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Coming up in PowerShips

Don't miss the next issue of *PowerShips*, coming in October! To ensure a copy of this issue of your favorite magazine, [renew your membership](#) if you have not yet done so.

Coming up in the Fall 2014 issue:

The Shepard Steamship Company and its Ships

Not many people remember the Shepard Steamship Company, but the line had a rich, diverse, and at times turbulent history.

Ribbon Cutting October 16th

After eighteen truckloads of objects, books, and collections, your SSHSA center is operational. Although there were a few bumps along way during the move and transition to 2500 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island, member services were maintained and uninterrupted. The new facility has been a dream of many for a decade. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th, at 10:30AM. All are welcome to attend, however, a more formal "Grand Opening" will be scheduled for Spring of 2015. The new facility will be a model for 21st century research, as well as a time capsule for those who enjoy a traditional library and archives experience. See related volunteer story below, or read our features in the Providence Journal or Warwick Beacon by clicking [here](#) and [here](#).

Books for Sale

Members only offer! For a limited time, several surplus books from our Ship Store have been discounted:

Paddle-Wheel Inboard-- Some of the History of Ocklawaha River Steamboating and of the Hart Line
C. Bradford Mitchell, 74 pages. Reprint- 1983.

Sale price: \$5.00*

David Hendrickson offers a detailed account of the Shepard Line, a feisty presence in a conservative business, viewed by detractors as a maverick operation and a “disrupting influence in the industry.”

Five Brilliant Hours on the *Princess Marguerite*

Steven Duff pays homage to the *Princess Marguerite*, which would be the last of her breed – a Clyde-built, turbine-driven, traditional coastal passenger ship, or “packet,” as we said back in the day. He offers an affectionate history of the *Princess Marguerite* and an engaging tale of his voyage aboard the ship.

The Three Royal Viking Line Sisters

In Lives of the Liners, William Miller takes us back to the grand age of Atlantic liners and their memorable summertime trips to and from Europe. In particular, he provides an historical sketch of three sister ships of the Royal Viking Line, one of the finest lines of the time – *Royal Viking Star*, *Royal Viking Sea* and *Royal Viking Sky*.

The Concrete Wreck

Jim Leggett offers a brief history of the SS *Sapona*, a ferro-concrete steamer that ran aground near Bimini in 1926 and is now a navigational landmark for boaters and a popular dive site. The *Sapona*, designed by Henry Ford and built in 1919 by Liberty Ship Building Co. in Brunswick, Georgia, was constructed of concrete to conserve precious steel during World War I.

The SS *George W. Elder*

Author George William Elder offers a chronology of the SS *George W. Elder* (1874-

Steamboat Bill, Volumes 4 & 5 (1947-1948, Issues 22-28)
The Steamship Historical Society of America, 96 pages plus index.
Reprint- 1990.

Sale price: \$5.00*

Celebrity Cruise Line: Century

John Maxtone-Graham, 170 pages. 1995.

Sale price: \$5.00*

Merchant Steam Vessels of the United States, 1790-1868- The Lytle-Holdcamper List

Compiled by William M. Lytle and Forrest R. Holdcamper, 322 pages. 1952-1975.

Sale price: \$13.00*

Canadian Coastal and Inland Steam Vessels, 1809-1930

John M. Mills, 135 pages. 1979.
Supplement #2 included.

Sale price: \$14.00*

Legend of the Seas

John Maxtone-Graham, 208 pages. 1995.

Sale price: \$5.00*

Under Crown and Anchor- Royal Caribbean Cruise Line: The First 25 Years (1970-1995)

Brad Kolltveit and John Maxtone-Graham, 256 pages. 1995.

Sale price: \$15.00*

Long Island Sound and Narragansett Bay Steam Vessels

Drawings by Samuel Ward Stanton, 48 pages.

Sale price: \$3.00*

Nineteenth-Century United States Naval Steam Vessels

Drawings by Samuel Ward Stanton, 40 pages.

Sale price: \$3.00*

Steam Vessels of Chesapeake and Delaware Bays and Rivers

1935), an iron-hulled, passenger/cargo steamship built in 1874. The ship primarily serviced the coastal ports of the United States during its lifetime, but was famous for another reason – in 1899 railroad executive Edward H. Harriman chartered and refitted the *George W. Elder* for his famous scientific Alaska Expedition.

U-Boats in the Bahamas and Bermuda in WWII

From December 1941 through 1944, German and Italian U-boats sank 181 ships off the U.S. coast. Seventy of the ships were U.S.-flagged steam ships or motor tankers, and most of them had sailed from or were headed to the port of New York. Capt. Eric Troels Wiberg tells a chilling account of those ships and their survivors.

New Members

Welcome aboard to SSHSA!

Ms. Erin Ahlgren
Mayor Scott Avedisian
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Mr. Allen Baker
Ms. Katie Barnes
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Mr. William Blowers
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Mr. Joseph F. Burgess
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Ms. Sarah Cahill
Mr. Steve J. Caminis
Mr. David Campana
Mr. Stephen Card
Ms. Isabel Carmichael
Mr. Stuart P. Carney
Mr. Mike Carraway

Drawings by Samuel Ward Stanton, 48 pages.

Sale price: \$3.00*

New York Bay Steam Vessels

Drawings by Samuel Ward Stanton, 48 pages.

Sale price: \$3.00*

Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, Southern and Western Inland Steam Vessels

Drawings by Samuel Ward Stanton, 40 pages.

Sale price: \$3.00*

Coastal Steam Vessels

Drawings by Samuel Ward Stanton, 40 pages.

Sale price: \$3.00*

Towboats and Tugs

Drawings by Samuel Ward Stanton, 40 pages.

Sale price: \$3.00*

Photographic Portraits of American Ocean

Steamships, 1850-1870

The Steamship Historical Society of America, 123 pages. 1986.

Sale price: \$20.00*

LIMITED TIME OFFER! If you are interested in any of these books, please contact us by phone at (401) 463-3570 or by e-mailing ksylvia@sshhsa.org.

A list of duplicate books for sale will be coming soon.

*Shipping and handling not included.

Volunteer at SSHSA

Are you a local member of SSHSA and interested in volunteering? SSHSA is seeking volunteers to help with various projects in our new location in Warwick, Rhode Island. Please [click here](#) to view

Ms. Emily Casella
Mr. Jim Caviola
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Mr. Shawn Hall
Mr. Kenneth Hanks
Mr. Paul Hanna
Mr. Edward Harris
Mr. Paul Hart
Mr. Kurt Hasselbalch
Mr. John Hastings
Mr. Samuel W. Heed
Ms. Sue Heilman
Ms. Diana Hennick
Mr. Dana Hewson
Mr. Charles Hoefig
Ms. Anna Holloway
Ms. Caitlin Hughes
Mr. Kyle Hunter

and print out our Volunteer Questionnaire. Completed questionnaires should be submitted to **SSHA Volunteer Department, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886.**

Floating Library Aboard the *SS Lilac*

America's only surviving lighthouse tender, the *SS Lilac*, is embarking on a new adventure as a floating pop-up library on the Hudson River.

The creation of artist Beatrice Glow, the Floating Library will be aboard the *Lilac* from September 6th through October 3rd. The *Lilac* is berthed at Pier 25 at the Hudson River Park, at North Moore and West Streets.

Admission aboard is free, and visitors can take part in various activities, such as craft sessions on bookbinding and jewelry

making. The officer's quarters and other rooms on the *Lilac* feature shelves containing a variety of books and seating. Visitors are encouraged to stay and read in the numerous nooks aboard the ship—including the ship's main deck that has been transformed into a reading lounge—surrounded by sounds of the harbor. A small exhibit features original musical compositions inspired by displayed books, to which visitors can listen with

Mr. Rolf E. Johnson
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Mr. Richard P. Rohloff
Mr. Donald Ross

headphones while they read.

To learn more about the Floating Library's programs and opportunities, visit their website by [clicking here](#).

After October 3rd, the book collection aboard the *Lilac* will be donated to local high school students with demonstrated need.

Built in 1933 and decommissioned in 1972, the *Lilac* is now owned by the Lilac Preservation Project and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. To learn more about the *Lilac*, please [click here](#).

10th Maritime Heritage Conference

The 10th Maritime Heritage Conference starts this week! Join us at the conference from September 17th-20th in Norfolk, Virginia. We are a Heritage Sponsor of the Conference and will have a table dedicated to SSHSA- stop by to say "Ahoy!"

Don't miss Executive Director Matthew Schulte's presentation, "From the Dark (room) Ages to the Digital Age: The Steamship Historical Society of America Story" at the Conference on September 20th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ms. Elizabeth Ruth-Abramian
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Ms. Susan Sanders
Mr. Dennis Schall
Mr. John Schaumburg
Ms. Mary Ellen Sellen
Mr. Darrell Sherrod
Ms. Lisa Simpson Lutts
Mr. Emmett V. Smith
Mr. Jeffrey Smith
Mr. Robert Smith
Ms. Carrie E. Sowden
Ms. Elena Strong
Mr. Ron Stolle
Ms. Marybeth Sulkowski
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Mr. David Ziegler
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A big Thank You to our Captains' Circle members for their membership and support!

Commodore (\$500)

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Wreck of 148-Year-Old Three Masted Schooner Found

The Great Lakes Historical Shipwreck Society announced on September 8th that they have recently located the 199 foot, three masted schooner *Nelson*. Built in 1866, the *Nelson* sank near Grand Marais, Michigan, after foundering in heavy weather in May 1899. The *Nelson* was in tow of the wooden steamer *A. Folsom*, along with the schooner *Mary B. Mitchell* bound for Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. A northwest gale with freezing rain and 50 mph winds descended on the trio and thick ice soon formed on the ships' decks.

Captain A. E. White of the *A. Folsom* was attempting to turn the ships and head for the cover of Whitefish Bay when he witnessed the *Nelson's* towline part and the schooner rapidly sinking. He later noted that "...the *Nelson* disappeared as suddenly as one could snuff out a candle." There was only one survivor among the *Nelson's* 10 person complement.

For more information about the wreck and discover of the *Nelson*, please [click here](#).

(Above photo: Wreck of the *Nelson*, Great Lakes Historical Shipwreck Society.)

Chapter News

Golden Gate Chapter

A trip to the San Mateo County History Museum in Redwood City, California, took place on August 9, 2014, with three members of the Golden Gate Chapter in attendance. The chapter's last visit to the History Museum took place in 2009.

Some of the museum's exhibits were remodeled in 2013-14. During that time, new artifacts from the Point Montara Lighthouse and a shipwreck exhibit were added. The museum shows photos, documents, maps, and other artifacts related to the history of San Mateo County. In addition, the "Charles Parsons

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Dr. Laurence Miller
CAPT & Mrs. Roland R. Parent
Ms. Mary L. Payne
Mr. Richard Rabbett
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Ships of the World” exhibit is on the first floor of the museum. This exhibit consists of 24 model ships that were handcrafted between 1974 and 2003 by the late Charles Parsons.

To read more about the Golden Gate Chapter's visit to the San Mateo County History Museum, please [click here](#).

Delaware Valley Chapter

The Delaware Valley Chapter will be taking a trip on the Delaware River aboard the vintage tug *Jupiter* on Saturday, September 20th. Space is limited. Contact Chairman Steve Loveless at oceanlinerbuff@aol.com or (267) 288-8479 for more information.

The Independence Seaport Museum will be hosting its annual Old City Seaport Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20. The Delaware Valley Chapter will be representing the SSHSA at a booth on Saturday. The public is invited to come down to the festivities, stop and chat with us at our booth and spend some time visiting the sail and engine-powered vessels. For more details, contact Steve at oceanlinerbuff@aol.com or (267) 288-8479.

Southern California Chapter

Our August meeting was very successful. Shawn Dake, member and past President, showed photos taken by late member Jack Whitmeyer of ships in Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. The color slides ranged in date from 1939 to recent times.

Our campaign to get members to renew has been a great success. We have received 8 renewals and several new members, bringing our total membership to 73. However, we need more participation from the Chapter members. There are numerous ways to help.

In May 2014, chapter member Terry Tilton was elected as a national Board Member of SSHSA. SSHSA is truly a national and international organization devoted to the love of steamships and powered vessels.

The Chapter will hold an election for Officers at its November meeting on Saturday, November 1st at 1:00PM in the Caronia Room of RMS Queen Mary. Join us to hear a talk by Pat McLaughlin, a crew member on a tugboat, entitled “Life Aboard A

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To read more about the Southern California Chapter and how to participate in upcoming meetings and events, please [click here](#).

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