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**Executive**

## SSHSA completes purchase of Ship History Center

It's official. SSHSA is the proud owner of 2500 Post Road in Warwick, Rhode Island. If that address sounds familiar, it should. It has been the home to the Ship History Center and SSHSA headquarters for six years.

SSHSA has been leasing the building that houses the Ship History Center since 2014. The former college library building was perfect for SSHSA to bring all of its collections and library into one physical location. Today, the Ship History Center serves as a museum, research library, archive storage, meeting space and administrative headquarters office for SSHSA. The building owner decided to sell its properties on Post Road and extended first right of refusal to purchase to SSHSA. On December 11, 2019, with full support of the Board of Directors, the SSHSA Executive Committee voted to purchase the building. And on August 31, 2020, the official transfer of title was executed.

This is a milestone accomplishment for SSHSA in so many ways. It is the organization's 85th anniversary; this is the first capital building asset for SSHSA, thus providing a permanent home to its collections and reference library; and the funds for the down payment were raised during a global pandemic.

The SSHSA board originally planned on raising funds through the first half of 2020 to support a comprehensive campaign that included the building purchase, program enhancements and endowment. Unfortunately, nationwide shutdowns due to COVID-19 forced the organization to chart an alternate course.



## Director's Message

This is a proud day for me personally. I came on board 13 years ago with a mission to give SSHSA a permanent home. After bouncing around between four different places during my tenure, I am proud to say that we are now the owners of the Ship History Center, which we had been leasing since 2014. It's an outstanding achievement for all of us who have been working so diligently on this over the years, and lays the foundation for this organization to continue on for another 85 years and maybe even more.

But I hesitate to call it a mission accomplished because we can't just sit back and relax now that it's over. Between this building and our burgeoning education program, we have a lot of exciting things on tap for the future that will take a lot of hard work and money to pull off. It's going to be up to you on how far we can take it.

I know the thought of giving a donation during these uncertain times might give some people pause, but there are many ways to help secure SSHSA's future without a large outlay of cash right now. One of the easiest ways is to become part of our Fellowship League, which consists of benefactors and members who elect to remember our organization in their final estate plans. Not only does it help carry on your legacy of giving and support after you're gone, but it could also provide significant tax benefits for your estate.

The new course mapped a direct line to the building purchase. The SSHSA Board of Directors immediately rose to the challenge. All contributed, and together made the largest financial impact to the initiative. Loyal stakeholders followed by offering gifts of all sizes. SSHSA is appreciative to the more than 120 donors who specifically contributed to the building fund and made this vision a reality.

With this major milestone achieved and a permanent home for the SSHSA collections, we must now enable all to access the artifacts housed in the Ship History Center. COVID-19 illustrated the demand for virtual arts and culture access and online learning. Connecting students, educators and parents to our virtual museum, online database of artifacts, reference library or STEAM-based education is a relevant way to advance the SSHSA mission. We are incorporating what we have learned and are developing our plan for Full Ahead! Steaming Into The Future to reach the next generation.

**Photo: Executive Director Matthew Schulte and Greenwood Credit Union Vice President of Commercial Lending Holly Ferrara celebrate safely after signing off on the building purchase.**

## Time is running out to see your name in lights at the virtual Ocean Liner Gala

There's still one week left to join in on the fun of the Ocean Liner Gala by sponsoring a page in the official U.S. Lines Souvenir Program Guide. This year's guide includes 32 pages featuring legendary liners ranging from the *Leviathan* to the "Big U" herself, the *SS United States*.

The program will be available to all SSHSA stakeholders digitally, and physical copies will be mailed to each donor in time for the virtual gala, **which is taking place on Saturday evening, November 7**. While we are disappointed that we were unable to welcome all of our friends to Rhode Island earlier this year, the online event will give us a chance to reach out to each and every one of you from the Ship History Center.

You can view the available photos and sign up online at <https://shiphistory.org/program-guide-photos/>. In addition to sponsoring the full-page illustrations, we are extending opportunities for you to celebrate SSHSA in its landmark 85th year. See the form at the link above for more info.

The Ocean Liner Gala is our single-biggest event of the year, and a critical source of funds as we move forward with innovative new programs online and here at headquarters in our newly acquired building. This is the start of a new chapter for the organization, and we thank each and every one of you out there who has



Speaking of tax benefits, another way to make a gift to SSHSA is through appreciated securities. These are stocks purchased long ago that have risen in value over the years. While a donor would normally have to pay capital gains taxes on the money a stock has gained, they can bypass this by donating the stock to a qualified nonprofit. When you consider the savings added to what the donor was already able to write off on his taxes, it makes the after-tax cost much cheaper than if they had just written a check.

Finally, there are a lot of companies out there that offer matching grants to employees who make charitable contributions. We have received grants like this from national companies like Johnson & Johnson, IBM and ConocoPhillips, and even from businesses as small as a New England credit union. Without costing you a dime, your contribution could go twice as far or even further. Inquire with your human resources department to find out if you are eligible in any way.

Thanks again for coming along on this ride with us. With our home now secure, we are closing the door on one chapter and opening the door on another. Let's continue to share the story of steam together, and we look forward to seeing you in person here at the Ship History Center once it's safe again to do so!

**There is still time  
to renew your  
SSHSA**

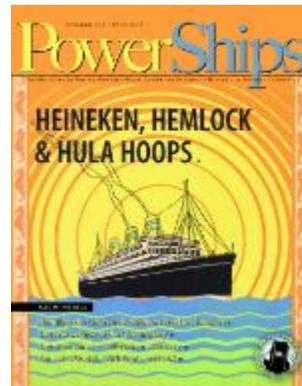
helped bring us this far. Every dollar raised helps bring us closer to sharing the ingenuity and innovation of the sail-to-steam era to the next generation.

Thanks in advance for your generosity, and we look forward to seeing you all virtually on November 7!

## Give us your input on *PowerShips*

From the building purchase to the expansion of Steaming Into The Future, our online education program, there are a lot of exciting things going on here at SSHSA. But, fear not, we haven't forgotten about our flagship magazine as we reach out to the next generation of maritime enthusiasts.

The *PowerShips* Editorial Committee, under the guidance of Board Vice President James Zatwarnicki Jr., is conducting a readership survey to find out more about the kinds of stories our readers want to see in the magazine every quarter, as well as how they want to receive it.



[Click here to participate in the survey.](#) The information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only in combination with others who respond. We realize that your time is extremely valuable, so these questions require only a simple click or brief response. It should take no more than a few minutes of your time.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance as we steam confidently into the next chapter in SSHSA's history!

## No stings attached

SSHSA, new owners of 2500 Post Road have already evicted some long-term tenants citing a lack of rental payment! Necker's Farm of Branford, Connecticut, offered their beekeeper's professional assistance in relocating a honey bee colony located outside the entrance of the Ship History Center to a new home. In a sweet deal, SSHSA Executive Director Matt Schulte said: "We need to be careful for the next few days as the rest of the members of the colony move out, so caution tape has been set up around the perimeter area. The east section of the pergola still has activity while some of the worker bees arrive back after long hours out and about, and many are feeling a little buzzed."



## membership

The fall issue of *PowerShips* is coming together as we speak. 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.

## New SSHSA Members

### Welcome aboard!

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Mr. Christopher D. Carson  
Mr. Al Chewning  
Mr. Edward Cotham  
Ms. Susan Dayton  
Mr. Robert Etchell  
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## Captains' Circle

A big Thank You to our

The Ship History Center is considering bottling some of the honey and selling "Steam Nectar" as a fundraiser in the fall.

## Stay up to date on social media

If you are on social media, please be sure to follow us and like, comment, and share our posts! We love interacting with shipsters and spreading the word about all that we are doing at the Ship History Center to promote our mission and share the history of engine-powered vessels. So be sure to click the links below to find us on our social channels to keep up with us in real-time.

### #OnThisDay Series:

- On June 16, 1951, the Italian Line's *Andrea Doria* was launched.
- On July 3, 68 years ago, the SS *United States* made her maiden voyage. Check out some fun facts about the ship on our remote learning website, STEAMing Into the



- Future: <https://shiphistory.org/2017/09/20/ss-united-states>.
- On July 11, 1947, the SS *Exodus*, carrying approximately 4,500 Jewish refugees from France to British Mandate Palestine, was turned away for lack of immigration paperwork. The ship, formerly the packet steamer SS *President Warfield*, was one of 64 vessels that took part in Aliya Bet, an operation that sought to find new homes for those who were relocated after World War II. The *Exodus* held the largest number of immigrants heading for Palestine, and was intercepted by the British. This led to a skirmish that killed two passengers and injured 10. The refugees were eventually taken back to Displaced Persons camps in Germany, and the ship burned to the waterline following an accident in Israel five years later.
  - We commemorated Juneteeth, the oldest known celebration of the end of slavery in the U.S., on June 19 by posting a picture of the USS *Fort Jackson*, a sidewheel steamer that hosted the signing of the terms of surrender for the last Confederate contingent still fighting the Civil War. Even though the agreement was signed aboard the ship on June 2, 1865,

Captains' Circle members for their membership and support!

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it wasn't until more than two weeks later - and more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation - that the last enslaved group of African Americans was freed in Texas.



Did you see the interview we did with the Studio 10 show on WJAR? Learn more about our remote education program and our collections by watching the interview here: <https://turnto10.com/studio10/home-and-design/boat-building>.

We celebrated Pride Month by sharing an image of the stern view of the excursion vessel *RAINBOW* leaving the pier at Penn's Landing Park in Philadelphia on June 20, 1982.

We are looking for a math educator to join our Education Advisory Council for our remote learning program, STEAMing Into the Future ([www.shiphistory.org](http://www.shiphistory.org)). The program focuses on S.T.E.A.M. and social studies subjects for grades K-12. If you or someone you know is interested in lending us their expertise, please visit <https://shiphistory.org/advisory-council/>.

Do you have time to offer some opinions on some of our lessons? Check them out



at <https://shiphistory.org/lessons> and answer the two-question survey at the end of each lesson. This data will help us to apply for additional grants and reach out to donors to ensure that this extremely valuable resource will remain free for all.

Education Director Aimee Bachari once again teamed up with the New England Association of Chemistry Teachers (NEACT) Southern Division Chair to create an interdisciplinary lesson in chemistry that was presented at their summer conference via Zoom. The lesson on using steamship for dimensional analysis will be available on [shiphistory.org](http://shiphistory.org) in the near future.

We rolled out our SSHSA Theatre, where you can bring the Ship History Center to your living room! SSHSA Theatre will house YouTube videos and films on a variety of steamship topics to keep you entertained at home. This year, we celebrate our 85th anniversary and honor the United States Lines as the focus of

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Mr. Richard Scarano  
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Mr. Alexander Swavy

### **Mariner (\$200)**

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Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Bellafiore  
Ms. Michele R. Berard  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Bieser  
Mr. Ted Blank

our Ocean Liner Gala V coming up in November. For the first time in its history, SSHSA's annual fundraiser is going to be available virtually to each and every one of our members. So sit back, relax, silence your phones, and watch "The Superliner United States...At Your Service!" <https://shiphistory.org/theatre/>

It's back to school time, and we have a new lesson for grades PreK-1. "Ship Shape" teaches students math by having them identify a variety of shapes based on examining photographs of steamships from our archive. Students then use their art skills to create a new ship of their own! Check it out here: <https://shiphistory.org/2020/08/28/ship-shape/>. This lesson is great for in-classroom instruction, at-home curriculum for virtual learning, or just a fun activity to keep kids entertained at home.

Want more? Click on the icons below!

**Photos:** Above, the *SS Exodus* participated in operation Aliya Bet, which sought to find new homes for thousands of Jewish refugees following World War II (Wikipedia). Middle, the *USS Fort Jackson* hosted Union and Confederate officials to sign the official terms of surrender on June 2, 1865, but it wasn't until 17 days later that the last of the enslaved African Americans were freed (Wikipedia). Below, the *RAINBOW* leaves the pier at Penn's Landing Park in Philadelphia on June 20, 1982 (SSHSA Archives).



## Coming up in *PowerShips* #315

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!

### **Greek Conversions: Sisters *Daphne* and *Danae***

In *Lives of the Liners*, William Miller offers an enlightening history about sisters *Daphne* and *Danae*. Originally freighters built in Britain in 1954-55, they were bought in 1972 by the Greek shipping tycoon John G. Carras and thoroughly rebuilt as 400-passenger luxury cruise ships that were later sold to Italy's Costa Cruises.



### **Ingalls Shipbuilding: 1946-1961**

In a follow-up to his Fall 2015 article, Terry Tilton offers an engaging story of the post-World War II years of Ingalls and the ships that continued to make the company a huge success. Those decades saw the company completing icebreakers, oil tankers, merchant ships, Navy destroyers, and nuclear submarines, as well as passenger

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and cargo liners for companies such as Delta, Moore-McCormack, and Lykes and Farrell.

### **The Cunard Story Exhibit Aboard the *Queen Mary***

Kevin M. Anthony provides a detailed account of the exhibit, which showcases Cunard's remarkable 179-year history, its relationship with the *Queen Mary*, its founder's vision, the ships it inspired and continues to bring forward, and their influence on immigration, global maritime policies and technological innovation.



### **A Visit to Luxury Liner Row in the 1950s**

Larry Miller recounts ship experiences that you can explore in detail at the digital Wolfsonian Museum. You'll enjoy a walk on ships such as *Arosa Sky*, *Mauretania*, *Britannic*, *Nieuw Amsterdam*, *Homeric*, *Asama Maru*, *Rex*, *Normandie*, *Aquitania* and many others.

**Photos:** Above, the *Danae* at Gibraltar (William Miller photo). Below, a Nippon Yusen Kaisha brochure shows the layout of Suites De Luxe aboard the *Asama Maru* (SSHA Archives).

## Chapter News

### **Chicago-area members sought for new group**

SSHA member Kevin Busath is gauging the interest of Chicago-area SSHA members in forming a group - either formally as a chapter or for informal gatherings - to discuss their shared interest in ships, particularly in 20th century and contemporary liners. Interested members can contact Kevin at [kwbusath@hotmail.com](mailto:kwbusath@hotmail.com).

### **Southern California**

*Provided by Bruce Vancil, Chapter President*

Insofar as we are living through special times, we need to adapt to continue to enjoy maritime history while connecting with like-minded members. So we did.

On August 1, in lieu of the Chapter's usual quarterly meeting, we set up a lecture presentation via the Zoom video conference system. At 1 p.m., members connected to the meeting using the link they received via email. They were

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Mr. Richard A. Proeschel  
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Dr. Victor H. Rubino  
Mr. Robert H. Savarese  
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Mr. Roy L. Spring  
Mr. Alan Stover  
Mr. Clinton Strong  
Mr. Sandy Thomson  
Mr. Richard Vanaria  
Mr. Stephen Weaver  
Mr. Chase Welles  
Mr. Kirk Youngman

greeted with a slide welcoming attendees—a teaser of the title slide from the coming lecture—and music from the 20s and 30s.

After introductions, James Shuttleworth presented "Collecting Ship's China and Silver." This was a very enjoyable and informative talk that would help anyone new to collecting to begin with a good knowledge base. Many thanks to Jim. He got many applause emojis during the meeting.



The meeting was well-received and met our goals for attendance numbers. We are planning to do more meetings online in hopes we can attract new members, particularly younger members who live online, or so it seems.

Please look for an announcement of our next Zoom meeting as we get closer to the first Saturday in November, our normal schedule.

We are certainly sailing in stranger waters than we are used to, but maybe it will help us modernize our operation (going from sail to steam, as it were). Join us in this new adventure and let us know what you want to see. If you do presentations and would like to volunteer, let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate. To see the video from the August meeting, [click here](#) or on the accompanying picture.

The October issue of the *Ocean Times* is full of history both past and current. Director Jim Shuttleworth brings us the history of three turn-of-the-century vessels of the Wilmington Transportation Company that served Catalina Island and the West Coast in his "A Tale of Two *Hermosas* and One *Cabrillo*." Member Jim Shaw tells us the story of the Ove Skou Line. Member Bill Miller brings us memories of the *Ellinis* in "Remembering the *Ellinis* — The Former *Lurline*." In "Ship Shot," Jim Shuttleworth brings us a wonderful lithograph and story of the *Cricket*, a towboat that served early San Pedro from 1863 to 1885. "Tramping Cyber Space" provides links to YouTube sites presenting the *Queen Mary/Curacoa* Crash and the story of Bethlehem Steel and the wartime production of Victory and Liberty ships. Also, as usual, there will be a surprise or two.

Want your own copy of the *Ocean Times*? Join the Southern California Chapter of the SSHSA. Contact Sherrill Smith ([ladysherrill@msn.com](mailto:ladysherrill@msn.com)) for information and a membership form.

TAKE CARE. — STAY SAFE. — STAY HEALTHY.

**Photo: Southern California Chapter Director Jim Shuttleworth gives a Zoom presentation on "Collecting Ship's China and Silver" for the group's August meeting. To see the video, [click here](#) or on the picture.**

### **Delaware Valley Chapter**

When possible, Delaware Valley Chapter meetings are held at The Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing on the Delaware River. Membership is \$15

for one year. Contact Chapter Chairman Steve Loveless at [slldvcsshsa@gmail.com](mailto:slldvcsshsa@gmail.com) or 215-495-8889 for more details or if you are interested in joining.

### 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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