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Ship History Center holiday hours and website upgrade

The crew at the Ship History Center will be on shore leave beginning Friday, December 25, and return on Monday, January 4, 2021. [Membership renewals \(click](#)

A year of clear vision charts the course: Full Ahead!

Have you ever *really* thought about how ports, shipping and maritime commerce impact your life?

Just take a moment and look around. What do you see? Chances are that many, if not most, of those things arrived by sea. How about your family? How did your ancestors travel to the new land? And how do you like to enjoy your vacation? According to the 2019 Cruise Industry Overview, 30 million guests were estimated to travel the seas last year.

With 71 percent of the Earth's surface covered in water, it is no surprise that sea transportation plays such an instrumental role in our lives today.

At SSHSA, we have been studying, collecting, translating and sharing this history for 85 years. Our thematic approach of **Immigration, Trade and Leisure** is as relevant today as it was in 1935.

What has changed is *how* SSHSA translates these themes, and to *whom*.

SSHSA is proud to announce the launch of Full Ahead! – a \$3.5 million comprehensive initiative designed to strategically fund the future and reach the next generation.

Full Ahead! was launched quietly at the end of 2019, with the acquisition of the Ship History Center acting as the nucleus of the initiative. The COVID-19 pandemic slightly altered the course of the overall campaign by focusing solely on providing a permanent home to SSHSA's collections. That



[here](#)) and end-of-year [Annual Fund donations \(click here\)](#) can be made online or by calling 401-463-3570 when we return.

Also, please be advised that our educational website is undergoing routine maintenance and updates over the next week. While we work on making the site faster and more accessible for our users, there will be periods of downtime. Keep an eye on our social media channels to find out when shiphistory.org is back up and better than ever.

Thanks to everyone for your understanding, and we hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!



Executive Director's Message

Good Tidings to all. Speaking of tides, what a difference a few feet of water under the keel makes! It is not a fun feeling to hit bottom, bounce off a rock or, heaven forbid, land on a reef and take on water. The feeling of despair, peril and fragility surround. No one wants to be on a sinking ship. Thankfully, SSHSA has persevered through these uncertain times and we've arrived together in our safe harbor during high tide.

immediate goal was realized on August 29, 2020, thanks to more than 100 donors!

It is now time to introduce and fund the complementary components of the Full Ahead! campaign. A capital improvement fund will support the Ship History Center's improvements, exhibit spaces, archival storage and more. A program enhancement fund will enable SSHSA to digitize, record, share and translate a greater portion of its valuable archives. This fund will also expand **STEAMing Into The Future** (www.shiphistory.org), our free, online STEAM education program for k-12 students. The Full Ahead! funding plan also calls for a working capital fund that will act as a prudent reserve to help SSHSA weather any future unpredicted storms. You can read about the funding plan in greater detail by visiting www.fullaheadcampaign.org.

SSHSA has been all-hands-on-deck preparing for the public announcement of the Full Ahead! funding campaign. We are proud to share that we have over \$1.2 million in confirmed Fellowship League gifts plus \$777,000 in combined gifts and pledges to apply toward the \$3.5 million goal. We will be inviting SSHSA members, donors and stakeholders to participate in this initiative throughout the new year. Your support over the history of SSHSA has been remarkable. Now, it's time to fund the future so the next generation can benefit from all that SSHSA has to offer.

To learn more visit www.fullaheadcampaign.org or contact Michele Berard at mberard@sshhsa.org.

SSHSA board member assists with submarine discovery

Atlantic Wreck Salvage (AWS), owner and operator of D/V *Tenacious*, this month announced the discovery of a submarine off the Delmarva Peninsula that is believed to be the wreckage of the *R-8* (S.S. 85), an American submarine dispatched by experimental aerial bomb testing in 1936. The discovery is historically important because *R-8* is one of few American submarines resting in diveable East Coast waters that had yet to be located.

SSHSA Board Member Eric Takakjian has worked with *Tenacious* Captain Joe Mazraani on the *R-8* Project for many years. In 2020, when AWS acquired side scan sonar capabilities, Mazraani moved *Tenacious* from her home port in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, to Ocean City Sunset Marina in Maryland to conduct searches for *R-8*'s remains.



Navigating through tumultuous times is much like charting a course, adjusting as necessary based on weather conditions and in changing seas. In our 85-year history, our organization has persevered. We have calculated potential outcomes, modified our plans, and - at times - gone with the flow.

Sometimes we were forced to anchor to ride out the storms. While never quite having to head for the lifeboats or abandon ship, we have “required assistance,” and have many friends, shipmates and crew to thank for helping us arrive and tie up safely. We remain resolute for the coming year.

Speaking of which, some of us are taking a little time off this holiday season for a bit of hull maintenance. I have given the SSHSA crew “liberty” for the week between Christmas and New Year’s Day. I, too, have a bit of rest and relaxation scheduled while we’re in layup. We’ll all be back onboard, full ahead toward our next destination on January 4. Looking forward to sailing with you all again in 2021.



Photo: The tugboat *Resolute* under maintenance at the Providence Steamboat Company (SSHSA Archives).

**There is still time
to renew your**

“The sonar data leaves little doubt that the *R-8* has been located,” said world-renowned sonar expert Garry Kozak of GK Consulting, who analyzed sonar data with the team. “The submarine in the image is the correct length, width, and height. One set of prominent features of the R-class subs visible in the scan image is the spray rail configuration on the conning tower.”

“The discovery of any new vessel is exciting,” said Takakjian, a shipwreck historian and author who has discovered more than 70 shipwrecks in his career. “It appears from the sonar images that the site will reveal a very well-preserved example of an R-class submarine. We are looking forward to conducting additional research and to diving the wreck in 2021.”

The *R-8* was one of 27 R-class submarines commissioned by the Navy during World War I, but she was not completed until after the armistice. She was built in 1918 by Fore River Shipbuilding in Quincy, Massachusetts, a shipyard that built many of the Navy’s destroyers and early submarines.

R-8 transited the Panama Canal, became a part of the Pacific Fleet, and participated in Naval training off the coasts of California and the Gulf of Mexico. In 1923, she sailed west to Pearl Harbor, where she participated in training and operations with fleet units for the next eight years. In 1927, *R-8* searched for pilots who had gone missing during the Dole Air Race, the first airplane race from California to Hawaii. *R-8* was called back to the East Coast in 1930 and became part of the Inactive Naval Reserve Fleet at Philadelphia. She sank in the Navy Yard on February 26, 1936, was raised in April, struck from the Navy list in May, and used as a target in an aerial bombing test that August. Four near-misses with 100-pound bombs ultimately sent her to the bottom of the ocean and sealed her fate.



Captain Ted Green assisted the team by providing information about potential targets he gathered throughout his years captaining his dive boat, *OC Diver*. Veteran wreck diver Mark Nix, who dove with Green on *OC Diver* and now dives with *Tenacious*, was an integral part of the search team.

At this time, the team is not releasing additional information about the depth or the location of the vessel until they can dive the wreckage and make a formal identification. Side Scan Sonar images reveal that the vessel is intact and sits upright on the ocean floor.

This is not the first submarine discovered by *Tenacious*. In 2012, the team discovered the remains of *U-550*, the last German U-boat thought to remain in diveable North Atlantic waters.

Photos: At top, SSHSA Board Member Eric Takakjian and Joe St. Amand gear up as they search for the *R-8* submarine, which had been missing since 1936. Below, a Navy photograph of several R-class submarines, including *R-8*.

SSHSA membership

The winter issue of *PowerShips* is coming together as we speak. 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.

New SSHSA Members

Welcome aboard!

Mr. Michael Architzel
Mr. Fred Bernstein
Mr. Rich Bisignano
Mr. John Burton
Mr. Alan Chaplaski
Mr. Todd Christensen
Mr. John Conley
Mr. Richard Divine
Mr. Dennis Dorsey
Mr. Dan Dragoi
Mr. Mark Dugo
Mr. David M. Fiedler
CAPT Mike and Sue Finnigan
Mr. Keith Franson
Mr. Tyler Fuller
Mr. Geoffrey Gardner
Mr. Patrick Heaney
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Mr. Evan Matthews
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Mr. Kevin Panzino
Mr. Richard Pearson Jr.
QMI - Restore The Queen
Mr. Dan Scott
Mr. Michael Thomas

Captains' Circle

Longtime member honored with preservation award

SSHSA member William Worden has received the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History's 2020 C. Patrick Labadie Award for the preservation of Great Lakes history. The award is presented annually to an individual who has made a major contribution, over many years, to the preservation of the Great Lakes maritime history through historical research and in furtherance of the goals of the Association.



An SSHSA member since 1958, Worden served as the editor-in-chief for *Steamboat Bill* from 1996 to 2000 and wrote the "Keeping Up Steam" column from 1991 to 2009. He also received the H. Graham Wood Award for Distinguished Service to SSHSA in 2015.

In selecting Worden for the 2020 C. Patrick Labadie Award, the group cited his editorial roles at *Telescope* and *Steamboat Bill* magazines, writing applications for landmark status for historic vessels, co-chairing a campaign for the Dossin Great Lakes Museum to acquire D&C Navigation Co. artifacts (such as the Gothic Room from the Passenger Steamer *City of Detroit III*), and serving on the board of directors of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit. He is also considered an expert on Great Lakes passenger vessels. Congrats Bill!

The Association for Great Lakes Maritime History is a professional association of institutions and individuals from throughout Canada and the U.S. involved in preserving and interpreting the unique maritime history of the Great Lakes region.

CAMM, AASLH seek conference presenters

The Council of American Maritime Museums and the American Association for State and Local History are each seeking presenters for their 2021 meetings. The CAMM conference will be held virtually April 26-28, while the AASLH annual meeting will have virtual components as well as onsite sessions and events in Little Rock, Arkansas, from September 22-25.

Please see below for more information about deadlines and the themes of each conference.

CAMM

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

Engineer (\$1,000)

Mr. Charles T. Andrews
CDR Andrew O. Coggins Jr., USN (Ret.)
Mr. William W. Donnell
Mr. Michael Fisher
CAPT & Mrs. Roland R. Parent
Mr. Richard Rabbett
Mr. Thomas C. Ragan
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith
Mr. Douglas A. Tilden and Ms. Teresa Keller
CAPT and Mrs. Terry Tilton, USN (Ret.)
CAPT Robert F. Wasson Jr.

Commodore (\$500)

Mr. Odd A. Brevik
Mr. Douglas E. Bryan
Mr. Alexander D. Crary
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dacey
Mr. Donald Deckebach
Mrs. Rita Draper
Mr. Barry W. Eager
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Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards
Mr. Brian J. Fournier
Mr. Robert J. Golden
Mr. John B. Henry
Mr. Scott G. Huston
Mr. Neil E. Jones
CAPT Philip C. Kantz
Mr. Nicholas Langhart
Mr. Don Leavitt
Mr. Otto Marx
Mr. Daniel L. McCoy
Mr. William M. McLin & Mr. Samuel J. McKeon
CAPT and Mrs. James J. McNamara
Dr. Laurence and Carole Miller
Mr. Charles W. Moorman
CAPT Dick Palmer
Ms. Mary L. Payne
CAPT Dave Pickering
Mr. Donald Pomplun
Mr. Thomas Reed
Mr. William M. Rosen

This year's overall theme is Engagement and Inclusion. Specific questions to consider can be found at <https://councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org/annual-meeting>.

Presenters are encouraged to submit proposals for panel presentations; however, single-presentation proposals will also be accepted. All presenters will be required to conduct a live presentation and take part in a real-time question-and-answer session following their talk.

All proposals are due by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, February 12th, 2021. Submit your proposal to the CMM administrator at maritimemuseums@gmail.com. The CMM program committee will choose presentations and notify presenters by Friday, March 5, 2021.

AASLH

This year's theme is Doing History/Doing Justice. The group asks presenters to consider how organizations are:

- Doing justice to history: revealing formerly hidden stories, creating new access to historical resources, reframing narratives or recentering overlooked historical players
- Doing justice as history: taking on the topic of justice as a focus, through explorations of law, court processes, fights for equality and civil rights, and social justice
- Doing justice in history: exploring strategies to build internal racial equity, consider stakeholders in planning and content development, and rethink fundraising strategies

More information and examples can be found at <https://aaslh.org/2021annualmeeting>. The deadline for submissions is December 22.

Stay up to date on social media

If you are on social media, please be sure to follow us and like, comment, and share our posts! We love interacting with shipsters and spreading the word about all that we are doing at the Ship History Center to promote our mission and share the history of engine-powered vessels. So be sure to click the links below to find us on our social channels to keep up with us in real time.

We celebrated World Maritime Day by sharing a beautiful piece of art from the Posner Maritime Art Collection.

Although unsigned, the background of the smoking Mount Vesuvius volcano



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Mr. and Mrs. James W. Shuttleworth
Mr. Britton C. Smith
CAPT Cesare Sorio
Mr. John S.W. Spofford
Mr. Kent Strobel
CAPT Eric Takakjian
Mr. Terence Turner
Mr. Peregrine White
Mr. Eric Wiberg

Commander (\$300)

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Mr. Preston B. Baker
Rev. James Brandmueller
Mr. Gabriel Caprio
Mr. William D. Comings Jr.
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Mr. John J. Crowley Jr.
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Mr. Han Helders
Ms. June Sherry Ingram
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Mr. Jeff Macklin
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Mr. William G. Muller
Mr. Carl R. Nold
Mr. Patrick D. Ortego
Mr. Roy C. Rose
Mr. Richard Scarano
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smart
Mr. Alexander Swavy

Mariner (\$200)

Mr. Jim Antonisse
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Bellafiore
Ms. Michele R. Berard
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Bieser

confirms that this painting was likely done by an Italian Pierhead painter. The yacht is shown sailing in the Bay of Naples.

We shared the new SSHSA theatre! We will have historic steamship films rotating in and out, so be sure to follow us on social when we do #FilmFridays. Check out what's playing here: <https://shiphistory.org/theatre/>.

Have you ever wondered what a day in the life of an archivist is like? To celebrate American Archives Month in October, we hopped on board with SSHSA Archivist Astrid Drew to see some of the work she does throughout the year surveying and processing collections, fulfilling research requests, hunting through the photo collections, and working in our maritime reference library.

We participated in a digital initiative through the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. In a time when connection and community are becoming hard to find, more than 100 maritime historians, archaeologists, scientists, teachers and students from around the world came together to read the *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*. [Click here to see the reading](#), which features Education Director Aimee Bachari at 22:32 and Astrid at the 25-minute mark!



Knots aren't only for mariners! Learn about the fascinating history of decorative knots and use examples straight from our Maritime Reference Library and Archives to make your own friendship bracelets: <https://shiphistory.org/2020/05/19/sinnet-knots-make-a-friendship-bracelet/>. Our education program features lessons in science, technology, engineering, art, and math as well as social studies plus bonus activities like the one above! Check it out at www.shiphistory.org!

Do you know any math educators? We have an opening on our advisory council for education and hope to add a qualified math educator to assist us in using ship history primary sources for mathematics! Check out our math resources here: <https://shiphistory.org/education/mathematics/>. Anyone interested can email their information to steam@sshhsa.org.

We celebrated Thanksgiving by looking at how folks on board the *SS America* dined on the first Thanksgiving after D Day in 1946. Images included a brochure for the United States Lines and menus for the breakfast and lunch served Thursday, November 28, 1946.

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 Mr. J.O. Busto
 Mr. David B. Butler
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 Dr. Patrick T. Conley
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 Mr. Art Peabody

How many of you shipsters like to get festive for the holidays?

Richard Rabbett, SSHSA member and former board member, shared some pictures of his Thanksgiving table decked out in ship style. Are you planning a ship-themed holiday? Send your holiday decor to steam@sshhsa.org so we can celebrate the holidays in #socialdistanceshipstyle.



Did you know we have

recently added lessons for early childhood education? Check out this lesson teaching pre-K students about shapes using images of ships from our archive at the Ship History Center: <https://shiphistory.org/2020/08/28/ship-shape>.

We continued our #OnThisDay series:

- On September 28, 1861, during the Civil War, the side-wheel steamer USS *Susquehanna* captured Confederate schooner *San Juan* while it was bound for Elizabeth City, N.C., with a cargo of salt, sugar, and gin. Also on this day in 1850, a Congressional appropriation bill bans flogging on Navy and merchant marine ships, which President Millard Fillmore signs into law.
- On October 8, 1842, Commodore Lawrence Kearny of the USS *Constitution* addresses a letter to the Viceroy of China, urging that American merchants in China be granted the same treaty privileges as the British. His negotiations are successful. The *Constitution* is the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel still afloat.
- On October 19, 1944, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt reopened the Navy to African American women, who had not been allowed to serve since World War I. Roosevelt's order also produced a breakthrough: the commissioning of the Navy's first two African-American female officers. The leaders of the WAVES—Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service—selected Harriet Ida Pickens and Frances Eliza Wills, two highly accomplished women of New York City.
- On November 30, 1932, the *Conte di Savoia* made her maiden voyage.
- On December 9, 1967, the *Queen Mary* arrives at her new home in Long Beach, California.

Want more? Click on the icons below!

Photos: Top, a yacht sails by a smoking volcano in the Bay of Naples in this image from the Posner Maritime Art Collection. You can see the full gallery at <https://www.sshsa.org/posner.html>. Middle, SSHSA Archivist Astrid Drew searches the photo collection regularly while fielding research requests from around the world. Bottom, member Richard Rabbett shares a picture from his United States Lines-themed Thanksgiving dinner.

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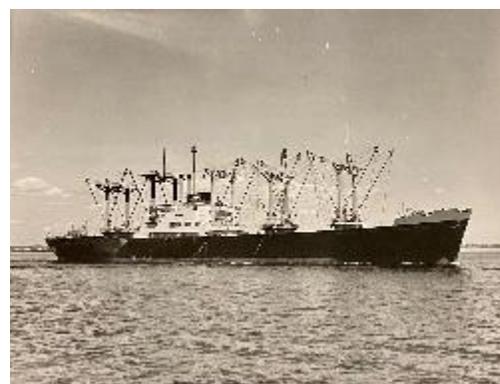


Coming up in *PowerShips* #316

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!

Schuyler Otis Bland: A Real S.O.B

Terry Tilton gives a detailed history of the *Schuyler Otis Bland*, the last ship contracted by the U.S. Maritime Commission and launched in 1951. Greatly improving on the previous emergency-type ships (Liberty, Victory), it offered a modern design with mass-production capability, was more useful in a worldwide crisis, and still valued to potential owners after a national emergency.



The Good-Looking Olympia

In Lives of the Liners, William Miller introduces us to the pride of the Greek Line. The *Olympia* was the first large liner built for the Greeks and was well ahead of its time. Launching in 1953, the 611-foot-long ship was intended to be the flagship of the entire Greek merchant marine, but ended up with Liberian registry for political reasons, an embarrassment to the Greeks.

Tampa Dock and the Bridge to France

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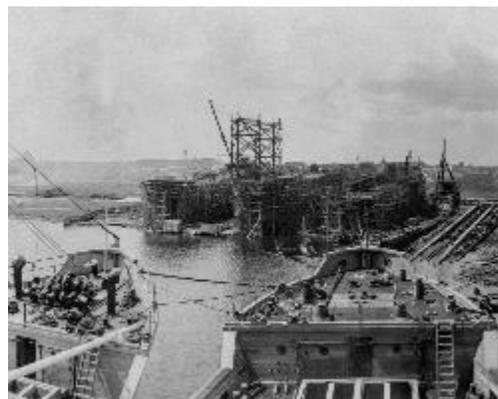
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Charles M. Fuss Jr. engages us with a short story set in wartime 1918 about some handsome little wooden steamships, a mostly forgotten Tampa shipyard, and its chief electrician, Charles M. “Red” Fuss, the author’s father.



M/V Manitou: The Beginning of The End

Joe Giglietti describes a time in 1970 when the newly built stern-loading vessel M/V *Manitou* was underway on her maiden voyage to Block Island, Rhode Island, which signified the beginning of the end for the side-loading vessels that had served the island for over a century.

What I Learned on a Rust Bucket

Den Leventhal recounts his time as a cadet aboard the SS *Exhibitor* during his U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Sea Year. From how to deal with a disagreeable superior to an interesting recipe for coffee, the experience left him with memories that have lasted a lifetime.

Photos: Top, the Schuyler Otis Bland at sea in 1952. The ship was a prototype meant to build on the success of the Liberty and Victory ships of World War II (SSHSA Archive, R. Loren Graham Collection). Bottom, the Tampa Dock Company, seen here in 1918, was one of the shipyards tapped to build wooden ships for emergency use during World War I (Burgert Brothers photo).

Chapter News

Southern California

Provided by Bruce Vancil, Chapter President

November 7 saw the second Zoom event we have offered. From the comfort of their homes, members attended online as we conducted our annual meeting, enjoyed a wonderful presentation about Japanese submarines by Steven Lund (he knows his stuff!) and followed up with a show-and-tell

where three members shared some of the true treasures of their collections. Steven Lund showed us his scratch-built, museum-quality, five-foot-long model of a Japanese submarine, complete with a piggybacking midget sub. It runs with radio control and looks super in operation.

Kate Vescera shared a pair of earrings from the *Queen Mary* in the early days of the ship's Long Beach service circa 1970s. They are marked as being made from the bronze of one propellor that was melted down and made into gift shop items. I know this is true because I was a tour guide there in the 70s and we had lots of bronze items for sale everywhere on board.



Lastly, Jim Shuttleworth shared a board that was populated with a ship's chronometer and barometer from a shipwreck off South America in the 1960s. Someone got these items off the sinking ship and they ended up as a trophy or collectible of sorts and landed in Jim's hands.

The show-and-tell went well, with people having great discussions about the items and showing a high level of interest and connection with the subject. I think we will do more of the show-and-tell. The meeting was recorded for the presentation and show-and-tell parts, and will be posted on YouTube as soon as I can get it edited and uploaded.

We are still seeking the assistance of a new associate editor for the *Ocean Times*. You get to learn on the job, have a say in this superb publication, and maybe find a pathway to Chapter leadership. This could be good for anyone working or retired, or a student or college intern – we can work with colleges to document credits earned. Interested parties can contact me at steamer@pacbell.net.

Given that the virus' future is still uncertain, our February 6, 2021, meeting will be virtual on Zoom. The link will be sent out prior to the event. The program will be by Peter Knego. Peter will present the story of the scrapping of the RMS *Windsor Castle* and the *Margrita L.* at Alang, India. All are invited to join this online meeting for what will be an informative and entertaining presentation.

The January 2021 issue of the *Ocean Times* starts the New Year with a visit to "The SS *Rotterdam* in Her Namesake City." West Coast shipping history is the subject of "Whatever Happened to Lykes Line?" The issue includes a personal story of "A Wartime Passage on the *Ile de France*." The inspiring story of "The Rescue of the Passengers of the *Corona*" is the subject of this issue's Ship Shot. Also, as usual, there will be a surprise of two.

There will also be a February *Ocean Times Special Edition*. The issue includes the most interesting story of "A Dormitory Passage on a President."

Tramping Cyber Space brings us links to Germany's super liners and tugboats, as well as a review of the types of container ships. There is also a second look at the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's *Corona*.

Want your own email copy of the *Ocean Times*? Join the Southern California Chapter of the SSHSA. Contact Sherrill Smith (ladysherrill@msn.com) for information and a membership form.

TAKE CARE. — STAY SAFE. — STAY HEALTHY.

Photo: An example of a keepsake made from a *Queen Mary* bronze propellor (eBay).

Delaware Valley Chapter

When possible, Delaware Valley Chapter meetings are held at The Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing on the Delaware River. Membership is \$15 for one year. Contact Chapter Chairman Steve Loveless at slldvcsshsa@gmail.com or 215-495-8889 for more details or if you are interested in joining.

Golden Gate Chapter

Golden Gate Chapter dues are \$6 in the United States and \$9 for foreign addresses. Membership includes six chapter meetings and field trips each year, as well as an 8-page newsletter mailed every two months. For more information, call chapter President Norman Freitag at 510-276-7520.

The *Telegraph* is the quarterly electronic newsletter for members and friends of Steamship Historical Society of America. It is produced in March, June, September, and December.

Bryan Lucier, Editor, *The Telegraph*