SSHSA VALUES STATEMENT

Collaboration

We believe that the greatest results come from the combined efforts of diverse organizations and individuals. We are open and accepting of other perspectives and new ideas. We seek cooperative opportunities and continually nurture collaborative opportunities.

Creativity

We embrace innovation. We are open-minded, nimble, agile, adaptive, accessible, and entrepreneurial.

Diversity and Inclusion

We recognize that diversity describes the differences that significantly affect the way people experience themselves and are treated by others. We believe that all people deserve fairness, impartiality, justice, and opportunity. We seek and welcome diversity in race, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, age, faith, nationality, disability.

We celebrate the richness of communities and build bridges and bonds through our values, mission, and the way we work.

Information and Knowledge

We value knowledge and accessible information. We empower people to expand their minds, inviting them to the resources we make available.

Truth-telling

We respectfully and boldly speak the truth, both of the past and present. We acknowledge different voices and perspectives.

Passion

Our discourse, actions, collections, programs and products are based on a bond with maritime heritage and nautical culture, as well as a desire to relate this kinship to others.

Stewardship

Stewardship extends beyond our objects, artifacts, and ephemera. We care for and honor the contributions of our community and strive to share their stories.