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## Executive Director's Message

## Annual meeting, award nominations announced

Official notice is hereby given to all members that **the 2020 SSHSA Annual Meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Saturday, August 29, at the Ship History Center, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI.** Initially pegged for a June gathering on the grounds of the SUNY Maritime College in New York, the meeting will now take place later this summer at headquarters. There will be a ballot inserted with the summer issue of *PowerShips* to vote for board members, and additional information on the meeting will be sent out electronically as details are finalized.

In addition to a Board of Directors ballot, the next issue of *PowerShips* will also have a nomination form for the 2020 SSHSA Awards, which recognize vessels, individuals and organizations for their contributions to maritime history. Along with the coveted Ship of the Year Award, we are accepting nominations in the following categories this year:

**Jay Allen Award for Distinguished Editorial Service to SSHSA publications.** Jay Allen, one of SSHSA's seven founders, published the first Steamboat Bill of Facts in April 1940,



It sure has been a strange few months, hasn't it? The coronavirus went from something to keep an eye on to a global shutdown in a matter of weeks. Many companies and governments reverted to essential services and others shuttered altogether. For a while, it seemed as if the world was frozen.

But here at SSHSA, we keep steaming ahead. By taking proper precautions, we were able to keep our offices mostly open to answer questions, renew memberships and fulfill orders on the ship store. We asked for your help in weathering this economic catastrophe and got an overwhelming response from members who donated to emergency funds and renewed their subscriptions to PowerShips for many years to come. Most importantly, we tried to help fill an educational void by beefing up the lessons offered on our STEAMing into the Future website at [www.shiphistory.org](http://www.shiphistory.org).

Now the country is at a bit of a crossroads regarding how to move forward with the threat of COVID-19 still out there. There are people who are chomping at the bit for something to see or do, while others are more cautious because of age or underlying health conditions. The good news is that we are working to do the best we can for both groups.

For those of you looking to limit your exposure, we have some great online offerings. In addition to [www.shiphistory.org](http://www.shiphistory.org), we have been building up our [YouTube Channel with classic videos from the SSHSA archives](#). We've uploaded an eclectic group of shows with subjects ranging from the *TS Hamburg* and the *Edmund Fitzgerald* to promotional cruise videos, Ohio River flatboats and interviews with influential SSHSA member H. Graham Wood. We'll be adding more as we have time to convert them from the dozens of different kinds of media we have in storage, [but make sure to click here and](#)

assisted by C. Bradford Mitchell. Steamboat Bill of Facts, subsequently renamed Steamboat Bill, and now PowerShips, has been published continuously without fail, and today is recognized as the most comprehensive and best publication of its kind.

The **C. Bradford Mitchell Award** is bestowed upon an individual, institution or agency in recognition of a single achievement, such as an important book, or founding of an institution contributing to the goals, objectives and mission of the Steamship Historical Society of America.

The **Samuel Ward Stanton Award for Lifetime Achievement** recognizes the accumulated value of on-going work in our areas of concern.

The **H. Graham Wood Award for Distinguished Service to SSHSA** recognizes an individual for their long-time dedication and service to the Steamship Historical Society of America.

SSHSA may also honor additional heritage ships, longtime SSHSA members, and maritime leaders worthy of special recognition.

[Click here for the rules and a nomination form.](#) **All submissions are due by Wednesday, August 26, 2020.**

**Photo: The 1907-built steam tugboat *Hercules*, SSHSA's 2016 Tugboat of the Year, at its pier in the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park in San Francisco, California.**

## Educational steamboat seeks new home

An educational nonprofit in New Jersey is looking to find a new home for its floating classroom as the challenges of operating the vessel's steam engines threatens the group's small budget.

The non-profit organization SPLASH (Student Participation in Learning Aquatic Science and History) has been delighting school age and adult groups for 15 years with fun, educational trips on the scenic Delaware River from May to October. The mission of the non-profit is to provide unique educational adventures aboard an operational steamboat, while inspiring children and adults to learn about aquatic science, local history and engineering. Part of the fun of every trip was

[subscribe](#), and feel free to drop us a line at [info@sshhsa.org](mailto:info@sshhsa.org) if you'd like to put in a request.

We are also holding the Annual Meeting on **Saturday, August 29**. You'll be receiving a Board of Directors ballot with your next issue of *PowerShips* that allows you to vote without having to be physically present at the meeting, as we don't expect too many folks traveling long distances to attend in person. Stay tuned for more details!

We are also looking forward to our annual Ocean Liner Gala, which has been rescheduled for **November 7**. Come join us as we salute the United States Lines and its memorable fleet of ships that flew the red, white and blue. Since we started this event five years ago, each dinner has managed to top the previous year. We're not going to let the coronavirus keep us from doing the same for this year's fifth anniversary. We hope you feel comfortable to join us! Tickets and more information are available at <https://www.sshhsa.org/support/oceanlinergala>.

The other event planned right now is a transatlantic crossing aboard the *Queen Mary 2* that is coordinated with our friends at the World Ship Society's Port of New York Branch. The ship departs on **December 8** from New York and arrives in Southampton on **December 15**. More information can be found below if you are interested.

As always, please stay safe and healthy out there. And if you have any other suggestions on how we can support you during these unprecedented times, feel free to drop me a line at [mschulte@sshhsa.org](mailto:mschulte@sshhsa.org).

**World Ship Society,  
SSHSA offer holiday  
trip aboard QM2**

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steam engineer on duty sharing how the steam engines work, and “America’s First Great Invention.”

However, it’s those very engines that are the problem. When the organization’s chief engineer retired in 2018, it found that hiring a qualified steam engineer was difficult. The newest chief engineer, hired in 2019, lives out of state and requires compensation for travel. Because of this additional cost, the nonprofit’s board voted in February of this year to discontinue operations on board the steamboat and try to seek a buyer. Those involved with the SPLASH program say the educational component will live on, either on land or aboard another vessel.

The ship was built as the *River Prince* in 1970 by Lee Gaeke and Tucker Marine and took passengers for trips on the Huron River in Ohio. In 1977, the *River Prince* was sold to the Grand Rapids Steamboat Excursion Line, Inc. and was renamed the *Shawnee Princess*. She plied the Maumee River in northwestern Ohio for many years. In 1998 the *Shawnee Princess* was purchased by Dr. Bart Hoebel, transported to New Jersey, and extensively reconditioned. The vessel then became the centerpiece of the 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit, Delaware River Steamboat Floating Classroom Inc.

The vessel is 58 feet long with a paddle wheel and a beam of 13 feet. It has three decks and can hold up to 40 passengers, including crew. Those interested in acquiring it can contact [info@steamboatclassroom.org](mailto:info@steamboatclassroom.org) or call 609-414-3676.

**Photo: The former *River Prince* and *Shawnee Princess* is up for sale after spending the last 15 years as a floating classroom (SPLASH photo).**

**Virtual gala to benefit  
'America's Flagship'**

Join members of SSHSA and the World Ship Society's Port of New York Branch on a transatlantic holiday crossing aboard the *Queen Mary 2* later this year! The seven-night eastbound crossing will begin December 8 in Brooklyn, arriving in Southampton, England, on December 15. Every cabin will receive up to \$150 in onboard credit and there will be special gatherings for ship enthusiasts with both groups.

Although the trip is on schedule right now, we will be monitoring the latest reports from Cunard and global health experts as things progress the rest of this year and provide you with updates as we receive them. For more information about pricing, or to make reservations, contact Brad Hatry at Travel Edge at 212-399-6223 or [brad.hatry@traveledge.com](mailto:brad.hatry@traveledge.com).

## There is still time to renew your SSHSA membership

The summer 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!

Pastor Ron Ballew  
Mr. Richard Berg  
Mr. W. Shelby Coates Jr.  
Mr. Samuel Doyon  
Mr. Morris Golding  
Mr. Mark Hoffman  
Mr. Steve Knauth  
Mr. Keith Kohanzo  
Mr. Jim Lukkarila  
Mr. Stephen Lund

The coronavirus won't stop the effort to save an enduring symbol of America's spirit and resilience. On the anniversary of her record-breaking maiden voyage, the SS *United States* will again serve as a powerful, unifying symbol of American triumph over adversity. On July 3 at 4 p.m. EST, the nonprofit SS United States Conservancy's West Coast Chapter will host its first "virtual gala" in the style of the 1950s classic "Colgate Comedy Hour" variety show, once filmed aboard SS *United States*. The online gala will be available on the Conservancy's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/VideoSSUSC>.

This event will feature celebrity appearances by country music legend Dolly Parton and actress Kate Burton (daughter of one-time SS *United States* passenger Richard Burton), Mercedes Ellington (granddaughter of jazz icon Duke Ellington who once performed aboard the ship), singer-songwriter Akira Sky, singers Nita Whitaker

and her daughters Skye and Liisi LaFontaine, a performance of the ship's rarely performed theme song



"First Lady of the Sea" by cabaret sensation Klea Blackhurst, and feats of magic from Glenn Farrington of Magic Castle fame. Donating technical support and sponsorship for the event is Beyond Pix Studios, an internationally recognized leader in broadcast services, headquartered in San Francisco.

"This is what happens when a ship geek with Hollywood connections gets an idea," said Mark Perry, an Emmy and Golden Globe award winning writer-producer, Conservancy Board Member and founder of the Conservancy's West Coast Chapter. "The Colgate Comedy Hour of the 1950s was quintessential must-see TV of the era, and once filmed aboard the SS *United States*. We want to add a little of that mid-century modern sparkle to our preservation and fundraising efforts."

The largest and last remaining ocean liner built in America, "The Big U" shattered the transatlantic speed record in both directions on her maiden voyage in 1952. No passenger vessel has ever broken it. She played host

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## Captains' Circle

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

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Mr. Michael Fisher  
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Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith  
Mr. Douglas A. Tilden and Ms. Teresa Keller  
CAPT and Mrs. Terry Tilton, USN (Ret.)

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Eberle  
Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards  
Mr. Brian J. Fournier  
Mr. Robert J. Golden  
Mr. John B. Henry  
Mr. Robert E. Hughes  
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Mr. Neil E. Jones  
CAPT Philip C. Kantz

to presidents, Hollywood stars and celebrities, tourists, and immigrants in the days before jet air travel, serving as a global ambassador of American promise. The ship was the height of American post-war innovation, technology, and design. Withdrawn from service in 1969, the SS *United States* has been berthed in Philadelphia since 1996 awaiting renewal.

In addition to live commentary, rare film clips, and interaction with virtual audience members, the online gala will feature an auction of rare items related to the famed ocean liner, including a stunning painting by maritime artist Robert Lloyd and original sketches by famed author-illustrator David Macaulay.

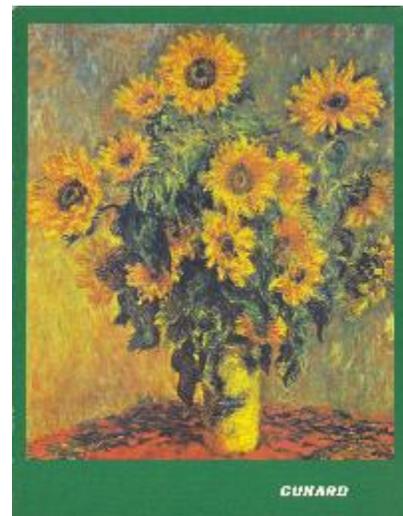
**Photo: United States Lines' SS *United States*, built at Newport News, Virginia, in 1952, in a Moran Towing poster with a Moran tug guiding her at her bow (SSHSA Archives).**

## Stay up to date on social media

If you're not following us on our social channels, you're missing a lot that we share with our followers in between e-blasts! Make sure you click the links below to stay connected to all things #shiphistory!

We have been adding more and more content to our virtual education program in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Lessons and activities have expanded to include pre-kindergarten to grade 12 and beyond. One good example is the Buoyancy with Lego Boats lesson for grades K-4: [Click here!](#)

Our Education Director also created a short video to help parents and educators learn how to navigate STEAMing Into The Future. If you've ever wondered what our remote learning program is all about, you can watch the video [by clicking here.](#)



This Marine Log article informed our followers about the USNS *Mercy*, the Navy hospital ship, that was deployed to help ease the burden from local medical treatment facilities in the Los Angeles area that needed to focus

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their resources on patients affected by the coronavirus pandemic. [Click here for the full article.](#)

We started a #MenuMonday series! We know many of you have been trying some new recipes while we practice social distancing, so why not try to recreate some historic menus? Check out this beautiful menu from the SSHSA archives with cover art by Claude Monet. It was used aboard Cunard's RMS *Carinthia* and dated March 22, 1967.

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#museumweek2020 we celebrated the most sanitary way we knew how during a global pandemic, we shared some historic soap from some of your favorite steamships. We hope you are all staying safe out there!

Knots are an ancient technology that predates the axe and wheel. Decorative knots, like chain knots and sennits (or sinnets), are more common than you may think. Think of macramé plant holders, and jewelry such as friendship bracelets or sailors knot bracelets. They can also be seen in fashion, such as cable knit sweaters, and the boater hat, or sennit hat, which was popular in the early 20th century. Learn all about it and view texts from our library to make your own decorative knots. [Click here to entertain your kids, or yourself, by making a friendship bracelet!](#)

On May 22, we celebrated National Maritime Day virtually. We shared an interview we did with Channel 10 in Providence, Rhode Island, about our virtual museum, our remote learning program, and what you can find at the Ship History Center. [Click here to watch the interview.](#)

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Mr. Donn R. Spear  
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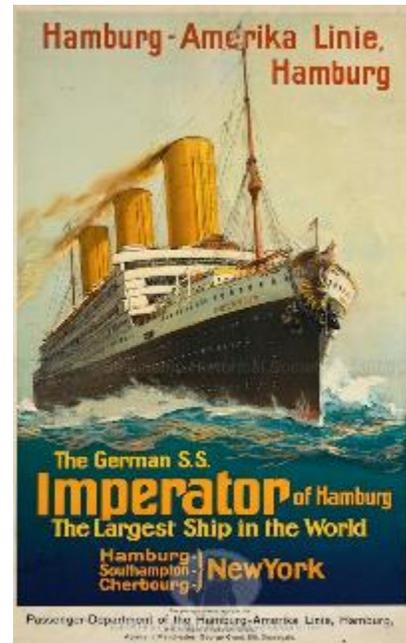
[We shared this video created by Michael Richmond to celebrate the maiden voyage of the \*Queen Mary\* on May 27, 1936.](#)

Do you know how much the Bob-Lo Excursion Company was fined for being found guilty of discrimination from the Michigan Supreme Court? Check out this article "[From Desegregation to Restoration: On Board the \*SS Columbia\*](#)," published in PowerShips magazine to learn more about this historic ship's role in desegregation. The case when to the Supreme Court, argued by Thurgood Marshall, and paved the way for Brown vs. Board of Education.

Did you know the song "Steamboat Bill" was composed about 110 years ago, and the sheet music art graced the cover of *Steamboat*

*Bill* (our predecessor to PowerShips)? There is also a 1928 film named "Steamboat Bill Jr." that is named after the song, which was played in Disney's famous 1928 cartoon "Steamboat Willie." [Click here to listen.](#)

On June 10, we remembered the *Imperator's* maiden voyage in 1913. The Hamburg America line poster included here advertises the steamship with the distinctive eagle on her bow. This poster's artwork is signed by Hans Bohrdt, a maritime painter and illustrator born in Berlin in 1857. He had his first works on display for the public in 1880, with his most prolific period being from the 1890's to the end of World War I. He was one of Kaiser Wilhelm II's greatest supporters, and acted as a "sea travel agent," accompanying him on his travels throughout Germany.



Want more? Click on the icons below!

**Photos:** Above, a menu from the Cunard Line's RMS *Carinthia* features art by Claude Monet (SSHSA Archives). Middle, a collection of soaps from famous steamships, including the SS *United States* and the *Delta Queen* (SSHSA Archives). Below, an advertisement for the Hamburg-America Line's SS

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**Imperator, featuring art by Hans Bohrdt (Chace Collection, SSHSA Archives).**



## Coming up in *PowerShips* #314

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

### **The Sunny Southern Route to Europe**

In *Lives of the Liners*, William Miller shares the colorful recollections of the late Lewis and Ruth Gordon about their frequent trips to the Mediterranean in the 1950s and '60s aboard many of the ships of the Italian Line and American Export Lines, including the *Independence*, *Constitution*, *Saturnia*, *Vulcania*, *Cristoforo Colombo* and *Conte Biancamano*.

### **NASA's Moonship Fleet**

NASA's Manned Space Flight Network provided tracking, telemetry and



communications with manned spacecraft. During the Apollo program (1961-72) the network included five modified instrumentation ships. Author Eric Pearson sheds light on these seaborne communication platforms

and the vital coverage they provided for the Apollo missions.

### **Marine Propulsion**

Following a brief history of marine propulsion, Jim Shaw presents an overview of modern marine engines, including diesels, two-stroke and four-stroke, short- and long-stroke, smokeless engines, and a look at engines offering better fuel economy and less air pollution.

### **Union Oil Tankers**

Capt. Terry Tilton offers a detailed history of a trio of Union Oil tankers built in the 1950s by Newport News Shipbuilding – *Sansinena*, *Torrey Canyon* and *Lake Palourde*. The ships would ply the route from the Persian Gulf to Los Angeles.



### **A QE2 Story**

Rob Lightbody talks about how his time aboard the *Queen Elizabeth 2* influenced him to create an online forum at [www.theqe2story.com](http://www.theqe2story.com) to celebrate the ship, give passengers a place to recount their memories, and to offer a go-to source for people researching the vessel.

### **A Grand Celebration**

When Robert Engler took a three-week job repairing the damage caused by a Massachusetts natural gas pipeline disaster in 2018, his tour of duty came with an unexpected perk – a stay aboard the Bahama Paradise Cruise Line’s *Grand Celebration*. See what life was like aboard the ship as she played a part in the recovery effort from Boston Harbor.

**Photos: Above, Apollo Tracking Ship USNS *Vanguard* (U.S. Navy photo). Below, Union Oil’s *Torrey Canyon* breaks apart eight days after striking rocks off the coast of the United Kingdom. Experts say anywhere from 20 million to 30 million gallons of oil were lost (Los Angeles Maritime Museum photo).**

## **Chapter News**

## **Delaware Valley Chapter**

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 [sldvcshsa@gmail.com](mailto:sldvcshsa@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.

## **Southern California**

*Provided by Bruce Vancil, Chapter President*

As of May 1, 2020, California remained under stay-at-home orders and, as of the time of my writing this, still is. The May meeting aboard the *Queen Mary* was canceled accordingly. It was a painful decision to make, but very necessary as our group is bound to have a number of people at higher risk should they contract the illness, so better to hear meeting canceled than someone is ill or worse. The SoCal Board of Directors desires nothing more than the Chapter members' continued safety and health. We couldn't face the notion that one of our meetings harmed someone in any way.

We have been creating extra email versions of the *Ocean Times*, including special content to help members enjoy their hobby and interest in maritime history while staying safe. We've loaded Tramping with hotlinks that could take you to fascinating video content and to discussion groups that you could join to share ideas with like-minded ship fans.

Additionally, there is Scuttlebutt, the informative and entertaining emailed offerings of interesting maritime-related information. Members are invited to submit material such as maritime news, stories, photos, and personal experiences to Jim Shuttleworth at [jimpinxit@gmail.com](mailto:jimpinxit@gmail.com).

We are exploring other social technology methods now being used with work places and educational institutions with measurable success. If you have any thoughts on

the matter, or better yet, some expertise and experience, please share it with us at [steamer@pacbell.net](mailto:steamer@pacbell.net) and I'll gladly share them with the board for consideration.

The July issue of the *Ocean Times* is full of history, both past and current. David Chong's "Life on the Pacific" brings us the personal story of the life of a seagoing stevedore and rigger, which is proof that at the root of all maritime history there are real people. "The Last Years of the *Canberra*" are told by a crew member that served aboard this wonderful ship during its final days. The question of "Why are a ship's engineering spaces arranged as they are?" is answered in "A Ship's Configuration." "Ship Shot" brings us a wonderful photo and story of the P&O-Orient Lines *Oriana* in Fiji. "Tramping Cyber Space" provides links to a number of sites presenting super yachts that in many ways have become small ships.

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

Many of our families have had elders who rode out the flu epidemic of 1918-1919 to emerge to a better day. Please do everything you can to stay safe and healthy and we will come back out onto sunny decks with our drinks in our hand, our sunglasses on ready to go ashore for sightseeing like nothing ever happened. Until then, smooth sailing for you all.

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