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Coming up in PowerShips

Don't miss the next issue of *PowerShips*, coming in July! [Renew your membership](#) if you have not yet done so to ensure continued service of your favorite magazine.

Enhanced *Image Porthole* Now Online

Did you know that our unique digital Image Porthole, currently featuring over 60,000 maritime photos, is available via www.sshsa.org? First launched on National Maritime Day 2008, the SSHSA Image Porthole was hailed by media and museum industry peers as innovative, and the first and largest of its kind. Since that time, other online resources have caught up, which meant it was time for a revised, more powerful and refined Image Porthole for our members and friends.

The initial building was made possible though a generous grant from the Champlin Foundations, and we have continued to work on it with the help of our friends at The Digital Ark.

The new features allow seamless transition from our website to the keyword-searchable Image Porthole. General users can use to zoom/enlarge feature over the images, and purchase prints or downloads. A key members-only feature lets you help identify and classify tens of thousands of images. As a logged-in member, you may scroll through images at your leisure and submit comments to be added to the online data. You can help SSHSA identify and tag vessels, harbors, and other information right from your computer terminal.

Next up in the Summer 2014 issue:

- **Farewell *Saga Ruby***

On May 22, 1973, Norwegian America Line's new *Vistafjord* sailed on her maiden voyage, a transatlantic crossing from Oslo to New York, beginning a successful career that would last over forty years. Designed for world-wide cruising, *Vistafjord* would be the last ship built for Norwegian America Line as well as the last passenger ship built in England. Timothy J. Dacey offers a lively history of the cruise ship, also known as Cunard's *Coronia*, Saga's *Saga Ruby*, and finally, the floating hotel *Oasia*.

- **The *President Monroe* of 1940**

In his continuing series on the Lives of the Liners, William Miller treats us to the recollections of Harold "Bud" Kaplan, first officer aboard the combo liner *President Monroe*, a 9,500-ton ship that carried lots of cargo and 98 all-first class passengers. The ship, one of six combo sisters ordered by American President Lines, was routed (with her sister, the *President Polk*) in continuous around-the-world sailings.

- **Crossing the Line from Cruise Ships to Ocean Liners**

In the wake of the *Costa Concordia* cruise ship disaster of last year, there has been much misinformation from an uninformed media over exactly what kind of vessel became the largest passenger shipwreck in

Please check out www.sshsa.org, log in, and click on the Image Porthole icon to gain access to the interactive photos online. If traffic to the site increases and more people like the instant \$1.99 ship photo downloads, then even more enhancements will be in store for 2015.

Above photo: *Alexander Hamilton* underway on the Hudson River. SSHSA Image Porthole, Braun Brothers Collection.

Education Program Update

Among the many excellent presentations delivered at ShiPosium was one officially announcing the development of SSHSA's educational outreach program. Research Assistant Astrid Drew described the evolution of "From Sail to Steam," our inaugural topic funded by major grants from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities and the Dibner Family Charitable Trust.

Utilizing our collections to reach out to educators and the public, "From Sail to Steam" will explore how the STEAM subjects of science, technology, engineering, arts and math affected economics, society, design and scientific growth in the 18th and 19th centuries. A team of SSHSA staffers, educators and website developers are creating the content and devising the best methods to deliver our materials and learning tools via our website.

SSHSA has unique resources which, when combined, offer a comprehensive perspective of this pivotal period of our history. Our collections, the SSHSA Research Library, and the Posner Maritime Art Museum provide different ways to appreciate a single subject. "Juxtaposing our model of the *SS Commonwealth* with her line drawings and photographs from our collections presents an exceptionally vivid way to understand the vessel," said Vera Harsh, SSHSA Development Director and project manager for the program. "We literally have the 'bells and whistles' artifacts. Hearing the bells then listening to a recording

history. Often referring to the Italian-registered ship as a "liner," the media were unintentionally mistaking this vessel for a type of passenger ship that has almost vanished from the world's oceans. Roddy Sergiades clearly explains what makes a ship a liner rather than a cruise ship and why it's important to understand the difference.

- **Onboard the *Frances Barkley***

Steven Duff recounts a recent West Coast adventure, a sailing on the little coastal vessel *Frances Barkley*, which serves a number of outlying communities on Vancouver Island's west coast, several of which depend exclusively on the ship for mail, supplies, and passenger service. Cargo is handled with a derrick forward – no skids or fork-lifts here. And the boat is a real charmer, vintage 1958 and with her original engine.

- **Token Was Survivor's Link to *General Slocum* Tragedy**

A one-cent token came to The Mariners' Museum's collection in fall 2013 as a donation with a very personal connection to a tragic episode of maritime history – the fire aboard the steamboat *General Slocum* that left more than 1,000 dead. Rachel Conley offers a compelling account of the tragedy and tells the story of William Zipse, who had the token in his pocket on June 15, 1904, when he, his mother and five siblings took an excursion aboard the *General Slocum* that fateful day.

of the *Alexander Hamilton* whistle can help kids appreciate the effective difference between the two.”

Educators working in the initial planning sessions were also excited to see so many articles on the STEAM subjects contained in the more than 70 years of *Steamboat Bill* and *PowerShips* magazines. One participant described the need for published materials which provide comprehensive reading opportunities in scientific areas.

Future themes that will be developed will focus on the interior design of ocean liners and cruise ships, lessons regarding water displacement, and the significance of shipping in maritime history. We'll continue to report our progress in this exciting new program.

Above photo: Astrid Drew (Research & New Media) presents the evolution of "From Sail to Steam" at the 2014 ShiPosium Conference.

Changes in Staff

We bid farewell to Stephanie Poole, our Development Assistant, who is moving to "the other side of the bay." We congratulate her on her recent wedding and her future success with her new career at the Newport Preservation Society.

This past May, Diana Moraco, SSHSA's Membership Coordinator for the past three years, left SSHSA to be a stay-at-home mom to her first child. During Diana's tenure at SSHSA, she was influential in creating the Captains' Circle membership levels, updating our website and editing our e-newsletters, as well as keeping the SSHSA headquarters running smoothly. She will be missed, but we wish

her the best!

Stepping into the role of Membership Coordinator is Research Assistant, Alissa Cafferky. Alissa started at SSHSA in 2010 as an intern while finishing her Bachelor's in English and Writing, and after completing her internship, she was hired as a part-time Research Assistant. For the last two years, Alissa has worked

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New Members

Welcome aboard to SSHSA!

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Mr. John Atherton
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evenings and weekends at SSHSA while also working at another company as an Administrative Assistant. She is also in the process of completing her Masters Degree in Publishing. Alissa is thrilled to be working full-time at SSHSA and is looking forward to filling the large shoes Diana left behind.

Please feel free to contact Alissa regarding SSHSA membership anytime at acafferky@sshhsa.org.

Above photo: Membership Coordinator Alissa Cafferky (left) and former Membership Coordinator Diana Moraco at the President's Reception of this year's ShiPosium.

2014 Annual Appeal is Underway

Our 2014 Annual Appeal will kick off later this month. Watch your mail to learn how you can help support our work and operations, or [click here](#) now to get an early bird start on your 2014 donation.

Above photo: Hudson River Day Line Officers.

SSHSA is a Sponsor for the 10th Maritime Heritage Conference

SSHSA is participating in the [10th Maritime Heritage Conference](#) (MHC) to be held September 17th-21st, 2014, in Norfolk, Virginia. This gathering typically occurs only every three years, and 350 or more people are anticipated to participate. This is the third time that SSHSA will be involved.

Highlights of the conference include exhibits from maritime organizations and vendor tables, three days of educational

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sessions from professionals in the maritime heritage/museum industries as well as networking at tours, receptions, and dinners. Plan to attend and make certain to stop by the SSHSA booth and say AHOY!

From the Collections- Items from "America's Flagship"

The SS *United States* was built to be a marvel. Designed by William Francis Gibbs, and financed by J.P. Morgan, Jr., she embarked on her maiden voyage in July 1952 for the United States Lines. Her entire superstructure was constructed of aluminum, and could be converted to a hospital ship or army troop transport with a capacity of 15,000 troops.

To minimize the risk of fire, no wood was used in the interiors of the ship. The only exception was for the butcher's block, and the grand piano. The piano, however, was made of a rare fireproof wood species that was only allowed after being tested with kerosene.

Her entire superstructure was made of aluminum, which made her light and fast with the help of her powerful steam turbines. On her maiden voyage she won the Blue Riband for both the east and westbound voyage across the Atlantic. Known as "America's Flagship," she was a fashionable way to travel that attracted such celebrities as Bob Hope, Salvador Dali, The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, and Rita Hayworth. Unfortunately, her career was short lived.

By the 1960's, traveling by ship was a dwindling business, and many illustrious vessels, such as the *America*, and *Queen Mary*, had retired or been sold. The *United States* was withdrawn from service in 1969, and in 1984 her remaining furnishings and fittings were auctioned off.

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The items in SSHSA's collections shown here were donated along with the auction booklet and newspaper clippings. They include plates, cups and saucers with a distinctive gray and white star pattern, as well as napkins, tablecloths, and a woolen blanket emblazoned with the United States Line logo.

Help us better preserve these items and make them available along with our other collections to the general public! Find out how you can help [on our website](#).

The SS United States is hoped to be preserved as part of a waterfront complex. Explore her history, and learn about [SS United States Conservancy's](#) efforts to revitalize this unique American artifact.

To view more photos of these items, please visit our blog by [clicking here](#).

The Next Upcoming SSHSA Meeting

The Fall Board Meeting has been moved to coincide with MHC in Norfolk Virginia, from September 17th-21st, 2014.

In Memoriam

Edward Kamuda, SSHSA member and longtime President and one of the founders of the Titanic Historical Society, passed away on April 13th, 2014, after a long illness. Through the Titanic Historical Society's activities, Kamuda succeeded in preserving the *Titanic* and sharing her history. With over fifty years of publications, a fine collection of survivor memorabilia and personal documents, he eventually introduced thousands to his passion. *Titanic's* legacy is worldwide, and people everywhere, like Edward Kamuda, became captivated about *Titanic* and many

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To read more about Edward Kamuda, please [click here](#).

Edward A. Mueller, a longtime SSHSA member and a former Editor of *Steamboat Bill*, has passed away after a brief illness. Born in Madison, Wisconsin, he was educated at Wisconsin and Notre Dame for his Bachelor's Degree, and Catholic University for a Masters in Civil Engineering. During his career, he worked for the Highway Research Board in Washington D.C. and the Department of Transportation in Tallahassee. He was also the Secretary of Transportation from 1970-1973 and the Director of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority from 1973-1981. He then worked for Morales and Shumer, an engineering firm, until he retired in 1997. Edward was a retired Lieutenant Commander in the US Navy. He actively served from 1943-1945 and then in the Naval Reserves for about twenty years. Edward's real love was history, particularly steamboats and research. He has written several books and produced many DVDs on the subject.

William E. Ray, an honorary life member of SSHSA, passed away on April 21st, 2014. After graduation from Wentworth Institute in 1952, he was recruited by the Diamond Ordnance Fuse Labs, Dept. of the Army in Washington, DC. Later, he moved to the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, where he first worked on atomic time with the bulk of his career in satellite and submarine programs for the US Navy. Mr. Ray was an avid sailor and master modeler. He built his first sailboat in the early 1970s, and eventually lived aboard the sailboat *Yogo*, sailing from the East Coast and Bahamas with his wife, Paula. His passion for anything maritime was exhibited in the models he built, from award-winning live steam boats to static models, and to the extensive nautical library he collected over the years.

Chapter News

Golden Gate Chapter

A meeting of the Golden Gate Chapter of SSHSA took place on April 5, 2014 at the Elks Lodge in Alameda, California. Treasurer Dick Rutter presented a talk on the history of the first steam turbine-powered vessels that were built at the end of the 19th and at the beginning of the 20th century, and chapter president Norm Freitag gave a short informative talk on the use of Liquefied

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Natural Gas (LNG) as fuel for large marine propulsion engines.

To read a more detailed account of what's going on with the Golden Gate Chapter, please [click here](#).

Southern California Chapter

Bruce Vancil, longtime President of the Chapter, stepped down in December 2013 and Jim Shuttleworth, SSHSA National Board member, was elected President for 2014. Past President, Shawn Dake, who helped keep the Chapter going a decade ago, and contributes often to the Chapter Journal/Newsletter Ocean Times, as well as being a frequent speaker, was recognized with a model of *Pacific Princess* for his service at the May meeting.

The May meeting featured presentations from members Dr. Nelson Arnstein and Doug Kilner on the Riverboat, *American Queen* and a trip down the Mississippi River from Memphis to New Orleans. The second speaker was Mr. Greg Williams, Executive Director of the SS *Lane Victory*, presenting on the WWII Merchant Marine and the SS *Lane Victory*.

The Chapter meets the first Saturday of the months of February, May, August, and November at 1PM in the Caronia Room, RMS *Queen Mary*, Long Beach, CA.

To read a more detailed account of what's going on with the Southern California Chapter, please [click here](#).

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Alissa Cafferky, Editor, *The Telegraph*

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