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There's still time to renew your membership

Our Spring 2015 issue of *PowerShips* is scheduled to be mailed in April. Don't get left at the dock-- if you haven't renewed your SSHSA membership, please do so today. You may renew your membership by mailing us the completed form you received, calling us at (401) 463-3570, or you may do so easily and securely by [clicking here](#). We look forward to welcoming you

Information on Mystery Photograph Found

In October, we posted an interesting photograph we found in an unsorted box previously in storage. We believe that it is a past donation from one of SSHSA's founders, William King Covell. We asked our followers, "What do you think of this photo? Who do you think these men were?"

Recently, we stumbled across an archived copy of an article titled, "The Old Navy," by Captain J.K. Taussig, US Navy, from the Spring 1921 issue of *Proceedings*. This article examines the image and answers the question, "Who do you think these men were?"

We learned that the photograph was taken on board USS *Mohican* in 1888, and the photographer was Assistant Surgeon H. W. Whitaker, U.S. Navy.

In a letter to the author of the *Proceedings* article, Admiral R.H. Nicholson, who was on board the *Mohican* at the time the photograph was taken, wrote:

"It was taken in the *Mohican* one day while we were at sea running down the trades. I was on deck and noticed the four old salts over in the port gangway, where the quartette usually congregated, and it struck me that it was a subject for a fine picture. I called Drs. Harvey and Whitaker, who were doing most of the photographic work on board ship, and suggested that they bring up a

back aboard.

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.

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.

camera and catch them, which they immediately proceeded to do with the well known results."

From left to right, the sailors in this image are David Ireland (Captain of the Forecastle), Gilbert H. Purdy (Captain of the Hold/Seaman), John T. Griffith (Chief Carpenter's Mate), and John King (Quarter Gunner).

To read more about this photograph, please [click here](#).

Refer a Friend to SSHSA

Do you have a friend or family member that would be interested in SSHSA and *PowerShips*? Now is the time to tell them to join! We are introducing a "Refer a Friend" contest to our members. For each friend, family member, or acquaintance that you refer and who joins SSHSA as a new member, your name will be entered in a raffle to win a special maritime prize pack! The more people you refer, the better chance you have to win. You may refer a friend by asking them to visit our website, www.sshsa.org, call us at (401) 463-3570, or e-mail Alissa Cafferky at acafferky@sshsa.org for more information on SSHSA and how to join. When asked, "How did you hear about SSHSA?" your referral must specify your name to ensure you receive the credit.

Hurry- this contest ends on May 31, 2015! The winner will be notified via telephone, and will be announced in the June issue of *The Telegraph*. We look forward to your support and referrals.

(Above image: RMS *Queen Elizabeth*, SSHSA Archives)

Surplus Registers Available to Members

While unpacking boxes in our new location in Warwick, Rhode Island, our staff and volunteers came across surplus American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) Records, Lloyds Registers, and Merchant Vessels of the United States records. These registers for educational use, and are available to our members for **\$10.00-\$25.00 per register, plus shipping and handling costs**. The proceeds from these

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.

Upcoming Events

The **Council of American Maritime Museum's Annual Meeting** will be held from April 13-14, 2015, at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum.

We are participating in the **New England Regional Genealogical Consortium Conference** in Providence, Rhode Island on April 16, 2015. This conference will give us the opportunity to meet current and potential SSHSA members and to showcase some of the images from our archives. Be sure to stop by our booth and say "Ahoy!"

New Members

Welcome aboard to SSHSA!

BTC Harry T. Andersen, USN
(Ret.)
Mr. H.K. Anderson
Mr. Michael Bakara
Mr. Philip M. Barney

registers will go directly towards maintaining our collections and library. The condition of the volumes varies from fair to excellent, depending on the volume.

Available Registers:

ABS Records- 1921, 1942, 1944-1960, 1965

Lloyds Registers- 1919-1990-- available as complete sets or individual volumes

Merchant Vessels of the United States- 1884, 1888-1893, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1902

If you are interested in these registers, please call us at (401) 463-3570, or e-mail us by [clicking here](#).

2015 Annual Meeting Announcement

SSHSA's 2015 Annual Meeting:

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2015

Time: 10:00AM

Location: SSHSA's New Headquarters- 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886

Kindly RSVP by Friday, May 15, 2015.

Our official Opening Day is scheduled for National Maritime Day, Friday, May 22, 2015. We are planning a series of events for members and friends beginning on the evening of Thursday, May 21, culminating with our Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 23. Additional information will be announced soon, so stay tuned!

2015 Awards Nominations Needed

We are now accepting nominations for our 2015 Awards. To view and print our Awards Nomination form, please [click here](#). You may mail your completed form to the **SSHSA Awards Committee at 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886**.

The 2015 Annual Awards are the following:

Vessel Awards are in recognition of significant milestones or any other accomplishments contributing to the historical importance of engine-powered vessels. Categories include Museum Ship, Cruise Ship, Yacht, Tug Boat, and other vessel

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Mr. Shawn Beckert
Mr. Thomas Berlin
Dr. Kip Bodi
Mr. Jerry Boyd
Mr. James Bradley
Mr. Rick Brown
Mr. Christopher Bujara
Mr. Jerry Canavit
Mr. John Canerot
Mr. Norm Caparco
Mr. Timothy Carey
Mr. Dennis Connors
Ms. Janice Convery
Ms. Regina Covert
Mr. Mark Devine
Mr. John Drew
Mr. Douglas Ebert
Mr. Andrew Edmonds
Mr. Mark Egerer
Mr. Kurt Engelhorn
Mr. Robert Gelini
Mr. Harold Geringer
Mr. Richard Gouse
Mr. Peter Grasso
Mr. Warren Hagist
Ms. Anne C. Hall
CAPT Robert J. Hamill
Mr. Paul C. Harden
Mr. James R. Heath
Ms. Pat Heath
Mr. John Hermsdorf
Mr. Robert Higgins
Mr. Karl Holz
Mr. Tom Javor
Mr. Perry Jurey
Mr. Robert Kaepfel
Mr. William Keels
Kimball Union Academy
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Mr. Richard Krug
Ms. Alice F. La Brie
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Mr. Martin Madsen
Mr. Alexander Melchert
Mr. Michael J. Mertle
Mr. Hap Miller
Mr. Drew Milliken
Mr. Nyle Monday
Mr. Randy Moran

types. This category includes our **Ship of the Year Award**.

2014 Winners:

Ship - *Edward M. Cotter*
Yacht - *Aphrodite*
Tugboat - *Wallace Foss*

Jay Allen Award for Distinguished Editorial Service is in recognition of an individual who has made the most important contribution to SSHSA's official magazine, *PowerShips*.

2014 Winner: Mr. Geoffrey Hamer

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.

2014 Winner: Mr. John Henry

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

2014 Winner: Mr. Dennis Hale

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.

2014 Winner: CDR John Hamma

(Above image: *Edward M. Cotter*, <http://www.emcotter.com>)

Invitation to *Lusitania* Event

The Cunard Steamship Company's Transatlantic liner, RMS *Lusitania*, was sunk off the Old Head of Kinsale, Southern Ireland on May 7, 1915, with the loss of 1,198 passengers and crew.

Over one year ago, "The Clydeside *Lusitania* Commemoration Group" was

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Mr. Edwin Seabury
Mr. George Shuster and Ms.
Stephanie Van Patten
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Thunder Bay Historical Museum
Society
Ms. Joyce Tozer
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Mr. Anthony Walker
Mr. Everett Ward
Ms. Sue Warthman
Mr. Thom Williamson
Mr. Al Wood
Mr. Carl Ziegler

Captains' Circle

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

Commodore (\$500)

Mr. Lawrence Allen
Mr. Charles T. Andrews
CAPT Ted and Sherry Davison
Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Eberle
Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Ferguson
Mr. Robert J. Golden

founded with the purpose of staging a *Lusitania*-specific commemoration conference event using "the very best of the best" of Scotland's specialist speakers in matters of maritime history, to mark the centenary of the vessel's loss.

The full day event will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at the Clydebank Town Hall and Museum, located close to the John Brown Shipyard in

which *Lusitania*, *Aquitania*, *Queen Mary*, *Queen Elizabeth*, and *Queen Elizabeth 2* were constructed.

A limited number of seats for the event have been blocked off for Steamship Historical Society of America members.

The costs of funding this free admission event (including refreshments and a light lunch) are being underwritten by the Scottish-based William Lind Foundation/ Ballast Trust who for many years have supported broadly similar Scottish centric engineering, shipping and shipbuilding events of this nature, together with a small number of other mainly Scottish maritime related entities.

To learn more about the conference, please visit The Clydesdale *Lusitania* Commemoration Group's website by [clicking here](#).

If you are interested in attending this event as an SSHSA member, please call our office at (401) 463-3570 to register.

(Above image: RMS *Lusitania*, SSHSA Archives)

Coming up in *PowerShips*

The next issue of *PowerShips* will be mailed in mid-April. Please be sure to [renew your membership](#) if you have not yet done so to ensure you receive a copy.

***Patris* – The First Big Liner for Chandris**

In "Lives of the Liners," William Miller tells us the story of the *Patris*, which carried immigrants from Europe out to Australia and then, on the homeward trips, carried budget Australian tourists ("the back packer set" as one staff member called it) as well as some disgruntled migrants, who were unhappy with Australia.

The Miracle That Was *Prinsendam*

Peter T. Eisele offers a history of Holland America's *Prinsendam*, launched in 1973. In particular, Eisele highlights the fire that ended the *Prinsendam*'s short,

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Mr. Murray Kilgour
Mr. John Mahoney
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seven-year run. This article, edited by Don Leavitt, was first published in *Steamboat Bill* in Spring 1981 and is reprinted in celebration of *PowerShips*' 75th anniversary.

The Russian Yacht *Livadia*

Jim Leggett presents a fascinating account of Russia's revolutionary round ship *Livadia*, an imperial yacht of the House of Romanov built in 1879–1880 in Glasgow, England. Leggett also introduces us to the historically significant and beautiful ship model of *Livadia*, built in 1880.

Eugene O'Neill's Fireman Yank in *The Hairy Ape*

Taylor Nutting introduces us to O'Neill's prolonged glimpse into the underbelly of a steamship during the rapid transition from sail to steam to internal combustion engines. O'Neill's descriptions of Yank in the play *The Hairy Ape* provide a crucial look into a brief moment in time, giving credit to a little-known and less-appreciated role on the ship: the fireman.

Slow Boat to Europe

George and Irene Gruner present a sea saga experienced by a young married couple who put aside daily pleasures to save for a once-in-a-lifetime European sojourn they would remember forever – a trip that took place sixty two years ago, at the end of the era of tramp steamers and breakbulk cargoes, aboard the SS *Duivendyk* of the Holland-America Line.

Museum Profile: Wisconsin Maritime Museum

PowerShips highlights the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, where you can explore the nation's most completely restored WWII submarine, stroll the streets of a 19th century shipbuilding town, and sail a boat down a river.

Introducing SSHSA's New Headquarters: The Ship History Center

SSHSA Executive Director Matthew Schulte welcomes readers to our new headquarters. The Ship History Center features both public and private spaces, including work areas for conducting research, exhibit space and galleries, staff offices, a library, archive and photo areas, a ship store, and The Ship History Hall of Fame.

Steamboat Bill and PowerShips: A Look Back Over 75 Years

Barry Eager provides a history of SSHSA's magazine. Highlights include many firsts: the first *Steamboat Bill*, the first book review, the first regional columns, the first issue printed via offset, the first of quarterly publication, the first formally designed front cover, the first special feature issue, the first color cover, and the first *PowerShips*.

Chapter News

Delaware Valley

LAST MEETING:

March 15 Program- Member Ed Reilly presented "Ships on the Delaware in the 60s and 70s." It was a slide collage of tankers, freighters, and more as he saw them over two decades.

DUES: Last horn is blowing for Chapter dues. They are just \$15.00 for the year. A new member roster will be created in April. Don't get left on the pier. Check

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CAPT Michael Cicalese
Mr. Charles W. Clarke
CAPT John M. Cox
Mr. John J. Crowley, Jr.
Mr. Richard W. Curtis, Jr.
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or money order goes to Steve Loveless. If you need an address to mail it to, contact Steve at oceanelinerbuff@aol.com or (267) 288-8479.

Note 1: We would like to purchase a video projector. Any ideas about which one, and help with fundraising would be welcome.

Note 2: We are in need of a Recording Secretary (an easy job).

SNOW ALERT: In case of foul weather, check for an e-mail after 10AM on meeting day if there are any changes. Otherwise, call Steve Loveless at (267) 288-8479 or Norm at (856) 663-1086 to get the latest information.

CALENDAR:

Chapter Meeting- Sunday, April 19, 2015- Richard Wagner will speak about the *Queen Elizabeth 2* and *Titanic*.

Golden Gate

On February 7, the Chapter met at the Alameda Elks Lodge with ten members in attendance. The featured presentation was the illustrated talk by Chapter Treasurer Dick Rutter entitled "San Francisco: Last Stop on the Whale Road". As a ten-year-old, Dick visited relatives in the historic whaling port of New Bedford, Massachusetts and was highly impressed viewing the large, half-scale, 1916-built, museum model of the whaling ship *Ladoga*. Dick cited several major events in U.S. whaling history, including the campaign against American whaling ships by the Confederates in the Civil War that sank 50 whaling vessels. As the population of whales in the Atlantic became depleted many New England whalers migrated to the Pacific and Arctic waters.

In 1871, Arctic ice flows trapped 1,200 crew members aboard whaling ships that had to be abandoned. San Francisco Bay was established as a major whaling base with the vessels anchored in the protected Oakland Estuary off Alameda with many of the whalers of Portuguese descent making their homes in nearby San Leandro. Point San Pablo near Richmond, California, had the last American whaling station when it was finally closed in 1970. Dick Rutter plans to make his whaling presentation to the public later this year at the Alameda Public Library.

Chapter Secretary Norbert Ulbrich has relinquished his position after six years of service, making it an open position.

The Chapter's next meeting will be at the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Ave., in the Card Room at 1:00PM on Saturday, April 4, with planned talks on sextants for navigation, modern day piracy, and Pacific Coast container terminal operations, including the recent longshore labor relations dispute.

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 Southern California Chapter has recently loaned 77 waterline models to the RMS *Queen Mary* for their new Model Gallery. In addition to the models, which are in two locked glass and wood cases, there are five or six large models

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on display. One model of the *Queen Mary* is the original Builder's Model, by Basset & Locke, and is about 15 feet long. There are also several half cut away models of the *Titanic*, *Lusitania*, and *Normandie* by Father Perrone. Several other large models of modern liners are also on display. We plan to repopulate our cases in the Caronia Room with additional water line models in storage. Each of the Chapter's models is named on large signs adjacent to the cases, with a credit line to the Southern California Chapter, of the Steamship Historical Society of America.

The February meeting had a very high attendance, ranging from 41 to 52 people. Member Dr. Nelson Arnstein related a trip he took in the SS *France* in the early 1970s. He has promised to give a talk on the SS *Normandie* in the future. The second speaker was LTC Steve Lund, US Army Retired, who presented a wonderful talk and slide show on the

Technology of Ironclad vessels of the US Navy, first developed in the US Civil War. Included was a section on the USS *Comanche*.

Upcoming Meetings:

On May 2, 2015, Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning writer-producer Mark B. Perry will give a behind-the-scenes look at the filming of his "Save our Souls" episode of *Ghost Whisperer* wherein the *Queen Mary*, as the SS *Claridon* (in an homage to *The Last Voyage*), was put back to sea via the magic of CGI. The eight day shoot, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt, featured many locations all over the *Queen Mary*, and is a ship geek's smorgasbord of shout-outs to other films that took place on the great liners of the 20th century.

On August 1, 2015, Shawn Dake will present the second half of his Year in Review to the Chapter. This is a great update on the happenings in the Cruise Ship world and in the maritime world in general.

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

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Alissa Cafferky, Editor, *The Telegraph*

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