska, Panama and Hawaii.

Today, the Hercules stands as a testament to her past and the West Coast Maritime community as a whole, and she will continue do so for generations to come, due to the extraordinary efforts of her inspirational and talented crew, the United States Park Service and the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Samuel Ward Stanton Award for Lifetime Achievement - H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest and Marguerite Brooks Lenfest

While typically honoring only one person annually, we recognize the important role that both Mr. and Mrs. Lenfest have played together throughout their lives as husband and wife, in business and philanthropically. Together, they exemplify all that SSHSA stands for: wisdom, a steady hand on the wheel, humor, poise, success, perseverance, leadership, trust and vision. With the admiration, dedication and support of family and friends, the Lenfests have lived the American dream and accomplished more than most. They serve as an inspiration and example to all. Through their work as stewards of the Ocean Project; marina and boatyard owners; patrons of education, history and the arts; and benefactors of maritime causes, they have created a lifetime of opportunities for current and future generations that are far too numerous to list.

Jay Allen Award for Distinguished Editorial Service - CAPT William Frappier

CAPT William Frappier passed away in 2015, but we are pleased to recognize his legacy by honoring his for distinguished editorial service and writing in Steamboat Bill and PowerShips. This is

a relatively new award category for those souls sharing a kinship with our publication's founder Joseph "Jay" Allen. As an instigator of the Steamboat Bill of Facts on American Steamboats and Related Subjects with C. Bradford Mitchell, Jay Allen also was the voice of the earliest Heard on the Fantail features in our magazine. Our only regret is that we did not have the opportunity to present this to CAPT Frappier himself.

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Ship of the Year - BERKELEY

Built in 1898 on the slipway next to the battleship Wisconsin in the Union Iron Works Yard, the triple-expansion steam-powered Berkeley operated on San Francisco Bay between Oakland Pier and the San Francisco Ferry Building for 60 years. Berkeley was one of the last two remaining ferryboats on San Francisco Bay, surviving 20 years beyond the building of the San Francisco Bay Bridge. She was the first successful propeller driven ferry on the Pacific. The vessel was taken out of service in the spring of 1958 and fell into disrepair before being restored in the 1970s. She was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1990 and now serves as a centerpiece of the fleet of historic ships at the Maritime Museum of San Diego.

Tugboat of the Year - HOGA

USS Hoga (YT-146) was commissioned into the United States Navy in May 1941 and was assigned to the Naval Station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Today, she is a survivor of the December, 7, 1941 attack on the Naval Forces in Hawaii. Hoga distinguished herself through her crew's actions in helping beach the burning and sinking battleship USS Nevada, which was in danger of sinking and blocking the harbor entrance/exit. Hoga fought fires on Battleship Row for 72 continuous hours, particularly working on the blazing hull of USS Arizona. Due to their heroic efforts, the crew of Hoga was commended by Admiral Chester A. Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet.

In 1948, Hoga was transferred on loan to the Port of Oakland for use as a fireboat. The re-christened Port of Oakland (later changed to City of Oakland) entered service in July 1948. In her 40 year career as an Oakland fireboat, the vessel fought countless shipboard fires, attacked waterfront blazes, and rescued persons in the water. The tug served as a tour boat for President Jimmy Carter during a tour of the port on July 3, 1980. Hoga received National Landmark Status on June 30, 1989, and ultimately retired from the Port of Oakland in 1996. On July 28, 2005, the U.S. Navy officially transferred Hoga to the City of North Little Rock, where she is destined to be a permanent exhibit at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum.

H. Graham Wood Award for Distinguished Service to SSHSA - William M. Worden

Since joining SSHSA in 1958, William Worden has been an active member, operating as the Editor-in-Chief for Steamboat Bill from the Spring 1996 to Winter 2000 issues, is the author of many articles and books relating to maritime heritage, and was the writer of the column, "Keeping Up Steam," from the Winter 1991 through the Fall 2009 issues of Steamboat Bill.

Bill's interests range from historical preservation to maritime history to music, and he has been active in all of those fields. A graduate of Ohio State University with a major in art history, he comes from a maritime family; his grandfather, great-uncle, father, and brother all worked on the water. Bill has served aboard Erie Queen, Walter A. Sterling, South American, and a number of tugs of the Gaelic Tugboat Company. Prior to his retirement, he served as Director of Historic Designation for the Detroit City Council since 1977. He has been active in early efforts to save the Bob-Lo Island steamer, SSColumbia, and is a member of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit and the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society.

C. Bradford Mitchell Award - National Museum of the Great Lakes

Owned and operated by The Great Lakes Historical Society, the National Museum of the Great Lakes opened in Toledo, Ohio, in April 2014. The National Museum of the Great Lakes' mission is to preserve and make known the history of the Great Lakes. This mission is achieved by operating the museum and the Col. James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ship, by publishing the award winning quarterly journal *Inland Seas* since 1945, by conducting nautical archaeology research through our Peachman Lake Erie Shipwreck Research Center, through maintaining the Clarence S. Metcalf Great Lakes Maritime Research Library in Vermilion, Ohio, and by offering educational programs to both children and adults.

Samuel Ward Stanton Award for Lifetime Achievement - Peter Knego

Peter Knego has spent 30 years in research, analysis, and documentation of modern and classic passenger liners. He has added considerably to the available historical knowledge of the ocean liner by focusing attention on interior decorations of the passenger ship. Through still and video photography, Peter has catalogued the shipboard works of artisans, including sculptures, painters, furniture makers, artists and interior designers. Peter has personally recovered and documented hundreds of artifacts in his visits to Turkey, India, and other sites of ship breaking. Peter is also a well-known cruise and maritime writer and contributes to numerous consumer and industry publications around the world as well as helming two popular blogs, "Sea Treks" and "Decked!"