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President's Column

Distinguished Speaker Series kicks off this weekend

There's still time to get a seat for our first presentation of the fall with Sandy Thomson, an SSHSA member who spent nearly 20 years restoring the historic *Wanda III* steam yacht. One of the largest steam yachts in Canada when she was built, she is a reflection of the grand style of living enjoyed by the upper class and now resides with the Muskoka Steamship and Historical Society in Canada.

The talk takes place this Saturday, September 24, at 1 p.m. at the Ship History Center, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island. Reserve a spot by emailing blucier@sshsa.org or calling 401-463-3570.

Sandy is a third-generation owner of the Thomson-Gordon Group, Chairman of Thordon Bearings Inc., and owner and CEO of Cinema Sixteen Film Productions. His maritime roots go all the way back to his great, great grandfather, who was a deep sea and Great Lakes captain. His father founded the Thomson-Gordon Group, a marine and industrial supply firm, in the 1940s and 1950s, allowing Sandy to work along with him and visit many of the great Muskoka Lakes steamers in his youth, kindling his maritime passion.

This is a great chance to visit the Ship History Center if you haven't been by in a while, and we will be open at 10 a.m. for those who want to come in early and browse the archive. We look forward to seeing you this weekend!

Last call for Summer Fundraiser donations

Dear SSHSA Friends,

Labor Day is now behind us and a new school year has begun; there's no denying it – fall is coming. And while that thought may bring a tear to some of your eyes, there are definitely a few things to smile about.

First of all, our Summer Appeal has been a rousing success. Throughout the last few months, we've brought in more than \$25,000 to help us in our mission. We've taken some big steps in the last couple of years, and we are proud to finally have a place that can serve as our headquarters and give us a place to display our fantastic collection for members and the public. But we need to keep moving forward, and every dollar you contribute above your membership dues will go toward important measures like expanding the hours at the Ship History Center and developing our new educational program "Steaming into the Future," which will be available to students worldwide.

If you didn't have a chance to participate in the Summer Appeal, there is another easy way for you to contribute. If your membership lapses in October, November and

We're throwing out the calendars and making an executive decision – summer has just been extended by four days. So go to the beach, have a cookout and try to ignore the fact that the Christmas shopping season is just around the corner.

Delaying fall just a bit also means that you still have time to [make a last-minute, tax-deductible contribution to the SSHSA Summer Fundraiser](#) and see your name in the next issue of *PowerShips*. This year's appeal has been a great success and raised **more than \$25,000 so far - help us keep the momentum going!**

Every single dollar that you donate above and beyond your membership dues brings us closer to our goal of opening the Ship History Center on a more regular basis and expanding the programs and resources that we already have available to our members. But more importantly, each contribution that we receive helps preserve maritime heritage for the next generation.

We're planning a special thank you for all of our contributors in the fall issue of *PowerShips*. Don't be left out! [Make a contribution by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 25](#), to join your friends and fellow members in their support of SSHSA, and contact us directly if you would like to arrange a personal visit to the Ship History Center to discuss the benefits of donating.

Ship History Center now open weekly

The change of seasons has also signaled a big change for the Ship History Center. For the first time since moving into our new headquarters, we are offering regular open hours on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. We've had hundreds of people walk through the Ship History Center since we opened our doors on a limited basis last November, and we hope that even more will make their way to Rhode Island as we continue to expand our availability.

For those of you who haven't had a chance to stop by, the Ship History Center has on display hundreds of images, artifacts, periodicals, artwork, official records and memorabilia that tell the extensive history of engine-powered vessels, their passengers and crews. Visitors can get an up-close look at these great items – some of which date back more than 100 years – or just come to watch a video in our lounge, leaf through some classic issues of *PowerShips* and *Steamboat Bill*, or catch up with the staff.

December, you'll be receiving a renewal notice soon – why not consider increasing your support with an upgrade? There are many options available, and any contribution over \$50 is tax-deductible. Are you a book lover? Renew at the Library level and the additional \$10 goes to supporting our growing research library. Like being on the cutting edge of technology? Renew at the Educator level and the additional \$25 supports the development of our new interactive website.

Remember, your SSHSA membership is about more than *PowerShips* magazine. You are helping us preserve an archive of hundreds of thousands of images, artifacts, periodicals, artwork, official records and memorabilia that highlight an exciting segment of American history. Thank you for all for your support - we truly could not do this without you.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Payne, President

Still Time To Renew Your Membership

Fall is just around the corner, which means there is a new issue of *PowerShips* just about 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

If you haven't been by in a while we have a couple of brand new additions that have arrived – models of the *Jacob A. Tremper*, a beloved steam vessel that operated on the Hudson River, and the *Beaver*, the first steamship on the West Coast. Each vessel has a great story and together they help highlight the transition from sail to steam that was an important part of our country's heritage. Come in and give them a closer look if you get a chance!

In addition to our new hours, the building will also be open for special events this fall and by appointment for members and researchers throughout the year. Entrance is free for members, with a suggested donation of \$8 for the general public. For more information about the Ship History Center, visit our website at www.sshsa.org or call 401-463-3570.

Steam enthusiasts set to gather in New England

If you haven't had the pleasure of visiting our friends at the [New England Wireless and Steam Museum](http://www.newenglandwirelessandsteam.org) in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, there's a golden opportunity coming up next month. The museum will be holding its annual Yankee Steam-Up event on October 1, the one time each year that they show off their collection of historic steam engines that have been restored to running condition.

The museum is an electrical and mechanical engineering museum emphasizing the beginnings of radio and steam power. Exhibits include early radio telegraph and television equipment, as well as stationary steam hot air, gas and oil engines, and the world's oldest radio transmitting station with its original working equipment.

In addition to the larger steam engines, the Steam-Up will feature model and small engines running on steam, gasoline and compressed air, and antique autos, launches, and even a popcorn machine.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$15, student admission is \$7, and parking is free. This is a great chance to see some live steam in action. If you're in the New England area, be sure to swing by and have a look!

(Photo: New England Wireless and Steam Museum)

Tickets available for second annual Ocean Liner Dinner

(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.

"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.

Mark your calendars for April and plan to join us for our second annual Ocean Liner Dinner here in Rhode Island on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Last year's *Queen Mary*-inspired celebration was a wonderful evening, and we're following it up with a tribute to perhaps the most well-known ocean liner of all time, the *Titanic*.

The subject of thousands of books, movies, television shows and even video games, there are few who haven't heard some version of the liner's tragic maiden voyage. But despite her tragic end, the *Titanic*'s story encompasses so much more than that one fateful night. She was an engineering marvel that inspired a number of shipbuilding innovations while she was under construction, and a grand representation of transatlantic travel at the turn of the century.

The event will be held at the Casino at Roger Williams Park in Providence, Rhode Island. Built in 1896, the building harkens back to the time of *Titanic*, with hand-finished wood panels, Ionic columns, semi circular porticos and railings with turned balusters in the Colonial Revival architectural style of the late 19th century.

This is one event that you don't want to miss out on. Tickets are available right now for \$150 each or \$250 per couple. To reserve a spot, or for more information about available sponsorships, call 401-463-3570 or email blucier@sshsa.org. Rooms are available at the Radisson in Warwick by calling 1-800-916-4339. Pencil in an arrival date of Friday, April 7, 2017, and a departure date of Sunday, April 9, 2017.

This is a great chance to meet some of your fellow members and support our mission to share the history and maritime heritage of powerful ships, legendary passengers, and hardworking crews. We hope to see you there!

Members in the news

Kudos to SSHSA member Jordan Berson, who was featured in the Providence (Rhode Island) Journal this week as part of a story on a unique item in the [New](#)

"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. Niels Allerup
Mr. Yves Bertrand
Mr. John M. Boardman
Mr. John W. Boylston
Mr. John Brooks
Mr. John Buck
Mr. Stanley J. Ciaputa
Mr. Craig Crouch
Mr. Bob Darbelnet
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Mr. Brad French
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Mr. Michael Davis Gurney
Mr. A. Harris
Mr. Larry Hathcock
Ms. Elaine Haytko
Mr. Larry Holderly
Mr. Donald A. Hunt
Mr. James Huntington
Mr. Karl Karlson

[Bedford Whaling Museum's](#) collection: a 1,275-foot panorama depicting the heyday of the American whaling industry. Berson is the Director of Collections at the museum, which was recently awarded a \$180,000 grant to restore the artifact.

Designed by Benjamin Russell and Caleb

Purrington in 1848, "Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World" is the worlds largest visual record of a whaling voyage. It is painted on cotton sheeting, and was generally displayed in a theater for audience members to watch as the sheet was pulled across the stage from one spool to another. More than 150 years of traveling, handling and public exposure have contributed to its deterioration, and as a result it has not been exhibited in its entirety for more than 50 years.

The goal is for the painting to be mended and stabilized so it can be put on display by 2018, and the museum is documenting the entire project. Visitors will be able to see the conservation process in action at the museum's Wattles Jacobs Education Center.

[Click here](#) for the full story at the *Providence Journal*, or [click here](#) for a video depicting the entire panorama.

(Photo: Providence Journal)

Coming up in *PowerShips*

The next issue of *PowerShips* is in production now and will be mailed in mid-October. There's still time to [renew your membership](#) today - make sure you don't miss it!

Here are some highlights for the Fall 2016 issue:

Ode to the *Pacific Princess*

The *Pacific Princess* is gone now, reduced to rubble and scattered debris. But in *Lives of the Liners*, William Miller writes about the ship's very special place in cruising history as the star of the television show "The Love Boat."

Knots, Liberties and Lollipop Ships

David Hendrickson offers a comprehensive history of the post-World War II cargo ships of the Alaska Steamship Company. December 2016 marks the 122nd

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Captains' Circle

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

Commodore (\$500)

anniversary of the founding of the company, which provided the principal sea link between Alaska and the lower 48 states.

The Ironclads: Trials and Tribulations

The introduction of ironclad ships in the U.S. Civil War spawned a new kind of warfare known as mechanical warfare. Steve Lund introduces us to those first technological marvels: the USS *Merrimac* (CSS *Virginia*), *Monitor*, *New Ironsides*, *Galena* and *Keokuk*.

Sunoco, Part 1

William Preston gives a detailed account of the company's shipbuilding and shipping history. Its primary product was tankers (281 tankers and 14 Liberty ships were built during WWII), but the company built many types of ships over its 70 years.

A History of Bahamian Mailboats

Capt. Eric T. Wiberg, Esq., provides an overview of mailboats, government-subsidized vessels that carry everything from people and pincushions to tractors and pickaxes between the islands of the Bahamas.

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 Southern California Chapter met on **August 6** on board the RMS *Queen Mary*. Jim Shuttleworth gave a presentation on the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, followed by a talk with Bill Keene on eliminating yellow fever and controlling malaria during the building of the Panama Canal.

The chapter's next meeting will be the annual Fall Tea on board the *Queen Mary* on **Saturday, November 5**. All persons interested in maritime history or just ships in general are welcome at the SoCal Chapter meetings, and refreshments are served.

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. This month's issue features "SS *Corsair* And the First Regular Cruises to Mexico" by Shawn Dake, "Some Pacific Mail Steamship Company Ships" by Jim Shuttleworth, and "Ships 101: The Parcel Tankers" by James Shaw.

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Mr. Gabriel Caprio
Mr. Stanley J. Ciaputa

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](#).

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-

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1933-1934 (Volume 1)
1933-1934 (Volume 2)
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1934-1935 (Volume 2)
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	1971-1972 (Appendix)
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	1972-1973 (M-Z)
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