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President's Column

Sign up for Membership Saturdays

Thanks to everyone who has come out for one of our Membership Saturday events at the Ship History Center in Rhode Island. SSHSA board members Don Leavitt and Eric Wiberg were the stars, as we pieced together artifacts from our collection and hosted a standing-room-only presentation on U-Boats off the coast of New England.

We have two more great talks coming up over the next couple of weeks. If you live in the area, be sure to stop by and check them out. Both programs are free, but space is limited and the last lecture filled up quickly. Register early by calling 401-463-3570 or emailing blucier@sshhsa.org.

Saturday, March 26, 1 p.m. – Join Eric Takakjian as he discusses the efforts used to locate the wreck of the *SS Newcastle City*, a transitional steamship lost on a voyage from England to New York in 1887. A captain with The Vane Brothers Company and an experienced diver, Takakjian will talk about the research and field operations that led to the 2008 discovery and identification of the ship, one of the first five vessels built by the Furness Withy Steamship Company, a shipping business that is still in existence today.

Saturday, April 2, 1 p.m. – Hear the story of one man who took on a renovation project that ended up being far more than he expected. SSHSA

Dear SSHSA Friends,

Spring is just days away, giving most of America a chance to shake off the winter blues and start thinking of warmer pursuits. There's no doubt that some images will instantly come to mind as you consider the warmth coming our way – things like beach days, cookouts and the all-American road trip.

If you find yourself wandering the country this summer, I hope you'll consider a stop at our new Ship History Center in Rhode Island. As you'll see throughout this newsletter, we have a lot of great events and initiatives taking place each and every month, and we would love for as many of our members to visit as possible. Whether you're taking in a lecture or strolling through a display of rare maritime artifacts, it's something that everyone should experience.

One great opportunity on the horizon is our **Annual Meeting and Ocean Liner Dinner on Saturday, May 14**. Not only will you have a chance to meet with other members and cast your votes for the Board of Directors in person, but you can join us for an elegant evening that will help further SSHSA's mission and support even more membership

member Sandy Thomson will recall his work to restore the steam yacht *Wanda III*, the largest steam yacht in Canada at the time, and a reflection of the grand style of living enjoyed by the upper class. Built in 1915, the vessel was in poor shape by the time Thomson acquired it in 1966. It took five years to get her sailing again and nearly 20 years of work overall before he was ready to donate it to the Muskoka Steamship and Historical Society in Canada.

Students dive in to history at SSHSA

SSHSA welcomed its first school group to the Ship History Center in February. A group of 2 dozen sixth graders from the Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, spent class time studying steamship travel and the Hudson River Day Line and arrived eager to learn, share and explore.

Over the course of more than two hours, the students went on a tour of the SSHSA archives, participated in a steamship-themed scavenger hunt, and learned about the efforts to save the SS *United States*, which was in the news that week as Crystal Cruises announced tentative restoration plans.

This is the first of what we hope will be many youth groups coming through our doors. SSHSA is open to any classroom or group that is interested. We are also in talks with the Regional Council of the Boy Scouts of America to create a new steamship merit badge that would be contingent on visiting the Ship History Center and completing an assignment that leads them through an overview of maritime history.

If there are any members out there who know of a school group that may be interested in attending, please contact us at 401-463-3570 or blucier@sshhsa.org. [Click here](#) for a gallery with more pictures of the Rocky Hill School visit.

Tickets selling fast for Ocean Liner Dinner

events and activities in the future.

Regardless of what plans may unfold, I wish you all a wonderful spring. Thank you for your support throughout the year, and we hope to see you sometime soon!

Sincerely,

Mary L. Payne, President

Still Time To Renew Your Membership

Spring is almost here, which means there is a new issue of *PowerShips* just around the corner. 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.

The response to the Ocean Liner Dinner has been great so far, with nearly half of the tickets already spoken for. Don't miss out on chance to enjoy the glitz and glamour of a bygone era of travel – all while supporting the growth of SSHSA and our mission to share the history and maritime heritage of powerful ships, legendary passengers and hardworking crews. **Space is limited - reserve today!**

The centerpiece of the night will be RMS *Queen Mary*, which celebrates her 80th anniversary this year. There will be an opening reception held at the Ship History Center, followed by a dinner inspired by classic ocean liner cuisine. The event will also include both live and silent auctions, and a presentation by the *Queen Mary's* Honorary Commodore, Everette Hoard.

Tickets are \$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.

Proceeds from the event will support us as we work diligently to expand our physical presence, increase our online offerings, and further develop our educational program with an eye toward engaging school children throughout the country.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Official notice is hereby given to all members that the Annual Meeting will be held at the SSHSA Ship History Center, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI on **Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10 a.m.** The ballot for new board members will be distributed soon, and more information will be posted on www.sshsa.org as it becomes available.

If you are interested in attending, there is a block of hotel rooms available for \$79 for SSHSA members at the nearby Radisson Hotel Providence Airport. Call the Radisson today at 1-800-916-4339 and mention SSHSA. **The cutoff date for hotel reservations is April 13**, so be sure to book soon!

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

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

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"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.

New SSHSA Members

Welcome aboard!

Mr. Robert Bauer
Mr. David Bell
Mr. Don Bohr

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, 1892, 1899, 1930, 1932, 1935, 1938, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1952, 1953-1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964

Lloyds Registers-

1922-1923 (Volume 2)
1924-1925 (Volume 2)
1929-1930 (Volume 2)
1930-1931 (Volume 2)
1931-1932 (Volume 1)
1933-1934 (Volume 1)
1933-1934 (Volume 2)
Annals of Lloyds Register 1934
1934-1935 (Volume 2)
1935-1936 (Volume 1)
1937-1938 (Volume 2)
1938-1939 (Volume 2)
1940-1941
1946-1947
1947-1948 (Appendix)
1949 (Appendix)
1950-1951 (Volume 1, A-L)
1950 (Appendix)
1951 (Appendix)
1952-1953 (Volume 1, A-L)
1952-1953 (Volume 2, M-Z)
1953-1954 (Volume 1, A-L)
1953-1954 (Volume 2, M-Z)
1954-1955 (Volume 1, A-L)
1954-1955 (Volume 2, M-Z)
1956-1957 (Volume 1)
1956-1957 (Volume 2, Appendix)
1956-1957 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
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1957-1958 (Volume 2, Appendix)
1957-1958 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)

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Mr. Bruce Lockhart	1965-1966 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
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Mr. Earl Massey	1966-1967 (Volume 1, A-L)
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Mr. Jack McBride	1968-1969 (A-L)
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Mr. Gregory Morris	1968-1969 (List of Shipowners)
Mr. Byron Olsen	1968-1969 (Appendix)
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Mr. Peter Pare	1969-1970 (M-Z)
Mr. Craig E. Philip	1969-1970 (List of Shipowners)
Mr. Michael Rauworth	1969-1970 (Appendix)
Mr. Richard Rees	1970-1971 (A-L)
Mr. Charles Royce	1970-1971 (M-Z)
Mr. Robert Rubino	1970-1971 (List of Shipowners)
Mr. Richard Ryder	1970-1971 (Appendix)
Mr. Kent Sanctuary	1971-1972 (A-L)
Mr. Keith Schlosberg	1971-1972 (M-Z)
Mr. Andrew Seitzer	1971-1972 (Appendix)
Mr. Howard Smart	1972-1973 (A-L)
Mr. John Stanford	1972-1973 (M-Z)
Mr. Gary Swanson	1972-1973 (List of Shipowners)
CAPT Brian Swedberg	1972-1973 (Appendix)
J.A. Thomson	1973-1974 (A-L)
Mr. Richard Todd	1973-1974 (M-Z)
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Valaika	1973-1974 (List of Shipowners)
Mr. Thomas White	1973-1974 (Appendix)
William K. Sanford Town	1974-1975 (A-L)

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

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1974-1975 (List of Shipowners)
1975-1976 (A-L)
1975-1976 (M-Z)
1975-1976 (List of Shipowners)
1975-1976 (Appendix)
1976-1977 (A-L)
1976-1977 (M-Z)
1976-1977 (List of Shipowners)
1976-1977 (Appendix)
1977-1978 (List of Shipowners)
1977-1978 (Appendix)
1977-1978 (Register of Offshore Units, Submersibles, and Diving Systems)
1979-1980 (A-K)
1979-1980 (L-Z)
1979-1980 (Register of Offshore Units, Submersibles, and Diving Systems)
1981-1982 (Register of Offshore Units, Submersibles, and Diving Systems)
1981-1982 (Register of Ships Subsidiary Sections)
1982-1983 (A-G)
1982-1983 (H-O)
1982-1983 (P-Z)
1982-1983 (List of Shipowners)
1982-1983 (Register of Offshore Units, Submersibles, and Diving Systems)

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

Coming up in *PowerShips*

The next issue of *PowerShips* is in production now and will be mailed in mid-April. There's still time to [renew your membership](#) today if you have not yet done so. Trust us - you don't want to miss this one!

Here are some highlights for the Spring 2016 issue of *PowerShips*:

Eighty years ago this June the RMS *Queen Mary* sailed into New York on her maiden voyage. We celebrate that event in this issue of *PowerShips*, featuring three articles on various aspects of the magnificent ocean liner.

February 5, 2015: A Great Day for the Queen of Time

Queen Mary's Commodore Everette Hoard paints us a picture of last year's wonderful celebration of the opening of a new model gallery on the ship's forward starboard promenade deck, the first tangible step

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toward what is expected to grow into a 65,000-square-foot museum and science center.

“Tribute to a Queen”

In an article originally published in *Steamboat Bill* in 1968, Frank Cronican, Jr., offers a heartwarming tribute to the *Queen Mary*, featuring details of the ship’s construction, an account of her maiden voyage, and a brief history of her travels during and after World War II. Edited by Don Leavitt.

The Insider’s Guide to the *Queen Mary*

Don Leavitt describes his recent awe-inspiring visit to the *Queen Mary*, where he wandered throughout the ship with his mouth agape, expecting to awaken from a dream.

The Space Ship *Hamburg*

In *Lives of the Liners*, William Miller introduces us to the 24,000-ton *Hamburg*, which in 1969 was the first newly built German liner since 1939. She was owned by the German-Atlantic Line and designed to carry 600 passengers in great luxury and even greater space.

The Russian Steam Frigate *Kamschatka*

James Brown relates a tale of chicanery and deceit regarding the construction of the Russian Navy steam frigate *Kamschatka*. Built in New York in 1841 by William H. Brown, the *Kamschatka* proved to be a test of early American shipbuilding methods and industrial capacity.

The SS *Manco*

Terry Tilton offers a fascinating history of the SS *Manco*. Built by storied Scott’s Shipbuilding, *Manco* was a combination passenger-cargo ship designed for Amazon River service, served different owners from 1908 to 1944 and participated in two world wars (on opposite sides).

Museum Profile: Hudson River Maritime Museum

PowerShips highlights the Hudson River Maritime Museum, located in Kingston, New York. The museum is currently featuring exhibits on Hudson River tugboats and lighthouses, and the museum courtyard contains the historic steam tugboat *Mathilda*.

(Above photo: *Queen Mary* from SSHSA archives)

Chapter News

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The Delaware Valley Chapter will meet at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, March 20**, at the Independence Seaport Museum on Penns Landing in Philadelphia. The topic will be the successful roll-on/roll-off cargo ships built by Sun Ship Yard, including the recent and tragic loss of the *El Faro*.

On **Sunday, April 17**, the Chapter will meet at 2 p.m. at the Independence Seaport Museum to hear a presentation from Member Tee Adams on a selection of his ocean liner/cruise ship videos.

The Chapter will also meet on **Sunday, May 15**, at 2 p.m. at the Independence Seaport Museum. Steam historian extraordinaire Frank Vopasek will present a program on steam-powered vessels from his extensive slide collection.

Upcoming events

Sunday, May 22 – Boat ride circumnavigating Staten Island in conjunction with the Lighthouse Museum. Participants will see lighthouses, hidden bird sanctuaries and ship graveyards.

Saturday, June 18 – Evening lighthouse tour boat ride in conjunction with Lighthouse Museum.

Sunday, July 24 – Boat ride aboard the historic 1930s vintage fireboat *John J. Harvey* to see the Cunard Line flagship *Queen Mary 2*. Possible ferry ride to Governors Island, where we will have lunch and view *QM2* in Brooklyn.

Contact Chapter Chairman Steve Loveless at sloveless1959@gmail.com or 215-495-8889 for more information.

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 met **February 6** on board the RMS *Queen Mary*. There were two talks and a raffle during the 3-hour meeting. One talk was on the wreck of SS *Harvard* in 1930; the other was on the Panama Canal.

The raffles have great maritime items and help to keep dues low. Meetings are great for networking and a chance to meet new friends and others with similar interests.

The Chapter's next meeting will be aboard the *Queen Mary* on **Saturday, May 7**, at 1 p.m. in the Caronia Room. All persons interested in maritime history or just ships in general are very welcomed. Refreshments are served.

The SoCal Chapter produces a 16-page journal/newsletter, *Ocean Times*, with several maritime history/current articles in it. It covers all aspects of powered

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vessels, both new and old, from early steamships to turbines, motorships, freighters, passenger ships, etc.

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

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

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