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President's Column

Don't miss out on our *Titanic* dinner

Ticket sales will be ending soon for our **second Ocean Liner Dinner on Saturday, April 8** – make sure you're there for an elegant evening that will celebrate the golden age of ocean liners and pay tribute to one of the most well-recognized ships in the world, the *Titanic*.

The dinner will feature an open bar, a fabulous seven-course meal recreated from the *Titanic's* fateful voyage, silent and live auctions, and a presentation by the legendary Bill “Mr. Ocean Liner” Miller. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$250 per couple, and can be purchased by emailing blucier@sshhsa.org or calling 401-463-3570. [Click here for the invitation](#), and make plans to join us in Providence, Rhode Island, for a fantastic time!

Proceeds from the event will support our organization as we continue to expand our offerings at the Ship History Center in Warwick. The event will also help us broaden our role as an educator and steward of maritime resources, supporting our “Steaming into the Future” educational program. Funds will be used in conjunction with a \$50,000 federal grant awarded last year through the National Parks Service and the National Maritime Heritage Grant Program to build an online interactive experience aimed at educating students worldwide.

Last year's tribute to the *Queen Mary* was an amazing success, and the staff is working on the final touches to make this year's event bigger and better. Come join your fellow ship enthusiasts and help us as we continue to preserve and share this important piece of our country's maritime heritage.

Heritage Harbor grant helps push education program forward

Good news, Shipsters! SSHSA recently received another accolade for its educational outreach efforts in the form of a \$20,000 grant through the Rhode Island-based Heritage Harbor Foundation. Part of an effort to increase the history literacy level of adult and school-age students, we were one of just nine organizations funded through this competitive process.

The Heritage Harbor Foundation will officially present the grant to staff and board members on April 7 at the Ship History Center, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI. The 4 p.m.

ceremony will be followed by a small reception, and members are welcome to attend. Call 401-463-3570 or email blucier@sshhsa.org to reserve a spot.

The grant will be used together with a \$50,000 National Maritime Heritage Grant awarded last year to help build an interactive website experience that will share some of our vast archives with a worldwide audience. It will focus on a period beginning in 1807 when the first commercially viable American steamships began transforming trade, commerce and travel across the country. Students will work directly with primary sources to better understand these changes and think about how they may offer opportunities for the future.

Work on this program began back in 2013, when SSHSA was awarded a grant from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities to bring in a team of teachers and educational consultants to select artifacts and documents from its collections and provide feedback regarding what items and concepts were best aligned with 11th and 12th grade curricula. The Maritime Heritage Education Grant will allow the scope to be broadened and shared beyond Rhode Island.

Overall, the Heritage Harbor Foundation awarded \$137,000 in grants. [Click here to learn more!](#)

Speaker series continues with tales of life at sea

The SSHSA speaker series continues tomorrow as we learn about the life of an engineer aboard a current-day vessel and explore the history of the Fall

Dear SSHSA Friends,

Winter may not be going away easily for many of us, but it's only a matter of time before the first signs of spring start showing up. Here at SSHSA, the start of a new season coincides with a number of exciting events and announcements coming up over the next month.

First and foremost is our Ocean Liner Dinner coming up on April 8. Following up on last year's successful tribute to the Queen Mary, this year's dinner will commemorate the Titanic and feature a menu recreated from the ship's fateful voyage. The keynote speaker will be Bill "Mr. Ocean Liner" Miller, who will talk about the golden age of ocean liners. If you live nearby and didn't have a chance to come last year, I do hope you consider joining us. The Board of Directors will be in town, and look forward to meeting all of you while we support a great cause in our Ship History Center. Call 401-463-3570 for information and tickets.

If you can't make it to the dinner, you are also welcome to come see us at SSHSA's Annual Meeting, also being held on April 8. The day will begin at 10 a.m. at the Ship History Center in Warwick, Rhode Island, and is open to all members. Come hear where we are now and

where we are heading as an organization in 2017.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that SSHSA has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Heritage Harbor Foundation in Rhode Island to continue the development of our education program. Funds will be used along with a \$50,000 federal grant awarded last year to build an online interactive experience aimed at educating students worldwide. We'll be holding a small event to receive the check on April 7 at 4 p.m. at the Ship History Center if any of our local friends want to join us.

I hope you are as excited about all of this as we are, and thank you again for all of your support!

Sincerely,
Mary L. Payne, President

Still Time To Renew Your Membership

Spring has sprung, which means there is a new issue of *PowerShips* less than a month away. 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

River Line. If you'd like to visit the Ship History Center, come out of the cold and join us for this exciting program!

When: Saturday, March 25, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Ship History Center, 2500 Post Road, Warwick

The program will feature presentations from both Andy Beauchemin, an engineer in the U.S. Merchant Marine, and Andy Lizak, an SSHSA volunteer and 45-year member.

A 2005 graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Beauchemin sails to many different U.S. and foreign ports in his role as a member of the engine department aboard a diesel-powered car carrier. He will share photographs from some of the ships he has served on, transit locations such as the Suez and Panama canals, and ports in the Middle East, Northern Europe and Alaska.

Lizak will give a visual presentation on the bygone days of the Fall River Line, which ran some of the largest steamboats in the world between Fall River, Massachusetts, and New York City. In addition to highlighting some of the ships that made the line famous, Lizak will feature port facilities in Fall River, New York City and Newport, Rhode Island.

The lecture is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. This is a great chance to visit the Ship History Center if you haven't been here for a while and to meet with some of your fellow shipsters. We hope to see you there!

Get your ballots and award nominations in

There's only a little more than a week left to get your ballot in for this year's election for the Board of Directors. Six people have agreed to serve, and this is a great chance to help guide us as we steam into a new era for our organization.

[Click here to view and print the ballot online](#). You can submit it in advance by mail or email, or in person at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 10 a.m. If you would like to receive a physical ballot in the mail, please contact us at 401-463-3570 or blucier@sshsa.org. **All ballots submitted in advance are due by Saturday, April 1.**

Next week is also the last chance to get your nominations in for the current round of SSHSA Awards, which recognize vessels, individuals and organizations

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.

"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

for their contributions to maritime history. Along with the coveted Ship of the Year Award, the following categories will be considered:

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, 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.

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.

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

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.

[Click here for the rules and a nomination form.](#) **Please submit by Saturday, April 1 to be considered at the Annual Meeting.**

Volunteers and part-time assistance needed at Ship History Center this summer

The Ship History Center has been up and running for more than a year now, but that doesn't mean that there isn't more work to be done. SSHSA is looking for part time volunteer help this summer as we continue to analyze and interpret our collection, and open our doors to visitors who flock to Rhode Island during the busy tourist season.

Hours and jobs are flexible - whether you are comfortable working in the photo room helping us better document our more than 500,000 ship images or more at home helping us expand our hours by becoming a docent and leading tours of our unique archive. If you have a passion for maritime history, there are plenty of ways for you to get involved and get an up close and personal look at the hundreds of years of history that we have at our fingertips here in Rhode Island.

of images from SSHSA's photo archives.

New SSHSA Members

Welcome aboard!

American Maritime Officers
Mr. Michael Avillion
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Those who are interested should give us a call at 401-463-3570 or email blucier@sshhsa.org for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

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 - make sure you don't miss it!

Here are some highlights for the Spring 2017 magazine, Issue #301:

Decorative Innovator: The Stunning Ile de France

In *Lives of the Liners*, William Miller offers a brief history of the French Line's transatlantic "dreamboat," the 43,100-grt *Ile de France*. Commissioned in the spring of 1927, she was one of the most important liners of the 20th century.

Queen Mary 2: Remastering of a Monarch

John Fostik gives us the details on the recent ambitious upgrade to the *Queen Mary 2*, which remains the only true ocean liner in operation and still the longest, widest, tallest and grandest ever built.

The M/V Tustumena: Navigating Treacherous Waters

Scott McDonald tells the story of his trip aboard the M/V *Tustumena*, a venerable ferry that sails through Area 3A, one of the most violent stretches of ocean in the western Gulf of Alaska.

Sunoco, Part Two

William Preston concludes his account of Sunoco's shipbuilding and shipping history, focusing on ships built after World War II, including the cargo vessel *Adm. Wm. M. Callaghan*, the icebreaking tanker *Manhattan*, and the CIA-backed *Hughes Glomar Explorer*.

Rotterdam's Arctic Journey

While traveling from Rotterdam to Boston, Lorraine Coons and Alexander Varias trace the route of the Vikings on Holland America Line's MS *Rotterdam*, and rediscover her noble predecessor, *De Rotterdam*.

Captains' Circle

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

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Chapter News

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 SoCal Chapter produces a journal/newsletter, Ocean Times, with several maritime history/current articles. It covers all aspects of powered vessels, both new and old, from early steamships to turbines, motorships, freighters, passenger ships, etc. Submissions are welcome, and the chapter delights hearing about the experiences that members have had with ships and the sea.

The chapter recently held elections, resulting in Bruce Vancil, Jim Shuttleworth, Scott MacDonald, Everette Hoard (Commodore of the RMS *Queen Mary*), Sherrill Smith, Terry Tilton, William Keene and Bruce Lyons being elected to the Board of Directors. Bruce Vancil will serve as the President, Bruce Lyons as the Vice President, Sherrill Smith as the Treasurer and Jim Shuttleworth as the Secretary.

The chapter met twice in February, once to watch "The Navigator," a silent movie starring Buster Keaton and featuring an old steamer, and again to watch three short 16 mm films about SS *United States* narrated by Mark Perry, followed by an update from Mark on the current condition of the SS *United States*. Both were very well received.

The next member meeting is set for Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 1 p.m. in the Caronia Room aboard the *Queen Mary*. Scott MacDonald will give a presentation the ships of the Alaska Highway titled "Alaska Marine Highway's M/V *Tustumena* - Lifeline to the Aleutian Islands."

Chapter officials are striving to keep dues as low as possible. One of the largest expenses has to do with the production and mailing of hard copies of the Ocean Times. Please agree to accept the electronic version for your membership benefit. It eliminates the cost of printing, envelopes and labels and postage. By keeping costs low, the chapter can keep dues low and continue the tradition of meetings with refreshments. Please inform Editor Bill Keene of your decision to accept the electronic version with all of its vivid color pictures.

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

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

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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 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, 1941, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1957, 1958, 1960

Lloyds Registers-

1929-1930 (Volume 2)
1930-1931 (Volume 2)
1933-1934 (Volume 1)
1933-1934 (Volume 2)
Annals of Lloyds Register 1934
1934-1935 (Volume 2)
1937-1938 (Volume 2)
1938-1939 (Volume 2)
1940-1941
1946-1947
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1949 (Appendix)
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 2, Appendix)
1956-1957 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
1957-1958 (Volume 1)
1957-1958 (Volume 2, Appendix)

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Cyrus Hosmer III	1957-1958 (Volume 4, Directory)
Mr. Harold Kaplan	1958-1959 (Volume 1)
Mr. Timothy J. Kelly	1958-1959 (Volume 2, Appendix)
Mr. Nicholas Langhart	1958-1959 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
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Mr. Michael Lewis	1960-1961 (Volume 4, Directory)
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Mr. Joe MacArthur	1961-1962 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
Mr. Jeff MacKlin	1961-1962 (Volume 4, Directory)
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Mr. David L. McColloch	1963-1964 (Volume 1)
Mr. Daniel L. McCoy	1963-1964 (Volume 2, Appendix)
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CAPT Ronald J. Meiczinger	1963-1964 (Volume 4, Directory)
Mr. Harry Meyer	1964-1965 (Volume 1)
Mr. Charles A. Miller, III	1964-1965 (Volume 2, Appendix)
Mr. Charles W. Moorman	1964-1965 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
Mrs. Harry Morgan	1965-1966 (Volume 1)
Mr. William G. Muller	1965-1966 (Volume 2, Appendix)
Dr. and Mrs. William P. Murphy	1965-1966 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
Mr. Bruce Nickerson	1965-1966 Supplement
Mr. Brian L. Norden	1966-1967 (Volume 1, A-L)
Mr. Kevin O'Donnell	1966-1967 (Volume 2, M-Z)
Oregon Maritime Museum	1966-1967 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
Mr. Ronald Oswald	1968-1969 (A-L)
Mr. Hollis S. Paige	1968-1969 (M-Z)
Mr. Art Peabody	1968-1969 (List of Shipowners)
Mr. David L. Powers, Jr.	1968-1969 (Appendix)
Mr. W. Bruce Redpath	1969-1970 (A-L)
Mr. William Reid	1969-1970 (List of Shipowners)
Mr. William M. Rosen	1969-1970 (Appendix)
Mr. Bruce Rowe	1970-1971 (A-L)
Dr. Victor H. Rubino	1970-1971 (M-Z)
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew S. Schulte	1970-1971 (List of Shipowners)
	1970-1971 (Appendix)
Mr. John W. Schumann	1971-1972 (A-L)
Mr. Bruce C. Seibel	1971-1972 (M-Z)
Mr. Walter A. Shields	1971-1972 (Appendix)
Mr. Howard Smart	1972-1973 (A-L)
Mr. Britton Smith	1972-1973 (M-Z)
Mr. Mark Snider	1972-1973 (List of Shipowners)
Mr. John S.W. Spofford	1972-1973 (Appendix)
Mr. Alan Stover	1973-1974 (A-L)
Mr. Alexander Swavy	1973-1974 (M-Z)
Mr. Richard Vanaria	1973-1974 (List of Shipowners)
Mr. Stephen Weaver	1973-1974 (Appendix)
Mr. Eric Wiberg	1974-1975 (A-L)
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1976-1977 (Appendix)
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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 (H-O)
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](#).

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