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Get your tickets now to join the Full Ahead! fun

Time is running out to get your tickets for SSHSA's Full Ahead! event being held on Saturday, April 22. It's been far too long since our last gathering, and we have a lot of reasons to celebrate.

In case you haven't heard, we have raised more than \$2 million that is being used to expand our education programs,

In Memoriam: Dr. Laurence (Larry) Miller

We are sad to report that longtime member and former Board Vice President Dr. Laurence (Larry) Miller recently passed away. He was a lifelong lover of ships and the sea who wrote several articles for *PowerShips*, as well as for newspapers and travel publications such as *Cruise Travel*, *Travel Weekly* and *Travel Agent Magazine*. He co-wrote *Dictionary of the Cruise Industry* with Giora Israel of Carnival Corporation in 1999.



Larry served for 25 years as library administrator of Florida International University, retiring in 2005. Prior to his role at FIU, he studied library sciences at Florida State University and began his library career in Texas. He started amassing his vast maritime collection of vintage ocean liner and cruise ship memorabilia as a young man in the 1950s. In 2009, he donated this extensive ephemera collection of brochures, menus, stationery and deck plans to the Wolfsonian-FIU Museum, and continued to spend much of his time among the thousands of archived works now housed within the "Dr. Larry Miller Collection" at the "Wolf."

The board and staff at SSHSA offer our condolences to Larry's family, including his wife, Carole. [Click here to read his most recent contribution to PowerShips](#), "Long-Forgotten Ships & Two Italian Legends," which recounted some of his travels aboard the *Ocean Monarch*, *Riviera*, *Franconia*, *Leonardo da Vinci* and *Michelangelo*.

Online archive records continue to grow

Spring is nearly here, and our Collections Department is doing its share of cleaning so we can view our collection with fresh eyes. Processing the

continue to assess and catalog parts of our collections that are yet to be processed, make our maritime reference library available and open the museum to the public — all because of you!

The dinner will take place along Narragansett Bay at the Harbor Lights Marina and Country Club, 150 Gray St., Warwick, Rhode Island. Tickets are \$95 per person and include a dinner buffet with three entrée options and a cash bar. [Click here to sign up and buy your tickets now.](#) This event has limited seating and will sell out!

Thanks again to all of our friends and donors who have made Full Ahead! a smashing success. This will be the first of many "popup" celebrations across the country, so keep your eyes peeled for more information.



Haven't made your gift yet to the Full Ahead! campaign? Click the logo above to make your contribution.

New SSHSA Members

Welcome aboard!

Mr. David Gould
Mr. Russel Hamilton
William Hampton
Penny Hayes
Mr. E.C. Higdon

fantastic materials that donors have given the society over the past years remains a top priority. In fact, in 2022, our newly expanded Collections Department added over 1,100 records to our catalog — triple the number of records created the previous year! Many of these cataloged items/collections have been [added to our online database](#), and we are working on publishing the rest. Keep on reading for some notable recent additions to our catalog:

United States Coast Guard Ship Plans

This collection includes ship plans and specifications for naval, Coast Guard, and merchant vessels, with build/refit dates from 1937-63. Many plans are related to the U.S. Maritime Commission. These plans were donated by Dr. Robert Browning in 2000 and inventoried by SSHSA Board Member Capt. Eric Takakjian. [The record of this collection is publicly accessible by clicking here.](#)

Claire (Koch) Tholl Collection

Claire Tholl was a professional naval draftsman, cartographer, architectural historian and prolific author. She was an early member of the SSHSA and had a passion for ship history, particularly the Hudson River Day Line. Many of the items in her collection (donated by her son, Robert Tholl, in 1998) are related to the HRDL. With continued support, we intend to make this collection available to the public soon!



Providence Steamboat Company

When the Providence Steamboat Company was acquired by McAllister Towing in 2007, General Manager Michael Mariner was kind enough to donate PSC records and materials to the SSHSA. Items include photographs, artifacts, ship plans, and more. [The record of this collection is publicly accessible by clicking here.](#)



We thank the Posner Foundation of Pittsburgh for providing the funding for our part-time assistant archivists!

Caption: Above, a poster from the Claire (Koch) Tholl Collection advertises the Hudson River Day Line steamers *New York* and *Albany*. Below, a picture of the tug *Gaspee* is included in a series of five framed photos in the Providence Steamboat Company Collection.

SSHSA President's Message

By Pat Dacey

This post comes from onboard *Queen Mary 2* as we track on south, passing through the Central Eastern Marine Park en route to Sydney, Australia. As

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would be expected, it is also a nice opportunity to meet and chat with fellow passengers with shared maritime interest from all over the world and to share the importance of SSHSA in preserving ship history. As I noted in our December 2022 issue of *The Telegraph*, 2023 is the year we plan to expand interactive opportunities for our members in addition to enjoying all of the great benefits that are already available through your membership. Membership in SSHSA is a wonderful opportunity to interact with other individuals with shared maritime interests and to maintain contact with other kindred groups. I have listed some of our upcoming activities below.

On April 22, we will be celebrating the success of SSHSA's Full Ahead! campaign with a special event to thank our many members and supporters who have made our campaign an overwhelming success. The dinner will take place along Narragansett Bay at the Harbor Lights Marina and Country Club. This will be an opportunity to get together and toast the campaign's success, which has allowed us to further invest in our educational programs, continue to assess and catalog our collection, expand the availability of our maritime reference library, and ensure that our Ship History Center is available to the public.

In May, we will be joining the World Ship Society – Port of New York Branch for a special joint program in New York City where SSHSA's Archivist Astrid Drew will present an in-person program that will feature many *Titanic* and White Star Line items from the Vincent M. Love Collection and other related items in a digital format. Astrid will also provide attendees an overview of SSHSA's substantial collection. The program will be followed by an opportunity to attend the nearby new attraction, "*Titanic*, The Exhibition" with members and friends of both organizations.

I am also happy to report that SSHSA will be heading to sea in May, as we have a group of members who have joined our SSHSA cruise on *Liberty of the Seas* for a four-night cruise to Halifax, Nova Scotia, from Port Liberty, New Jersey. This cruise will be another opportunity for our members to spend time together onboard as well as in Halifax, as we are planning some special maritime-related events.

I look forward to having the chance to see many of you at the above events, or at some of the future events that we will host across the country.

Caption: SSHSA President Pat Dacey with the *Queen Mary 2* in the distance (Photo: Denise Dacey).

New podcasts, SHIPS videos coming soon

One of our recent interviews for SHIPS (Ships, History, Influence and Power Series) about leisure at sea is our newest episode of Ship History Radio! Join



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us for a chat with Jane Lyons about growing up in a diplomatic family and her experiences on long voyages to the family's next posting. [Listen to the episode by clicking here](#), or find us on Spotify, Apple, Audible and Google!

Our education department is currently in production on a film that discusses ocean trade and the rise of containerization. We had the pleasure of interviewing Board Member Doug Tilden, who worked with Malcolm McLean at the United States Lines. Tilden's career in shipping and ports lends a first-hand account to the history of modern shipping. This is not one to miss, so stay tuned!

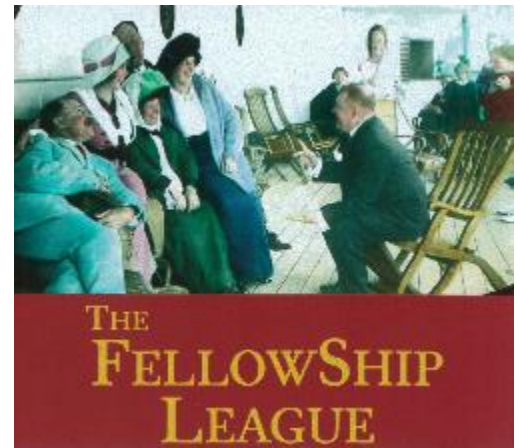


Special thanks to donor Ted Scull for making this oral history program possible. SHIPS is mission-driven and allows SSHSA to document and preserve these ship history stories, as well as share and educate the public on the important topics of trade, immigration and leisure.

You can guarantee SSHSA's future is nothing but smooth sailing

Staying on course is important to mariners. Likewise, it is important to the Steamship Historical Society of America to successfully navigate its way to a secure future. We have charted our waypoints, and we are asking for your help to keep us on course!

Your charitable gift can build a better foundation for the future of SSHSA and give you personal satisfaction at the same time. Are you aware there are other ways to offer your support besides an outright gift of cash (which we always appreciate!) that may better fit your financial plans? Gifts may be either current (given now) or deferred (where the nonprofit does not benefit until sometime in the future). Both allow for contributions to nonprofit organizations of your choice. Incentives allow you the opportunity to reduce tax liabilities while fulfilling your charitable interests and possibly provide an income stream and tax savings in the future.



If you are interested in learning more about how you can help guarantee smooth sailing for the future of SSHSA through a planned gift, either current or deferred, please contact Matthew Schulte at (401) 463-3570. If you have already included SSHSA in your will or other giving plans, please let us know so that we can honor your membership in the Fellowship League.

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Did you know that you can now find our [shiphistory.org](https://www.pinterest.com/steamshiphistory/) lesson plans on Pinterest? Our standards-aligned lessons for Pre-K to college-aged students allow educators to teach with primary sources from our collections for STEAM and history subjects. Follow us on Pinterest at <https://www.pinterest.com/steamshiphistory/>.



[Shiphistory.org](https://www.pinterest.com/steamshiphistory/) launched in 2018 as a way to share the organization's vast archives with a worldwide audience and give students the chance to work with primary sources related to the country's transition from sail to steam in the early 19th century. The website was aided by grants from the National Maritime Heritage Grant Program and the Heritage Harbor Foundation.

In addition to archival content, the site includes full lesson plans for teachers - following STEAM, Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards - and can be shared via Google classroom as well. Whether you are an educator looking for a unique way to present a topic to your class or a parent interested in some activities that can be done at home, there are plenty of ideas on both [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com/steamshiphistory/) and [Shiphistory.org](https://www.pinterest.com/steamshiphistory/). Check them out now!

Coming up in *PowerShips* #325

The next issue of *PowerShips* magazine 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 a few highlights:

The Interior Design of the 1819 Steamship Savannah

Many articles were written about the *Savannah* when it was built, but much of the information was about the elegant passenger quarters and was contradictory. Very little was written about the engine and paddle wheels, which were unique. Based on historical evidence - including detailed drawings

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- Richard Barns makes logical deductions to present a detailed description of the ship, focusing on the boilers, engine and paddle wheels.

French Line Flagship: The *Liberte*

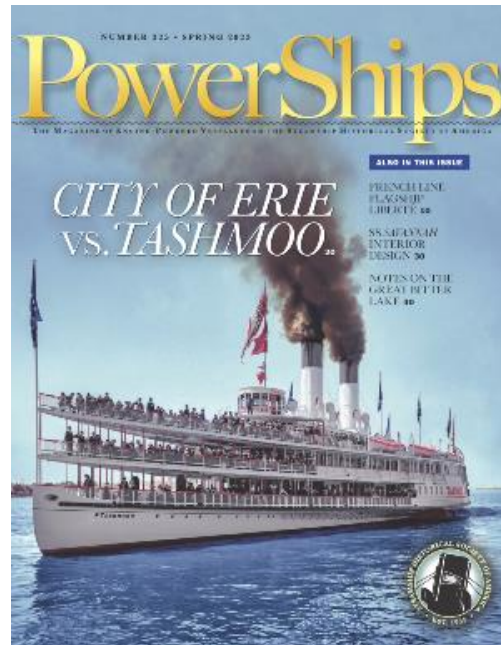
It has been some 60 years since the French Line's *Liberte* left New York on her final voyage with a tug and fireboat escort before sailing off to the shipbreakers. In "Lives of the Liners," William Miller tells us the 31-year story of this great and grand liner, at the time the third largest liner afloat, which came to the French as the *Europa* of prewar North German Lloyd fame.

Notes on the Great Bitter Lake

When the Six-Day War broke out between Egypt and Israel in June 1967, 14 merchant ships were caught in the Great Bitter Lake. Though the war lasted just six days, imprisonment of these ships lasted almost eight years! This story is based on the notes of one of the captains, Capt. Brian McManus, as submitted by Donald Persson.

City of Erie vs. Tashmoo

Jerry Canavit presents a fast-paced account of one of steamboating's greatest races: the new, fast sidewheel passenger steamer *Tashmoo* versus the powerful sidewheel passenger and deck freight steamer *City of Erie*. The highly promoted 95-mile Cleveland-to-Buffalo race was won by just 45 seconds. Read the article to find out who won.



SSHSA Chapter News

Delaware Valley

Provided by Steve Loveless, Chapter Chairman

The next Delaware Valley Chapter meeting will take place March 26 at 2 p.m. at the United States Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay base located at 1 Washington Ave. in Philadelphia, right at the foot of Washington Avenue and Christopher Columbus Boulevard. The program will be a slide presentation on shipping along the Delaware River. **The chapter will also meet at the Coast Guard base on April 16 at 2 p.m.** for a presentation by Chapter Chairman Steve Loveless featuring items from his Cunard Line collection and slides.

The chapter is planning a day trip to Baltimore on Sunday, May 21, to visit the *John W. Brown* and nuclear ship *Savannah* for National Maritime Day. All are welcome. For more information, or to sign up, contact Steve at (215) 495-8889 or sldvcsshsa@gmail.com.

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Greetings everyone! I am very pleased to be writing my first Chapter Notes as new president of the chapter. Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement, and I am looking forward to a great year with numerous interesting events. We are also very excited that Wayne Yanda is now helming the *Ocean Times*, with ongoing assistance from our former editor, Bill Keene.

Additionally, we want to give a huge thank you to President Emeritus Bruce Vancil and Bill Keene for their many years of outstanding service to the chapter. They have both been instrumental in making the chapter the successful organization it is today. They are also both going to continue to be involved with the chapter in different roles, and we are grateful to be able to continue to benefit from their experience and guidance.

We are continuing our efforts at developing new Board of Directors members and new program/project committee members. We are excited about finding people with skills needed to take over the positions of some board members who will be stepping down in the coming years, and also finding people who can contribute in new and different ways.

At our last Chapter meeting on February 4, 2023, I gave a presentation entitled “The Little Sister: The R.M.S. *Queen Elizabeth*, 1938-1972.” **Our next meeting will take place on May 6, 2023, at 1 p.m. Pacific on Zoom.** George Gillow will give a presentation entitled “My Travels on Grace Line Passenger-Freighters in the 1950s.” We hope that you will be able to join us. We also are looking for people who would like to present at our upcoming meetings. If you are interested or have ideas about possible presenters, please contact Vice President Jim Shuttleworth for more information.

As many of you likely know, progress is being made on repairs and renovations on the *Queen Mary* and the City of Long Beach has indicated that the phased reopening will be starting in the next couple of months. We are looking forward to getting back on board and getting back to in-person meetings. Hopefully, we may be able to have our August chapter meeting on board, but that has yet to be determined so please stay tuned for more about that in the coming months.

I look forward to getting to know the chapter members better and to a great 2023!

The SoCal Chapter conducts a raffle of maritime items as a fundraiser at each meeting. The items also can be purchased for a small donation. Postage is included for the USA (overseas, please inquire). Request a list from Jim Shuttleworth, chapter vice president, by emailing Jimpinxit@gmail.com.

The April *Ocean Times* —the chapter’s journal—brings the chapter’s membership and friends a collection of ship type stories.

- Member Jim Shaw recounts the heady days of naval diplomacy in “San Francisco Welcomes the Great White Fleet”



- Wayne Yanda, the *Ocean Times* editor, brings us the story of a West Coast favorite in “*Lurline @ 75.*”
- Member Bill Miller remembers another much-loved ocean liner with the “*Last of White Star – Britannic.*”
- Jim Shaw has provided this issue’s Ship Shot with the history of the *Vina Del Mar*.

Want your own email 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.

Stay safe, stay well, and enjoy maritime history as often as possible.

Caption: A preview of the cover for the April 2023 edition of the SoCal Chapter's *Ocean Times*. Click on the image to visit the chapter's website and sign up for a copy (Photo: Southern California Chapter).

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.

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Bryan Lucier, Editor, *The Telegraph*

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