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President's Column

Hercules named 2016 Tug of the Year

Oscar season is right around the corner for Hollywood, so it's only appropriate that the Golden State play host as the Steamship Historical Society of America announced the first of our annual awards this month.

More than 30 people joined us in San Francisco on Tuesday, December 6, as we recognized the 1907 steam tug *Hercules* as SSHSA's 2016 Tug of the Year. The 109-year-old ship's power plant has been restored to operational steaming condition by a dedicated group of staff and volunteers at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, and now stands as an excellent example of oceangoing tug technology at the turn of the 19th century for all to see.

SSHSA Board Members Captain Eric Takakjian and Jim Shuttleworth were on hand to present the award, along with Golden Gate Chapter Chairman Norman Freitag. Built by one of the East Coast's foremost tug builders, John H. Dialogue and Son, the *Hercules* spent more than 50 years towing barges, sailing ships and log rafts up and down the West Coast. She was an important connection to the economic and cultural development of the area through her voyages from San Francisco to ports as far away as Alaska, Panama and Hawaii.

The *Hercules* can be seen year-round at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. Admission is \$10 and also includes access to the 1886 *Balclutha*, the 1895 *C.A. Thayer*, the 1890 *Eureka*, and the 1890 *Bay Ark*. For more information, see <https://www.nps.gov/safr/index.htm>,

And keep an eye on your email and our social media channels for more information on the Annual Awards, as we plan to announce the rest of the winners soon, including the 2016 Ship of the Year. [Click here to read about our past honorees](#)

"Mr. Ocean Liner" to highlight SSHSA fundraiser

Dear SSHSA Friends,

With the holiday season upon us, I find myself looking back on the last 12 months and smiling. This has been a monumental year for SSHSA – our first full year open to the public, our first federal grant, our first ocean liner dinner fundraiser, expanded staff and volunteers, an enthusiastic board of directors – and I know that there are even better things waiting for us in 2017. Thanks to our members for your support and contributions to help make all of this happen. Whether you were able to attend our dinner, made a contribution to the Annual Fund or simply remained a loyal *PowerShips* reader, we could not have done this without each and every one of you!

Telling the story of America's maritime heritage is a large part of what SSHSA is all about, but it's not the only story we want to tell. As the organization continues to grow, we want to hear from you. Whether you've won an award, helped renovate a classic vessel or want to recognize a group that is working to preserve ship history, email blucier@sshhsa.org and let us know. We'll set aside

With winter starting to take hold over much of the country, wouldn't it be nice to have something to look forward to in the spring? Come join us in Rhode Island on Saturday, April 8, 2017, as we get together to pay tribute to the *Titanic* at our second annual Ocean Liner Dinner to benefit the SSHSA Ship History Center.

"Mr. Ocean Liner" Bill Miller will be our guest of honor for the evening, recalling some of the great Atlantic liners that crossed the ocean like floating palaces. Whether it was the suites and salons, the race for speed, the lavish interiors or the soldiers on board during wartime, there are thousands of stories that can be told about these mechanical marvels of their time.

Miller is an international authority on the subject of ocean liners and cruise ships, writing nearly 100 books on the subject from early steamers and immigrant ships to liners at war. He has written specific histories of such celebrated passenger ships as the *United States*, *Queen Mary*, *Rotterdam*, *France*. and the *Queen Elizabeth 2*.

The event will be held at the Casino at Roger Williams Park in Providence, Rhode Island. Built in 1896, the building harkens back to the time of *Titanic*, with hand-finished wood panels, Ionic columns, semi circular porticos and railings with turned balusters in the Colonial Revival architectural style of the late 19th century.

This is one event that you don't want to miss. Tickets are available right now for \$150 each or \$250 per couple. To reserve a spot, or for more information about available sponsorships, call 401-463-3570 or email blucier@sshhsa.org. Rooms are available at the Radisson in Warwick by calling hotel sales manager Cheryl LaBanca at 401-598-2119. Plan to arrive on Friday, April 7, 2017, and depart on Sunday, April 9, 2017.

This is a great chance to meet some of your fellow members and support our mission to share the history and maritime heritage of powerful ships, legendary passengers, and hardworking crews. We hope to see you there!

some space in each newsletter to help get the word out about all of the great things that our SSHSA members are doing.

Thanks again for all of your support in 2016, and on behalf of the board of directors, staff and volunteers, I wish you all a splendid holiday season and a happy, healthy new year.

Sincerely,
Mary L. Payne, President

Still Time To Renew Your Membership

Winter starts next week, which means there is a new issue of *PowerShips* less than a month away. Check your membership status today and make sure you don't get left at the dock!

You can join or renew instantly by calling us at (401) 463-3570 or online by [clicking here](#). We look forward to welcoming you back on board.

See Photos, Stories, and More on Social Media

Click on the logos below to access our social media websites. These websites are updated daily, and share history, current events, and information on what's happening in SSHSA's new headquarters.

Members in the Spotlight

We were happy to see several of our longtime members in the news in the last month, offering their takes on some significant events in steamship history and working on the front lines of the country's first offshore wind farm.

Michigan's Bill Worden was interviewed by WXYZ television in Detroit about an effort to retrieve the anchor of the SS *Greater Detroit*. Designed by Frank Kirby and built in 1920 for an estimated \$3 million, the ship was one of the largest sidewheel steamers ever constructed. She carried passengers on the Great Lakes for nearly 30 years until the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company suspended the service in the early 1950s, and the ship was later burned on Lake St. Clair in December 1956.

Worden, winner of SSHSA's 2015 H. Graham Wood Award for Distinguished Service to SSHSA, gave some perspective as crews working with the Great Lakes Maritime Institute were able to successfully raise one of the last remaining artifacts of the *Greater Detroit*, the ship's 6,000 pound anchor. [Click here to see the entire story from WXYZ.](#)

Arthur S. "Archie" Clarke III of Rhode Island was also recognized in the press for his work to restore the wheelhouse of the *Hammonton*, a coal-driven ferry that operated between Camden, N.J., and Philadelphia from 1906 to 1930 and in Rhode Island from 1930 to 1958.

As part of the Hammonton, N.J., sesquicentennial this year, the Hammonton Gazette newspaper has been trying to find different pieces of memorabilia with the town's name on it, the biggest of which might be the wheelhouse that sits in Clarke's backyard in Jamestown, R.I. He purchased it in 1974 when he was just 25 years old and has preserved it ever since. [Click here to read about the ship's career and the remarkable story of how it was ultimately protected.](#)

"Like" SSHSA on Facebook to read about current and historical maritime events and updates on SSHSA's new headquarters.

"Follow" SSHSA on Twitter and receive tweets on historical and current maritime events.

"Add" SSHSA as a friend on Instagram to view pictures of new finds in the archives and images of SSHSA staff and volunteers at events and conferences.

"Follow" SSHSA on Tumblr to view maritime-related posts, ship images, and latest archive finds.

"Favorite" SSHSA on Flickr to view images of conferences, events, and meetings, and scans of images from SSHSA's photo archives.

Although the wheelhouse is not a public museum, Clarke is always happy to show it off to those who contact him in advance through the Jamestown Historical Society.

Finally, Captain Jordan Ryan and Blount Boats are featured in the current issue of *American Ship Review*. The magazine tells the story of the *Atlantic Pioneer*, a unique, purpose-built crew transfer vessel that aided in the construction of the first offshore windfarm off Block Island, Rhode Island. Both the Blount and Ryan families have played important roles in the maritime industry and within SSHSA. [Click here to read the article.](#)

We hope to make "Members in the Spotlight" a regular segment of our newsletters, so please feel free to send your stories along to blucier@sshsa.org.

Wrap up some ship history for the holidays

We want to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped out by making a purchase during our year-end book sale. To date, we've sold nearly 100 books in person and online, and raised more than \$1,100 to support the Ship History Center. These dollars are crucial as we work to expand our hours and our programs here at our one-of-a-kind library, archive and museum in Rhode Island.

If you haven't had a chance to jump in yet, there's still time to find the perfect gift for the history lover in your family and help out a truly worthy cause. **There are nearly 700 titles available ranging from ocean liners and Navy vessels to shipwreck tales.**

[Click here to see a list of books for sale](#) and email blucier@sshsa.org or call 401-463-3570 to get your orders in now! We will make every effort to find just what you need and get it to you in time for your next holiday party.

Eight Bells: Fred Jaggi

Sadly, we note the passing this fall of Fred Jaggi, an SSHSA member and true steam enthusiast. For those of you who didn't know him, Fred was the president of the New England Wireless and Steam Museum in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

New SSHSA Members

Welcome aboard!

Ms. Cyndy Allman
Mr. Steve Baron
Barrett Paradise Friendly
Library
Mr. Douglas Blount
Mr. Larry Broadbent
Mr. John Brown
CAPT Lou Burns
Mr. Sy Craimer
Mr. Bruce Crawford
Mr. Denver Davis Jr.
Mr. Chris Dement
Mr. Roger DePalma
Mr. Cecil Doughty
Mr. Joseph Durso
Mr. George E. Galeota
Mr. Bill Garcia
Mr. John Garfield
Mr. Tom Gemmill
Mr. Eric Gladbach
Mr. Ronald Gomez
Mr. Walter Grey
Mr. Gary Halvorsen
Mr. Johannes Hoeck
Mr. Karl Jaffary
Mr. Robert Jeffrey
Mr. Robert A. Johnson
Mr. Erhard W. Koehler
Mr. Robert Lewis
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Mr. Max McKee
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Mr. Michael Reck
Mr. David Robinson
Ms. Jessica Russo
CAPT Jordan Ryan
Mr. Robert Ryder
Mr. Irwin Schuster

The museum is an electrical and mechanical engineering museum emphasizing the beginnings of radio and steam power. Exhibits include early radio, telegraph and television equipment; stationary steam, hot air, gas and oil engines; and the world's oldest radio transmitting station with working equipment.

Although a member for only three years, Fred was always interested in ways that the two groups could collaborate, and even donated a group of tickets to the museum's biggest annual event, the Yankee Steam-Up, for SSHSA to auction at our own Ocean Liner Dinner in May.

Fred studied chemistry at Brown University and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering. Fred had a long and illustrious career in the petrochemical and energy industries, completing projects all over the world and lived in England, France and Holland.

In addition to the Wireless and Steam Museum, he was a member of the MIT alumni association, the New England Model Engineering Society, Waushakum Live Steamers, and the North American Sundial Society, and often took joy in hand crafting complex scientific equipment including miniature steam engines. He will be missed.

Support SSHSA before 2016 comes to a close

Time is running out to contribute to our year-end appeal! Returns have been steady so far, but we can always use more help. If you are planning any additional giving before the end of 2016, please consider a gift to SSHSA. It really is true that each dollar counts, and everything that we raise helps preserve an integral piece of our rich maritime history.

The truth is that all of our lives are connected to the sea in some way. More than 90 percent of everything we eat, use or wear travels on a ship at some point, and whether their final destination was Ellis Island or Plymouth, Massachusetts, most of our ancestors came here on the water. Each one of these stories is important - in fact, they are the very reason that the Steamship Historical Society of America exists.

As we look out at 2017 on the horizon, we are asking for your support to keep telling these stories. The past generosity of our members and friends has helped us

Mr. John S. Small
Lake Stiles
Mr. Chris Sullivan
Mr. Paul Sullivan
Mr. Scott Swale
Mr. Ron Tait
Mr. Grant Thompson
Dr. James Tracy
Mr. Scott Watson
Mr. Curtis Whittier
Mr. Simon Williams

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. William W. Donnell
Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Eberle
Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Ferguson
Mr. Robert J. Golden
Mr. John B. Henry
Mr. Scott G. Huston
Mr. Neil E. Jones
Mr. Murray Kilgour
Mr. H.F. Lenfest
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secure a new home and open it to the public, allowing important artifacts, artwork and books to see the light of day for the first time in decades. We hope we can count on you as we continue to expand the Ship History Center here in Rhode Island and work to develop an educational program that can bring these tales to a worldwide audience. Help us keep the momentum going!

The future of our organization depends on support from all of our members and friends, but we cannot do it on membership fees alone. [Click here to make a contribution and let's tell the story of steam together!](#)

Coming up in *PowerShips*

The next issue of *PowerShips* is in production now and will be mailed in mid-January. There's still time to [renew your membership](#) today - make sure you don't miss it!

Here are some highlights for the Winter 2016 magazine - **Issue #300!**

Captain Cobb's Steamer

James Brown introduces us to Captain Nathan Cobb, an experienced mariner who became a businessman and led a failed effort to start an American transatlantic steam packet line in 1836.

Icebound!

David Longshore tells the riveting story of the RMS *Britannia*, which lay alongside Boston's East Ferry pier, immobile because of the frozen harbor. Teams of men worked night and day by torchlight and bonfires to carve a 200-foot-wide outlet for the ship.

Remembering the *La Guardia*

In "Lives of the Liners," William Miller takes us back to the end of World War II, when troop transports were built to assist in the quick end of the war, but were also designed to be adapted as commercial liners in peacetime.

Chapter News

Golden Gate

Chapter dues for 2017 remain at \$6 in the United States and \$9 for foreign addresses and include six chapter meetings and field trips each year in the even-numbered months. For more information, call chapter President Norman Freitag at 510-276-7520.

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Hampton Roads

The Hampton Roads Chapter is looking for volunteers to assist in running the chapter. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Fletcher, Chapter Chairwoman, at efletcher11@cox.net.

Southern California

The SoCal Chapter produces a journal/newsletter, *Ocean Times*, with several maritime history/current articles. It covers all aspects of powered vessels, both new and old, from early steamships to turbines, motorships, freighters, passenger ships, etc.

Contact Jim Shuttleworth for chapter information at Jimpinxit@gmail.com or (909) 595-6655. Yearly dues are \$15 per individual, \$20 per family (or for multiple persons at same address).

For more information on SSHSA Chapter meetings and events, please [click here](#).

Attention Members and Researchers: Surplus Registers are Still Available

We still have a great collection of surplus American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) Records, Lloyds Registers, and Merchant Vessels of the United States records available. These registers are for educational use and are available to our members for **\$10.00-\$25.00 per register/volume, plus shipping and handling costs**. The proceeds from these registers will go directly towards maintaining our collections and library. The condition of the volumes varies from fair to excellent.

Available Registers:

ABS Records- 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1957

Merchant Vessels of the United States- 1891, 1941, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1957, 1958, 1960

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1982-1983 (H-O)
1982-1983 (List of Shipowners)
1982-1983 (Register of Offshore Units, Submersibles, and Diving Systems)

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