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Eight Bells: Alan Konzelman

SSHSA lost a friend, longtime supporter and 35+ year member on Feb. 18 when Alan Konzelman of West Palm Beach, Florida, passed away after a

Praising the past and welcoming new leadership

SSHSA had a successful Annual Meeting and “transition of the gavel” from one person to another while participating as a leading sponsor in the 11th Maritime Heritage Conference last month in New Orleans. Mary Payne handed off leadership to incoming President Don Leavitt in a ceremony at the meeting. Now known as Immediate Past-President Payne, Mary served on the SSHSA Board of Directors for 10 years, serving five years as Vice President and her last three years as our president. Mary’s role as a caring leader served the organization well during its years of transition. She continues to consult with the board and membership, and is already enjoying more travel time, volunteer work and sports in her “retirement.”

In his new role as President, Don thanked Mary on behalf of the board, membership and staff for her service, dedication and leadership. He presented Mary with a certificate recognizing her achievements while at the helm, as well as a special crystal award wishing her fair winds and following seas. Don then took charge as the gavel was passed peacefully and the meeting continued. We thank Mary for her service, and welcome our newest chairman of the board to SSHSA!

Workshop will mix science and history at Ship History Center

We are steaming ahead with our new educational program, teaming up with teachers from around New England to incorporate some of SSHSA’s amazing archive into today’s classrooms.

“Teaching with Historic Archival Sources in Science and Chemistry” will be held **Saturday March 24, from 8:30-11:30 a.m.** at the Ship History Center.

brief illness. He was 88 years old.

His family informed us of his death last week. Alan was a real maritime lover, having graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point in 1950. He spent several decades as a Merchant Mariner, serving on *SS Excelsior*, *SS Honduras Victory*, *SS Independence*, *SS Exanthia*, *SS Examiner* and *SS E.M. Ford*. Kings Point bestowed him with the Silver Mariner Award in 1995, an honor given to those who have sailed for at least 25 years and exemplify the principal goals of the academy. Alan sailed with American Export Lines in the late 1940s and early 1950s, and later was with Inland Lakes Management in various engineering positions on the Great Lakes.

He was known from his earliest high-school years in New Jersey as having a quick wit and hilarious side remarks. In his 1946 Yearbook from College High School, he was described as blond-haired and good-looking with the nickname both on the football field and off as "Spark."

Later in life, Alan recounted many sailor's tales to us here at SSHSA, and had dozens of life stories that were fun to listen to. One infamous story Alan liked to retell was the time his parents took him on his eighth birthday to Lakehurst, New Jersey, to see the arrival of the amazing German airship, Hindenburg.

Held in conjunction with the New England Association of Chemistry Teachers, faculty will earn professional development credits for taking part in this new workshop.

Building on the extensive resources of SSHSA, this program will introduce participants to incorporating historical data and real-world applications into chemistry and science teaching. Thermodynamics, solution chemistry, and the engineering design process will be featured. Participants will experience hands-on activities that can be incorporated into their secondary and post-secondary classrooms, and there will be an introduction to the SSHSA's new educational website and a tour of the archives. If you are a science teacher who lives nearby, we invite you to join us for an exciting morning connecting chemistry and history. RSVP by March 17 at bit.ly/Mar24Warwick or e-mail ckoutros@easton.k12.ma.us.

(Photo: Local teachers give feedback on SSHSA's Steaming into the Future website in October.)

Bid on Ocean Liner Dinner auction items now

You don't have to be in the room at the Ocean Liner Dinner to get a great deal and support ship history! We've got some great gift certificates and experiences from all over the country, and our out-of-state friends can submit a bid in advance for some of these prizes. Here is a sample of some of the items currently up for bid (restrictions may apply):

[Attend the very special Glimmerglass Festival in Upstate New York \(Estimated value: \\$1,500\)](#)

Glimmerglass is a professional non-profit summer opera company in picturesque Cooperstown with a longstanding tradition of hosting four new fully-staged productions - including three operas and one work of American musical theater - performed with full orchestra, large cast and no sound amplification.

Two guests will enjoy admission to four performances during the 2018 season between July 7 and Aug. 25. This year's slate of productions includes: "West Side Story," "The Cunning Little Vixen," "The Barber of Seville" and "Silent Night." As a complement to the tickets, the winner of this package will receive a VIP patron parking pass, admission to the Glimmerglass Intermission

The date was May 6, 1937, and we all know the unfortunate tale that unfolded from there.

We will always appreciate the kinship, yarns and support Alan provided to SSHSA

Still Time To Renew Your Membership

Spring is almost here, and the new issue of *PowerShips* is 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

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.

Club for all four performances, and a special invitation before one of the performances to have a picnic with the artists.

(Please note: At this time, we are not sure if this will be one package or divided for more people to enjoy. Thanks to SSHSA Board member Tom Ragan for this package.)

Cape Cod and the Islands Getaway (Estimated value: \$368)

Enjoy a two-night stay at Bayside Resort in Yarmouth, Massachusetts, and then put two round trip tickets for the Hy-Line Cruises ferry to good use for a day trip to Martha's Vineyard. The hotel's central Cape location puts you right in the middle of some of the region's best beaches, restaurants and shops, and there are 20 golf courses within 20 minutes of the hotel. Once on the Vineyard, you will have the chance to explore the beaches, its abundant history and the breathtaking views.

Experience Ship History in Baltimore (Estimated value: \$500)

You and a guest will join the crowd aboard the Liberty Ship the *John W. Brown* in Baltimore, where history comes alive right before your eyes. You'll be able to explore the ship as you enjoy a six-hour day cruise on the Chesapeake Bay, which includes lunch, music and period entertainment. With this package, the winner will also get a special look at the world's only peacetime nuclear ship the *NS Savannah* and a *John W. Brown* lithograph.

Enjoy a night on the town in Providence! (Estimated value: \$350)

Put a \$250 gift certificate to good use for a stay at The Dean Hotel, a 52-room boutique hotel in historic downtown Providence. During your overnight stay, enjoy two tickets to a performance of the RI Philharmonic Amica Rush Hour series, which offers a 6:30 p.m. start time and shorter program with full performances of select repertoire, as well as a musical discussion.

If you're interested in any of the packages, call 401-463-3570 or email info@sshhsa.org to place a bid, and keep an eye out for more packages soon!

"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.

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New SSHSA Members

Welcome aboard!

Mr. John David Anderson
Mr. John D. Barnard
Mr. Bob Beggio

Souvenir Booklet

Another way you can get in on the fun is by sponsoring a photo in SSHSA's commemorative photo history of the *Normandie*, which will be distributed to the hundreds of attendees at this year's event. Sponsorships are available for each photo, and can be customized with a company logo and a short message. This is a great way to support SSHSA and the Ship History Center, even if you can't celebrate with us in Rhode Island on April 7.

Click here to see our tributes to the [Queen Mary](#) and the [Titanic](#). This year's program will feature some exquisite interior and exterior photos from the archives; act now to make sure you get your first choice! Click here to see a full listing of the pictures that are available, and email SSHSA President Don Leavitt at dleavitt@sshhsa.org to lock in your selection. Thank you in advance for all of your support!

Tickets

If you live nearby and you're still on the fence about the dinner, now is the time to grab your tickets. The deadline is coming up fast and seats are filling up. Call 401-463-3570, email info@sshhsa.org, or [click here to get your tickets now!](#)

(Photos: www.glimmerglass.org, www.washingtontimes.com.)

What you're missing on social media

We've got a lot of great stuff going on over on our social media channels. Click the links at the left and make sure you're following us to get great stories and links like these:

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We remembered the anniversary of the opening of the immigrant receiving facility on Ellis Island, January 1, 1892, with this video from the Library of

Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/january-01/?loclr=fbloc>.

#ThisDayInHistory is a new series where we post about important events that make up our maritime heritage. Here are a few you might have missed:

- On Jan. 23, 1909, the Lloyd Italiano liner *Florida* rammed and sunk the White Star Line's *Republic* off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, making it the largest liner lost at sea prior to the Titanic.
- Did you know the French Line's *France* made her maiden voyage on February 3, 1962?
- The *Imperator* was sold to the Cunard Line & then made her maiden voyage on February 21, 1920 under the Cunard flag. She was later renamed *Berengaria*, breaking the Cunard tradition of never naming its ships after a real person.
- On February 26, 1959, the *Ile de France* sailed for the last time to Osaka, Japan ending her career as a movie prop in the motion picture "The Last Voyage."
- On February 28, 1844, during a Potomac River pleasure cruise for dignitaries that included a demonstration of the USS *Princeton's* two heavy guns, one gun exploded killing six people, including Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Secretary of the Navy Thomas Walker Gilmer, and other high-ranking federal officials. President John Tyler, who was aboard but below decks, was not injured.

In celebration of Black History Month, we shared the story of Sarah Elizabeth Ray and her fight to desegregate the SS *Columbia* on our educational website STEAMing Into The

Future: <https://shiphistory.org/2017/07/21/desegregating-the-ss-columbia/>.

SSHSA began celebrating Women's History Month in March with International Women's Day! Did you know Kate A. Sutton, in 1923, assumed control of the Providence Steamboat Company in Rhode Island, becoming one of the first women in the country to operate a fleet of tugboats? When asked by a reporter if

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she was in fact the model for the famous character from the Hollywood movie "Tugboat Annie," which premiered in 1933, Kate Sutton replied, "I hope not." It's unlikely that an educated, upper middle-class president of a company was really the model for the uneducated Tugboat Annie.

RI shipwreck presentation now online

Thanks to everyone who came out last month for our presentation on Shipwrecks in Rhode Island with Historian Charlotte Taylor. More than 40 people packed our headquarters in Warwick for a spirited discussion of the countless number of vessels that met their end along the shores of the Ocean State.

Talking from her new book "Rhode Island Shipwrecks," Taylor touched on some of the hundreds of steamships that have met misfortunes in Rhode Island through bad weather, human error, equipment failure and bad luck. Some of these sinkings were epic disasters, while others were relatively minor misfortunes. Some of the stories are sad, some are funny, and all are memorable.

Couldn't make it to the presentation on February 24? Well you're in luck. We've recorded the presentation and linked it to our Youtube channel for everyone to see. Just click here for [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#) and [Part 3](#).

SSHSA seeking website feedback, Stoltenberg Art Initiative entries

Following up on our presentation at the 11th Maritime Heritage Conference, we are in the process of mailing out informational packets about our education program to all Rhode Island high schools. Our goal is to find teachers to test our materials in their classroom and provide us with feedback. We are also nearing the deadline for the Stoltenberg Art Initiative, which will have art teachers test our lessons and primary sources with their students. Their students can then enter their artwork into a maritime art contest to win cash prizes.

If you or anyone you know is a teacher who would like to help us test our materials, email SSHSA Education Coordinator Aimee Bachari at steam@sshhsa.org. With feedback from teachers and students, SSHSA will roll out its educational website and announce the winners of the Stoltenberg Art Initiative on National Maritime Day, May 22, 2018.

Coming up in *PowerShips* #305

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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 2018 issue:

America's 'Mini Liners' of the 1930s

Even though the harsh Depression raged in the 1930, short trips along the East Coast on little luxury liners, "Mini Liners," provided an ideal escape. In *Lives of the Liners*, William Miller takes us aboard the Clyde Mallory Lines *Shawnee* and *Iroquois*, which boasted luxurious salons, wonderful food and comfortable cabins.

Alcoa's Combination Liners

Immediately after World War II, the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) put in service three distinctive cargo-passenger ships, originally unfinished Victory ships. Terry Tilton presents a detailed maritime history of Alcoa and these ships: *Alcoa Cavalier*, *Alcoa Corsair* and *Alcoa Clipper*.

Preana: Australia's Oldest Operating Steam Vessel

In this restoration story, Jeff Rowe describes the 17 years of effort and dedication, led by Jim Butterworth, that went into bringing the magnificent 1896 steam yacht *Preana*, Australia's oldest operating steam vessel, back to life. The *Preana* is docked in Hobart and operates as an exclusive charter and is currently for sale.

Ship Research, Part 3: Flags at Sea & Funnel Marks

In the third installment of his advice on ship research, James Shuttleworth shows you how information on signal flag codes, other ship flags and funnel marks can support your work. Maritime historians, model makers, collectors, maritime enthusiasts and museum curators will benefit greatly from a knowledge of sea flags.

The Ferry Binghamton: 1905-2017

William Fox offers a loving tribute to the ferry *Binghamton* (1905-2017). She served the Hoboken-Barclay Street commuter run across the Hudson River from 1905 to 1967 and

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was said to have steamed 200,000 miles and carried 125 million people during her career. She became a restaurant in the 1970s and was demolished in place in 2017.

(Photos: Above, a brochure cover for the Miami and Havana sailings of the Clyde Mallory Lines, dated autumn 1939 - courtesy of William H. Miller. Below, a painting of house flags of the port of New London by John Ewen Jr. in 1844 - courtesy of SSHSA Board Member Paul O'Pecko.)

Chapter News

Southern California

The Southern California Chapter's first member's meeting of the year was held **Feb. 3** in an exciting and unique venue. With one of the more fascinating ocean liner collections in SoCal, Mark Perry opened his beautiful Griffith area home for a purely social event. The art deco house has a commanding view of the surrounding Los Angeles area, as well as a distracting array of ship models, memorabilia, posters, silver, china furniture; the list simply goes on and on. Mark kindly conducted tours of the second floor décor, which delighted members who were all too happy to share their considerable pleasure. Many thanks to Mark for providing this opportunity to our very grateful members!

The SoCal Chapter Board discussed several important items, including the 2018 programs and locations. Revisions to Chapter bylaws were distributed to members for final comment before approval. Also, a new experiment in outreach was discussed as a pilot to see if use of social media and webinars might help attract members who are more comfortable with social media interactions than live meetings. Bruce Vancil offered to conduct a pilot, first with board members that, if proven successful, could be expanded to the larger community as a new means of presenting information to a new audience. We are actively assessing what our current members want from SSHSA, as well as what might attract new members.

The proposed program schedule for the remainder of 2018 is:

- **May 5:** "RMS *Queen Mary* Trail of Artifacts," presented by Kevin Anthony, and "Hull 676, the USAT *W.P. Richardson*," presented by Gordon Ghareeb
- **August 4:** "Fleet Week," presented by Kevin Anthony
- **November 3:** Chapter Semi-Formal Tea, and "Working On A Cruise Ship," presented by Bill Keene

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All meetings will be held at 1 p.m. in the Caronia Room (the former Third Class Cinema) aboard the RMS *Queen Mary*.

Chapter members Jim Shuttleworth and Terry Tilton attended the Maritime Heritage Conference that was held in New Orleans in mid-February. A report on this event, which was combined with the Annual Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships, the NMHS Annual Meeting, and the SSHSA Annual Meeting, will be in the April issue of the Ocean Times.

The Ocean Times sent out its largest issue to date when it published *Cruise Ships 2017 – The Year In Review*, by Shawn Dake, as a Special Edition in February. The April issue will include articles on the SS *Avalon*, the SS *United States*, the SS *Golden Age*, and a personal account of the US Navy's Fleet Week. Want your own copy of the Ocean Times? Join the Southern California Chapter of the SSHSA. Contact Sherrill Smith (ladysherrill@msn.com) for information and a membership form.

(Photos: Top, SoCal Chapter members chat and enjoy the collections, refreshments and friendships at Mark Perry's house. Below, the large model of the Queen Mary greets visitors as they enter the door, just the first example of the ocean liner memorabilia and artifacts on display. Photos courtesy of SoCal Chapter President Bruce Vancil.

Delaware Valley

The Delaware Valley Chapter meets at The Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing on the Delaware River. **The next meeting will be held Sunday, March 18, at 2 p.m.** Membership is \$15 for one year. Contact Chapter Chairman Steve Loveless at sloveless1959@gmail.com or 215-495-8889 for more details or if you are interested in joining.

Golden Gate

Chapter dues for 2018 remain at \$6 in United States and \$9 for foreign addresses and 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.

**Attention members and researchers:
Surplus books and 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.

See below for the listing of registers, or [click here for our inventory of used books](#).

Available Registers:

ABS Records - 1952, 1954

Merchant Vessels of the United States - 1947, 1960

Lloyds Registers -

1922-1923 (Volume 2)
1929-1930 (Volume 2)
Annals of Lloyds Register 1934
1938-1939 (Volume 2)
1950 (Appendix)
1953-1954 (Volume 1, A-L)
1953-1954 (Volume 2, M-Z)
1955-1956 (Volume 3)
1956-1957 (Volume 1)
1956-1957 (Volume 2, Appendix)
1956-1957 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
1957-1958 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
1958-1959 (Volume 4)
1959-1960 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
1960-1961 (Volume 1)
1961-1962 (Volume 1)
1961-1962 (Volume 2, Appendix)
1961-1962 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
1961-1962 (Volume 4, Directory)
1962-1963 (Volume 2, Appendix)
1962-1963 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
1963-1964 (Volume 1)
1963-1964 (Volume 2, Appendix)
1963-1964 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
1963-1964 (Volume 4, Directory)
1964-1965 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
1965-1966 (Volume 1)
1965-1966 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
1965-1966 Supplement
1966-1967 (Volume 3, List of Shipowners)
1968-1969 (List of Shipowners)
1969-1970 (A-L)
1969-1970 (M-Z)

1969-1970 (List of Shipowners)
1970-1971 (A-L)
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1970-1971 (List of Shipowners)
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1972-1973 (List of Shipowners)
1975-1976 (List of Shipowners)
1975-1976 (Appendix)
1976-1977 (List of Shipowners)
1977-1978 (List of Shipowners)
1977-1978 (Register of Offshore Units, Submersibles, and Diving Systems)
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 (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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