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## Attend the Annual Meeting, join the board

The SSHSA Annual Meeting is right around the corner, which means it's time for you to help guide us as we steam into a new era for our organization. **The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 8, at 10 a.m. Eastern Time**, and we're

## President's Message: Pilot boats *New York* and *New Jersey* named Ships of the Year

*By Pat Dacey*

As we approach autumn, as a member, you will have already received a digital SSHSA Awards Nomination Form with instructions for 2022. This is a great opportunity for all our members to participate and recognize vessels and people that have exemplified or made significant contributions to the history of engine powered vessels and/or to SSHSA itself. I would like to encourage all our members to take the opportunity to contribute to this important process of recognition, which ultimately results in SSHSA presenting awards to those well-deserving individuals and ships selected.

As we are in the process of presenting our 2021 awards, Executive Director Matthew Schulte and myself were able to present our “Ship of the Year” award on Sept. 8 to the Pilot Boats *New York* and *New Jersey* of the Sandy Hook Pilots Association while onboard the “new” Pilot Boat *New York*. It was a wonderful opportunity for SSHSA to recognize the vessels that have served as the “Pilot Station at Ambrose” since 1972 and 1986, respectively, but also to recognize the crews, pilots, shoreside staff, and all the individuals that are involved in the safe operation, support, and administration of the vessels.

[Please click here to submit a nomination for our 2022 awards](#), due December 1, 2022, and help SSHSA continue recording, preserving, and educating to share



happy to announce that members can attend in person at the Ship History Center, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI, or virtually via the Zoom videoconferencing app. [Click here to register for the Zoom link.](#)

If you are coming to town for the meeting, plan on staying for the weekend. The Ship History Center will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, October 7, with an evening activity in the works. Additional activities following the meeting on Saturday are also coming together. Stay tuned for more details!

**Would you like to help chart a course for SSHSA beyond the Annual Meeting?** We are looking for volunteers to join the Board of Directors and play a key role in making sure that SSHSA continues to be a sustainable and valued member of the maritime community.

We know that a balance of tenure, skills, diversity and experience is key to effective leadership, and we encourage applications from members of the public who come from diverse backgrounds, including people of different genders, races, abilities, sexual orientations and gender identities.

[Click here to see the roles and responsibilities requested of board members.](#) If you are interested in applying for a position or submitting another person's name (with their permission), [please click here and fill out the form.](#) We'll get in touch with you to discuss your application and the next steps.

the impact of engine-powered vessels, their crews, and their passengers with future generations.

**Caption: Top, SSHSA traveled to Staten Island last week to present the 2021 Ship of the Year Award to the pilot boats *New York* and *New Jersey*. Pictured are (from left): Sandy Hook Pilots Association New Jersey President Brendan Foley, SSHSA President Pat Dacey, Sandy Hook Pilots Association New York President Captain John Decruz, Sandy Hook Pilots Association Port Engineer Edward Burns, and SSHSA Executive Director Matthew Schulte.**

## Collections of government official, longtime member among latest donations

This summer has seen the archives team working hard to accession new and old collections, reconsider how physical space at the SSHSA is used, complete a database migration, establish new protocols and standards, and more. One of our primary goals is for the archival staff and general public to have a better understanding of all the great items in our collection. We hope to bring you more news of our enhanced catalog in a future Telegraph column. For now, enjoy some tidbits of what the team has been up to this summer.



SSHSA recently acquired a small but significant number of items from the estate of Captain Warren G. Leback, a former captain with Grace Line, which later was acquired by Sea-Land. He also served as deputy maritime



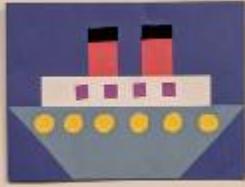
administrator for the U.S. Department of Transportation under President Ronald Reagan, and as maritime administrator under President George H.W. Bush. Captain Leback's collection includes Grace Line ephemera, photographs, ship models, builder's plates and even his uniform! Preserving the textiles he donated has been a fun challenge for the team.

The SSHSA Archives department has also been working hard on cataloging all of the great items in the Willie Tinnemeyer Collection, including hundreds of postcards and slides. Sorting through everything has been a long process, but a rewarding one. Thank you to Willie, a lifetime member who has been with SSHSA for 53 years!

**Caption: Top, a uniform jacket donated by the family of Warren G. Leback, a former U.S. maritime administrator and Grace Line captain. Bottom, a postcard of the *Alaska Explorer* is one of the hundreds of items donated by longtime member Willie Tinnemeyer.**

## eBay sales help keep us afloat

While SSHSA has had an eBay store for a long time, we have been revisiting our use of this resource to generate extra income in recent months and help sustain our mission. Over the years, several members have donated model kits,



## STEAM program gets updates thanks to grant

The Steamship Historical Society recently received a grant from the Ocean State Charities Trust to promote and update its education program, STEAMing Into the Future ([shiphistory.org](http://shiphistory.org)). Two new educational consultants have been brought on board to review and write lessons and add additional education standards to our free primary source-based K-12 lesson plans.

With this grant, SSHSA will review and update our math and art lessons. You can see the work already completed by viewing the updates to our early childhood lesson “Ship Shape,” which teaches kids grades PreK – 1 how to demonstrate their understanding of basic shapes by viewing images from the SSHSA Archives and creating their own steamships from shapes cut out at home. Students are encouraged to discuss their design using the correct shape names. New Common Core standards are listed along with additional resources.

[Click here to view the new and improved lesson.](#) Stay tuned for more updates as we complete this grant.

books and other items with permission to resell them to support our efforts. We have been adding many of these to our eBay store lately, with great success and five-star seller reviews. The highlight has been the more than 100 vintage model kits that have been listed, most in their original boxes, and in some cases very rare. [Click here to take a look!](#)



One such rare model is the historic Civil War Steam Sloop the USS *Kearsarge* by Revell from 1961. According to the inserts that are included with the model, the kit is designed based on the original blueprints drawn by Naval Constructor William L. Hauscom in 1858, and is at 1/96th scale. The original ship was 240 feet, with a beam of 33 feet and displaced 1,031 tons.

This model has sold for upwards of \$1,000 on some sites! **We are giving our Telegraph readers and members a special opportunity to purchase this model for \$600 BEFORE we list it on eBay next month.** Contact SSHSA directly at 401-463-3570 or email [arajack@sshhsa.org](mailto:arajack@sshhsa.org) by September 30 if interested. In addition, we are offering a **10% discount on our eBay store** for any eBay purchase through the end of October. Use code **“TELEGRAPH10.”**

Special thanks to longtime member Alex Melchert, as well as the estates of the late Don Stoltenberg and former SSHSA President John Hamma, who donated the bulk of the models on our eBay store. We’d also like to thank board member and past president Don Leavitt for sharing his eBay knowledge and suggestions with the team at SSHSA.

**Caption: This model of the USS *Kearsarge* is available to members only through the end of the month. Call 401-463-3570 or email [arajack@sshhsa.org](mailto:arajack@sshhsa.org) if you are interested. All proceeds support SSHSA!**

## Ship History Center energy improvements will save money, protect collections

Thanks to the efforts of many, SSHSA is making improvements to the Ship History Center. Two important upgrades were recently achieved that are key to

Caption: An image from our "Ship Shape" lesson at [shiphistory.org](http://shiphistory.org).

## New SSHSA Members

### Welcome aboard!

Mr. Jack Arber  
Mr. Joe Beal  
Mr. Quinlan Bulman  
Mr. Adam Eickholt  
Mr. Gerry Farren  
Dr. Edda Fields-Black  
Mr. Bernie Fleming  
Mr. Kirk Hammond  
Ms. Lynne Heinzmann  
Mr. Jonathan Hoover  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leuenberger  
Mr. David Long  
Mr. Martin Madsen  
Mr. George Mancini  
Mr. Stephen Mutty  
Mr. Ely Papadeas  
Mr. Craig Reynolds  
Mr. Fred Robbins  
Mr. Burkhard Schuett  
Mr. Tom Serrago  
Mr. John A. Smolenski  
Mr. David Taylor  
Mr. Bill Torsen  
Mr. John Van Heck  
Mr. Charles Webster  
Mr. Joseph Young

## Captains' Circle

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

### Engineer

Mr. Charles T. Andrews  
Mr. Patrick Dacey  
Mr. Michael Fisher  
Mr. Robert J. Golden  
Mr. William G. Muller  
CAPT and Mrs. Roland R. Parent  
Mr. Art Peabody  
Mr. Donald Pomplun  
Mr. Thomas C. Ragan

being more energy efficient, reducing our carbon footprint, saving costs over time and preserving our collections for generations to come.

Many of the lighting fixtures in the building, including the lights in our offices and display areas, had ceased to function properly. However, thanks to a program from our energy provider, we were able to retrofit almost 200 fixtures with more efficient LED lights throughout the building at a steep discount. Although this is still a large investment at over \$10,000, we were able to save 30 percent of the installation price. This should provide energy savings of about \$1,500 per year, perhaps more considering the rising cost of energy. It also will reduce our greenhouse gasses by over 10,000 pounds.

We also took steps to protect our wonderful collections housed within the Ship History Center from sunlight. The blinds covering the window above our entrance and lobby were non-functional. This let in a lot of heat in the summer and presented a significant danger of fading some of the lithographs and paintings on display. After many bids, a local company was selected and applied a museum-quality UV film to the set of 14 windows high above our entrance and lobby. This should help keep the entry space cool and will protect our collections with over 99 percent UV rejection.

With over 40 windows overall, we still have a lot of light coming in. We need your help to fund additional film applications and pay for the lighting upgrades and other maintenance for our facilities and collections.

Donations to the Full Ahead! campaign are what make these and other projects possible. Won't you help us to continue to reposition SSHSA to be efficient and more sustainable by making a pledge or contribution? [You can donate online by clicking here](#) or give us a call at 401-463-3570 if you would like to learn more about making a pledge that is fulfillable over two years. Many thanks from all of us at SSHSA!

Caption: SSHSA recently replaced almost 200 light fixtures in the Ship History Center at a 30 percent discount.



Coming up in *PowerShips* #323

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Shuttleworth  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith  
Mr. Clinton Strong  
Mr. Douglas A. Tilden  
CAPT Robert F. Wasson Jr.  
Mr. Peregrine White

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CAPT Roger Crossland  
Mr. Robert Ian Danic  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Eberle  
Mr. Andrew Edmonds  
Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards  
Mr. Charles C. Fichtner  
Mr. John B. Henry  
Mr. Neil E. Jones  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leuenberger  
Mr. Jeff Macklin  
Mr. Daniel L. McCoy  
Mr. William M. McLin & Mr. Samuel J. McKeon  
Dr. Laurence and Carole Miller  
Mr. Scott G. Huston  
Mr. William M. Rosen  
Mr. John Sleeter  
CAPT Cesare Sorio  
Mr. Kent Strobel  
CAPT and Mrs. Terry Tilton,  
USN (Ret.)  
Mr. Terence Turner  
Mr. Stephen Weaver

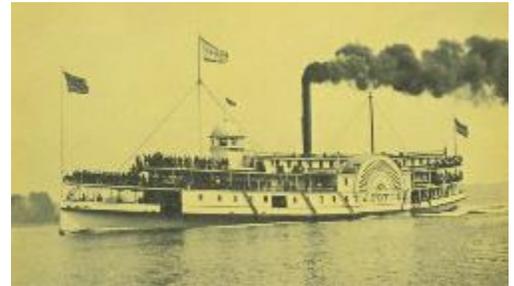
#### **Commander**

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Mr. Preston B. Baker  
Mr. Martin Bollinger  
Mr. A. Pierce Bounds  
Mr. Gabriel Caprio  
Mr. William D. Comings Jr.  
Mr. William Cooper  
Mr. John J. Crowley Jr.  
Mr. Donald Deckebach  
CAPT Robertson Dinsmore  
Mr. Mark Gathings  
Mr. Gary Gmoser  
Mr. Paul S. Gravenhorst  
CDR Michael Greene, USN  
(Ret.)  
Mr. W. Scott Hale Jr.

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!

#### **NASA's Retrieval Vessels**

A 1972 NASA evaluation determined that 440 space shuttle flights could be accomplished with 15 solid rocket motor boosters if the boosters were recycled after each launch. It was determined that two oilfield tug/supply-type boats with retrieval equipment would be needed, where each vessel would retrieve one booster. Eric Pearson tells their story.



#### **Dog & Broom**

Jerry Canavit presents a fascinating account of steamboating in the 1890s on Puget Sound, which witnessed a healthy passenger and freight business between the cities of Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia. In this engaging story, you'll follow the history of the speedy sternwheel steamer *Greyhound*, the magnificent sidewheel steamer *T.J. Potter*, and the new, beautiful sternwheel steamer *Bailey Gatzert* as they determine which ship was the fastest.

#### **Away to Sea on P&O, Part 2**

In Lives of the Liners, William Miller continues with his story of Alex Jamison and his time with the veteran ship *Canberra*, right up to the ship's last days. Miller also offers a touching account of the final days of the educational cruise ship *Uganda*.



#### **The Rescue of the Last Passenger from the Sinking Andrea Doria**

Don Persson gives an emotional, firsthand account of his adventure as one of the crew aboard the self-propelled lifeboat that rescued American Merchant Seaman Robert Lee Hudson, who was hanging on a rope ladder on the stern of the *Andrea Doria* in rough seas.

**Captions: Top, the *T.J. Potter* was among a trio of steamships vying to be the fastest on Puget Sound in the 1890s. (Photo: SSHSA Archives ). Bottom, the *Andrea Doria* sinks off the coast of Nantucket on July 26, 1956. (Photo: U.S. Coast Guard, SSHSA Archives).**

## **Chapter News**

#### **Delaware Valley**

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn P. Hayes  
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan and Helen Hazen  
Mr. Han Helders  
Mr. Hank Kaminski  
Mr. Nicholas Langhart  
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Langill  
Dr. Mark P. Macina  
Mr. David L. McColloch  
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CAPT Ronald J. Meiczinger  
Mr. Carl R. Nold  
Mr. Hollis S. Paige  
Mr. William J. Raver  
Mr. Roy C. Rose  
Dr. Timothy J. Runyan  
Mr. Howard Smart  
Mr. Shapleigh Smith  
Mr. Donn R. Spear  
Mr. Alexander Swavy  
Ms. Margaret Jean Wort

#### **Mariner**

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Mr. Brian Baum  
Ms. Michele R. Berard  
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Beringhaue  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Bieser  
Mr. Ted Blank  
Mr. Jerry Boyd  
Mr. Terry Bryll  
Mr. James Burke  
Mr. J. O. Busto  
Mr. Leonard A. Caiger  
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Mr. Christopher P. Cavas  
Mr. Charles W. Clarke  
Mr. Steve Cohen  
Mr. Jim Coonrod  
Mr. David Corry  
CAPT John M. Cox  
Mr. Terry B. Curtis  
Mr. Edward Dietrich  
Mr. Arild Johan Ellingsen  
Mr. Jonathan Ely  
Ms. Kathy Farnsworth and Mr. John Teichmoeller  
Mr. Charles Feyler  
CAPT George H. Fisher  
Mr. Keith Franson  
Mr. Norman J. Freitag  
Hal and Mattie Fuller  
Ms. Susan L. Gibbs  
Mr. Robert A. Haslun

*Provided by Steve Loveless, Chapter Chairman*

I am pleased to announce that our chapter has found a new home. After extensive negotiations with the United States Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay, we have the opportunity and privilege to hold our chapter meetings on its base located at 1 Washington Ave. in Philadelphia, right at the foot of Washington Avenue and Christopher Columbus Boulevard. Thanks to LTJG Amy Chamberlin for all her assistance on this. Several different rooms will be available for our use; everything from a board room- sized room to an auditorium that can seat more than 60 people. An elevator is available to get to the second floor, and off-street parking will be available in a lot at the front of the base.



**We will hold the first meeting at our new location at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16.** USCG security will require that attendees contact me and sign up so I can turn in a list of names. Please contact me 215-495-8889 or [slldvcsshsa@gmail.com](mailto:slldvcsshsa@gmail.com) no later than one week prior to the meeting.

We'd like everyone to come out to the meeting and let us know what you think. We will discuss what we will need to make our programs work here in this new space. Refreshments will be provided, and I will bring some recent maritime acquisitions which I think many of you will like to see.

#### **Other events**

- Trip to Governors Island to see the *Queen Mary 2* on Friday October 7. Contact me as soon as possible if you would like to do this.
- MS *Rotterdam* maiden arrival boat ride on October 26-27. See the new ship with SSHSA President Pat Dacey and others from the New York City area.
- *Andrea Doria* exhibit at Noble Maritime Collection/Museum at Snug Harbor on Staten Island. Date will be determined at October chapter meeting.
- December Holiday Party with the Philadelphia Ship Model Society at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Essington, Pa. Date will be announced in the coming months.

I am glad to be able to forward this information to everyone and look forward to having these events and meeting all of you who come. Contact me if you are interested in joining us.

**Caption: The U.S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay's Philadelphia base will serve as the new home for SSHSA's Delaware Valley Chapter. Contact Chairman Steve Loveless to attend the group's next meeting on Oct. 16. (Photo: <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/>)**

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 Mr. Charles Jones  
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 Mr. Richard Vanaria  
 Mr. Chandler Vance  
 Dr. Charles U. Walker  
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 Mr. Steve Winter

## Southern California

Provided by Bruce Vancil, Chapter President

Our budget remains solid despite our inability to meet in person over the last two years. Our most sincere thanks to those members who have included "a little extra" with their dues to support the chapter's activities and programs. Your board of directors responded to the pandemic and our inability to meet in person by producing extra editions of our wonderful journal, the *Ocean Times*, and introduced *SCUTTLEBUTT*, a newsletter transmitting timely information and items of interest to the membership. Bill Keene and Jim Shuttleworth headed up these efforts to stay in touch with our members, and we are grateful for their imagination and dedication to the chapter.

Changes are coming in the new year. Some of your board members are timing out at the end of 2022, myself included, along with your *Ocean Times* Editor Bill Keene. Wayne Yanda, currently associate editor, will be taking the helm when Bill "retires," and has been working with him to provide a smooth transition. The board is excited about Wayne's ideas, and we believe you will be too. The January 2023 *Ocean Times* will have not only a new editor, but also a new look. Stay tuned.



Retiring Board members means room for new people to join the chapter's management, which we hope will mean new ideas and new skills to make them reality. If you have some time to devote to the chapter, we want to know it! Like the chapter at large, the board meets four times a year on the morning of the regular membership meeting day. People showing interest in assuming a more active role in the chapter will be contacted to discuss how they can best contribute. Let us hear from YOU.

The chapter's August social meeting was held via Zoom and was attended by around two dozen members who enjoyed two presentations by guest speakers.

The first presentation was made by Steve Lawson. Steve is a shipwreck diver who has published numerous books and articles on the subject. His presentation focused on the Gold Rush-era sidewheel steamer *SS Winfield Scott*, which was wrecked off one of California's islands in 1853 and was extensively salvaged in 1894. Steve discussed the history of the *SS Winfield Scott* and his experiences diving on it. He also discussed the salvage operations carried out by the *SS San Pedro* and its subsequent sinking about 60 miles away. Steve shared that components of a side-lever engine were found on board

Mr. Kirk Youngman  
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the SS *San Pedro*, which opened up some new and interesting questions about the SS *Winfield Scott*. This was Steve's third presentation to the chapter and his slides included underwater photos of the wrecks.

The next presentation was by Brendan Ryan and was entitled "MS *Batory* in Times of Love and War." This was a look at the Polish ocean liner *Batory*, which was known as the "Lucky Ship." Brendan talked about how his family came to America onboard the ship, how she was affected by the changing geopolitical atmosphere of the mid-20th century, the heroism of the "Lucky Ship," and the impact of the espionage community on her. This was Brendan's first presentation to the chapter and we hope that there will be more.

**The Chapter's Annual Meeting and November social meeting will be on November 5, 2022.** This will again be held via Zoom. Look for a meeting link that will be sent out in advance. We look forward to seeing everyone at this meeting that will be both informative and entertaining.

The October *Ocean Times* brings the chapter's membership and friends a collection of ship stories. These begin with the remembrances of the editor's "Last Voyage Aboard the SS *Rotterdam*," a 14-day Panama Canal transit in the Spring of 1997. Jim Shaw provides a short history of the concrete ships of World War I and World War II in "Ships of Stone." Bill Miller shares the story of Germany's return to ocean shipping after World War II in "Hamburg to Kobe: Six German Combo Ships." Tramping Cyber Space is focused on both current and historic "Tugboats." Ship Shot shares a photo that represents getting "Underway Into the Future."

There is also good news about the SoCal Chapter being closer to returning to our home aboard the RMS *Queen Mary* after an almost three-year absence during COVID-19 and the ship's financial troubles.

Overall, this issue brings us passenger ships, working ships, an historic return to service, tugboats, and a look into the future. A good mix for all chapter members.

Want your own email 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.

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

**Caption: A preview of the cover for the October 2022 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.

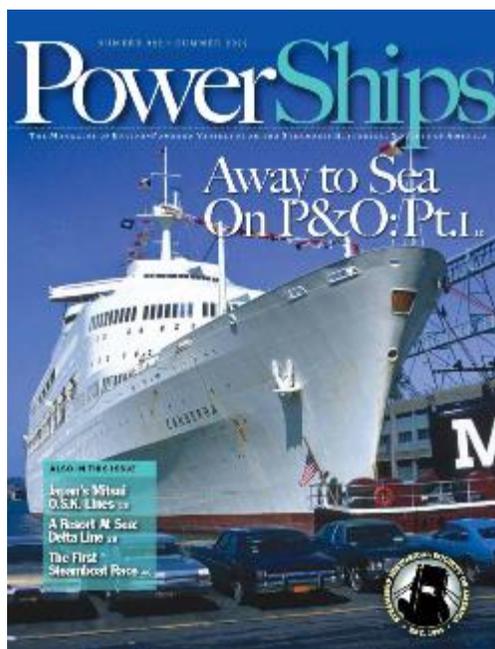
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**Bryan Lucier, Editor, The *Telegraph***

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