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President's Column

Significant SSHSA Events of 2013

A very successful ShiPosium II was held aboard the RMS *Queen Mary* in Long Beach in May. Black Ball Ferry Line's MV *Coho* was named as SSHSA's Ship of the Year. In addition to presentations on historical vessels that are, may be, or have escaped imminent danger of being lost, ShiPosia include social and fun events such as receptions and visits to museums and other local attractions, and include the Society's Annual Meeting. Look for a full recap of the 2013 awards in the Winter issue of *PowerShips* coming in mid-January. ShiPosium III is scheduled

Happy Holidays

from your friends at SSHSA

Please be good, for goodness sake!

for Newport, Rhode Island, from May 15-18, 2014. The theme will be "Above and Below the Waterline." Look for additional information in the coming issue of *PowerShips* and online at www.sshsa.org. Save the date!

The process of inventorying our extensive collection has seen significant progress during 2013. The move to larger headquarters at the end of 2011 permitted us to assemble essentially our entire collection under one roof for the first time in recent history. With the help of several dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers from the Providence area, we have made great strides in sorting, inventorying, and verifying prior inventories of the collection, which includes 1 million or more ship images, plans, brochures, post cards, models, company histories, and different artifacts from engine-powered vessels.

The search for permanent quarters has commenced with the 2013 Annual Appeal. While the current, temporary headquarters has been very satisfactory for our current needs, the building is not ideal for the long term, in terms of either the location, space, or the structure itself. It is vital, going forward, that SSHSA has a suitable facility to house, maintain, display, and make available for researchers the significant collection of which we are the guardians. A permanent home will allow us to move forward in properly fulfilling our mission – that of recording, preserving and disseminating the history of engine-powered vessels. This is a vital element of our Goals and Objectives in the coming years, and we are asking for support from all our members in this endeavor.

I wish everyone the happiest holiday season and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

As you are making a list of things to accomplish through the holidays – and checking it twice – be sure to remember your end of year donation to SSHSA. 100% tax deductible contributions help us to keep up the work we do to produce *PowerShips*, organize the collections, and add to the Image Porthole and Virtual Museum.

As we announced our search for a permanent home this year, we received many notes of support in addition to generous support dollars. We are grateful that you recognize the importance of securing our own facility to re-open our library, properly house our collections, and welcome our members to conduct research or explore their favorite ships in photos, brochures, plans, or travel posters.

Our annual appeal is not over yet!. If you have not yet made your Annual Fund contribution, please do so today by [clicking here](#) or mailing in your contribution to our office at 30C Kenney Drive, Cranston, RI 02920. You may also contact us by phone at (401) 463-3570.

We will keep you posted on our progress on the search and organizing the collections, and thank you for making your end of year contribution!

[Click here to donate today!](#)

Membership Renewals

Do you still need to renew your membership for 2014? You're in luck! You can renew right now using our online renewal form by [clicking here](#). It's convenient, easy, and secure, and best of all you save a stamp and don't have to take a trip to the mailbox!

Renewing now will ensure we have time to process your membership in a timely manner and, you won't miss any issues of *PowerShips*!

Thank you for renewing your membership and joining us again in 2014!

Holiday Cheer and Beyond...

Captains' Circle members and SSHSA donors near our Headquarters in Cranston gathered last weekend to ring in the holiday season. The beautiful Warwick Country Club was the backdrop for a holiday party with festive members and excellent food and drink.

A small silent auction raised funds for the annual appeal. Items included a rare Bill Muller print of the Fall River

John Hamma
President

Coming up in *PowerShips*

Don't miss the next issue of *PowerShips*, coming in January! [Renew your membership](#) to ensure continued front-door service of your favorite magazine.

Next up in the Winter 2014 issue:

- Remembering the *America* of 1940
- American Tank Ships
- *SS Nomadic*
- and more.

Don't miss out!

New Members

Welcome aboard to SSHSA!

Mr. Harold Allen
Mr. Paul K. Ament-Gjenvick
Mr. Roger A. Angelo
Mr. Brian R. Atkinson
Mr. Robert Bellan
Mr. David Bohn
Mr. George Booth
Mr. Warren Bowhall
Mr. Robert A. Bucher
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Mr. Gerald Carbiener
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Mr. John D. Comer
Mr. J. Roy Conn
Mr. David Cooper
Mr. Michael Costello
Mr. John Crosthwaite
Mr. Edward J. Dankievitch
Mr. Hamish Davey
Mr. Charles David
Mr. Henry De Jong
Mr. Michael Dugan
Mr. Thomas Erwin
Mr. John Fisher
Mr. David Foss

Liner *Priscilla*, and donations from SSHSA member Wendy Pagenstecher and Image Porthole developers, The Digital Ark.

As SSHSA visits members around the country we will host more opportunities to get members together. Watch your mail for events near you!

Next Stop: Houston, Texas on January 31, for a presentation by Andrew Hall, author, historian and marine archeologist. In *The Galveston-Houston Packet*, Hall explores the growth of steamboat commerce on the Buffalo Bayou, the seventy mile water route between those two cities, and the development of that route into one of the most important maritime passages in the world.

ShiPosium 2014

Visit Newport and stay at the home of one of SSHSA's founders.

Join us in Newport, Rhode Island in May 2014! SSHSA will host ShiPosium III and the 2014 Annual Conference from May 15-18, 2014. The ShiPosium will take place at the Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina, right in the heart of downtown Newport.

Members will also have the unique opportunity to stay at the Sanford-Covell Villa Marina, now a bed and breakfast and the former home of one of SSHSA's founders, William King Covell. [Click here](#) to visit their website, where you can also watch a short video tour of the bed and breakfast.

Conference activities are currently being planned and include a cocktail party aboard the classic motor yacht *Rum Runner II*, originally built in 1929 for two mobsters trying to evade authorities during the height of Prohibition.

Our Annual Banquet will also feature Keynote Speaker Dennis Hale, whose new book *Shipwrecked: Reflections of the Sole Survivor*, tells the harrowing story of his experience as the lone survivor of the sinking of the *Daniel J. Morrell* on Lake Huron. *Shipwrecked* is currently for sale through SSHSA's Ship Store and other book outlets.

Newport boasts a tremendous number of activities for visitor both maritime related and non-maritime. Plus the close proximity of Newport to other attractions, such as in Boston and throughout southern New England make it a great home base for a longer visit to the area.

Mr. Ray Fraley
Mr. Allan Franke
The Hon. Allan Fung
Mr. Robert L. Garland
Mr. John Geffroy
Mr. James Gibson
Mr. Juan A. Gonzalez
Mr. James F. Greenwald
Mr. Fred Hails
Mr. Ronald Hapeman
Capt. Joe Hartnett
Mr. Jim Hoffman
Mr. Robert L. Joynt
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Mr. Jeffrey Kennel
Mr. Gene Lastner
Mr. Charles Lemmen
Mr. Donald Leonard
Mr. Donald D. Lorenzini
Dr. Charles Lozar
Mackinac Island Public Library
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Mr. Alfred Marotta
Mr. John Marty
Mr. Michael Matulewicz
Mr. Russell A. McLean
Ms. Ellen Mestinick
Mr. Craig Meyers
Mr. Wayne Miedwig
Mr. Terry Moorby
Nori Muster
Mr. Steve White
Mr. William Naftel
Mr. Lonnie Ottzen
Mr. Garry Pace
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Mr. Jeffrey Rutherford
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Mr. John A. Schulte
Mr. John Schultz
Mr. Mark Shafer
Mr. Eric S. Sherreitt
Mr. Peter Sorlien

Newport attractions include:

- International Yacht Restoration School
- Museum of Yachting
- Naval War College
- Fort Adams
- Bowen's and Banister's Wharves
- *Rum Runner II*
- Newport Mansions and historic Bellevue Avenue
- Cliff Walk
- International Tennis Hall of Fame
- Plus, tons of other attractions, restaurants, and shopping

Other attractions in New England within an approximate one-hour driving distance from Newport include (but are of course, not limited to):

- Herreshoff Marine Museum
- Quonset Air Museum
- New England Wireless and Steam Museum
- Historic Boston, Massachusetts
- USS Constitution Museum
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- Mystic Seaport - The Museum of America and the Sea
- Mystic Aquarium

The conference schedule for the weekend is currently in the works, but we encourage you to start planning your visit to Rhode Island and contact us at info@sshhsa.org if you have any questions or comments!

Looking for a Last Minute Holiday Gift? Give the gift of *PowerShips*!

Do you have a friend or family member you think would like *PowerShips* magazine and membership in SSHSA? This is the perfect time of year to treat them to a year of membership and a subscription to *PowerShips*.

Contact us at (401) 463-3570 to purchase a gift membership today! Please purchase your gift by Tuesday, December 17th for delivery by Christmas Eve.

Thank you!

SSHSA Member Ship History

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Mr. Michael B. Stevens
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Mr. Steve Tepperman
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Mr. Mark Warren
Mr. James V. White
Mr. Phillip Wiley
Capt. Dave Williams
Mr. Kaye Williams
Mr. Joseph R. Wyatt

Captains' Circle

A big Thank You to our Captains' Circle members for their membership and support!

Commodore (\$500)

Mr. Charles T. Andrews
Mr. Preston B. Baker
Mr. Robert C. Cleasby
Mr. Donald W. Eberle
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Ferguson
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Mr. Thomas C. Ragan
Mr. William A. Schell
Mrs. Grace P. Shackelford
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Shuttleworth
Mr. Douglas A. Tilden
Mr. Greg Trauthwein

Commander (\$300)

Mr. James Brandmueller
Mr. William W. Donnell

Publications

Several of SSHSA's members and supporters have recently published individual books. Here is a sampling:

- *Across the Pacific Ocean with Paddle Steamship China*, by Dr. Hillary Don.
- *Great White Fleet: Celebrating Canada Steamship Lines Passenger Ships*, by Mr. John Henry
- *Shipwrecked: Reflections of the Sole Survivor*, an autobiography by Dennis Hale.

We are carrying Mr. Hale's book in our Ship Store. To order, or to learn how to order any of the above three books, please email info@sshhsa.org or call (401) 463-3570.

Recent Donations to SSHSA

Thank you to the following people who have donated various items to SSHSA to help us fulfill our mission:

- Nick Langhart: Books for the SSHSA book sale
- Julianne Wall Mooney: Bridge log book from the *SS Constitution* and two brass ship plates
- Robert Lewis: Black and white photo of the *African Planet*
- Captain Dave Pickering: Three filing cabinets, office furniture, and a palette jack
- Bob Cleasby: Filing cabinet
- Len Caiger: Two original *Steamboat Bills*, Nos. 11 and 14
- Erik Ryan: office desk on loan
- Bill Muller: original prints *Queen Mary*, *Aquitania*, and *Priscilla*

Chapter News

Golden Gate Chapter

The Golden Gate Chapter recently took a field trip to Redmond, California where they visited the WWII Victory ship *Red Oak Victory*. [Click here](#) to read about their visit!

Southern California Chapter

The SoCal Chapter has some big changes coming in 2014. Biggest of all, they will have a new President. Bruce Vancil is stepping down after more than 10 years in a leadership role due to family member's health issues, but will remain in an advisory capacity. Members are voting now with results due to be announced in January. Bill Keene will become Production Editor for the "Ocean Times" and has already floated some designs that respect the "Ocean Times" traditions while giving it a fresh and exciting new appearance.

Mr. Clive Dudley, D.D.
Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards
Capt. Warren McDonald, USCGR,
(Ret.)
CDR Richard R. Paton, USCG (Ret.)
Mr. Roy C. Rose
Mr. William M. Rosen
Mr. Stephen Smith
Mr. Stephen Snodgrass Capt. and
Mrs. Terry Tilton, USN (Ret.)
Capt. Joseph H. Wubbold III

Mariner (\$200)

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Mr. Richard O'Connell
Mr. Kevin F. O'Donnell

Meeting programs in the past year have often provided a double-feature with two presentations at each meeting. Members who travel from some distance have commented that they like it when we have more for them to see since they made the trip and are there for the day. Our board and program committee couldn't agree more! Meetings continue to be held aboard the *Queen Mary* in the Caronia Room (former 3rd class cinema, "B" Deck Fwd. Port side) at 1:00 pm on the first Saturday of February, May, August and November. Guests are welcome, bring a friend. Join us if you can. Individual members dues are \$15 per calendar year, family membership is \$20 per year. Email for details to steamer@pacbell.net.

Delaware Valley Chapter

Next Meeting: December 15, 2013 at 2:00-4:00 pm

Location: Champps Americana, 2100 S. Christopher Columbus Boulevard (across from the SS United States along the Philly waterfront. Free parking.

Meeting Information: Several Delaware Valley Chapter members will present small segments of their choosing.

- Dave Boone and Dave Kavanagh: A sampling of photographs of shipping on the Delaware River (1950s to the 2000s) from the Arthur Cooley Collection which they recently acquired.

- Tee Adams: A video he shot and edited of several cruise ships sailing from New York on October 24, 2011.

- Steve Loveless: A display of recently acquired Cunard Line items; probably a short Cunard Line slide presentation as well.

- Leslie Watson: presentation of items from the Camden Shipyard and Maritime Museum collection.

Calendar:

Fourth Annual Seaport Parade of Lights - Saturday, December 14,
2013 Chapter Christmas Party at Champps - Sunday, December 15, 2013
Chapter Meeting at Champps - Sunday, January 19, 2014

Mr. Oscar J. Olson, Jr.
Mr. John N. Park Jr.
Capt. Dave Pickering
Mr. Richard Potter
Mr. David L. Powers, Jr.
Mr. George Prince
Mr. Richard Rabbett
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