



Steaming Into the Future
REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

Steamship Historical Society of America is an **educator of youth** and a steward of unique collections, preserving maritime heritage through **Immigration, Trade and Leisure.**



Our Founders

Our Vision is to be:

- ↳ Nationally recognized for our preservation and interpretation of maritime history
- ↳ Fully accessible in person and online to all that have an interest in exploring, researching, or learning from our rich maritime past
- ↳ The go-to resource for educators that are seeking to introduce, deepen, or expand their students' learning about the sea, S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math), and history
- ↳ Ever-expanding our reach and our audience to ensure that our historical legacy continues
- ↳ A thriving organization that enjoys great support from our members, philanthropic partners, and others that share a commitment to maritime heritage



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Our Mission:

Through recording, preserving, and educating, it's our mission to share the impact of engine-powered vessels, their crews, and their passengers with future generations.



Educating Our Future

Into the 21st century, one of our most important roles is as an educator of youth and steward of maritime resources. With our collection accessible on the web, unique resources are used to tell the stories of the past, present and future of maritime industries and discoveries, and related areas of S.T.E.A.M. While much on the web is seen as ephemeral, or of-the-moment, the SSHTA virtual presence is grounded in real objects, documents and photographs, and serves as a primary source for all levels of interest.

Looking Back, So We Can Move Forward



SSHTA was founded in 1935. Our archive began with a few of the original seven members donating from their own personal collections. Upon receiving more collections over the decades, we had many decisions to make regarding the

stewardship of these valuable assets. Before we knew it, the collection was in multiple locations. Our Ship History Center, where all now resides safely in a climate-controlled facility, was purchased as a cornerstone achievement within this campaign.

The Campaign – Full Ahead! – Underway



Ensuring SSHSA continues its important role in maritime heritage, we launched our comprehensive capital campaign entitled **Full Ahead! Steaming Into the Future**. This allows the society to educate our next generations about the importance of maritime tradition – past, present and future.

Our goal is to expand our education programs, continue to assess and catalog parts of our collections that are yet to be processed, make our maritime reference library available and open the museum to the public. We have raised approximately \$2 million thus far.



Our Impact

We believe it is our duty to provide and tell the stories of the past and relate them to the youth of tomorrow. Interpreting SSHSA's vast collections and then sharing both virtually (online) and physically (in-person). We have to position ourselves as an educator of youth and steward of maritime resources because kids want to learn, and we have the ability to reach them globally.



Ship History Center – Acquired

Our 8,000 sq. ft. climate-controlled building houses our collections, with room for future growth, and serves as a gathering place for the public to share our maritime heritage, including:

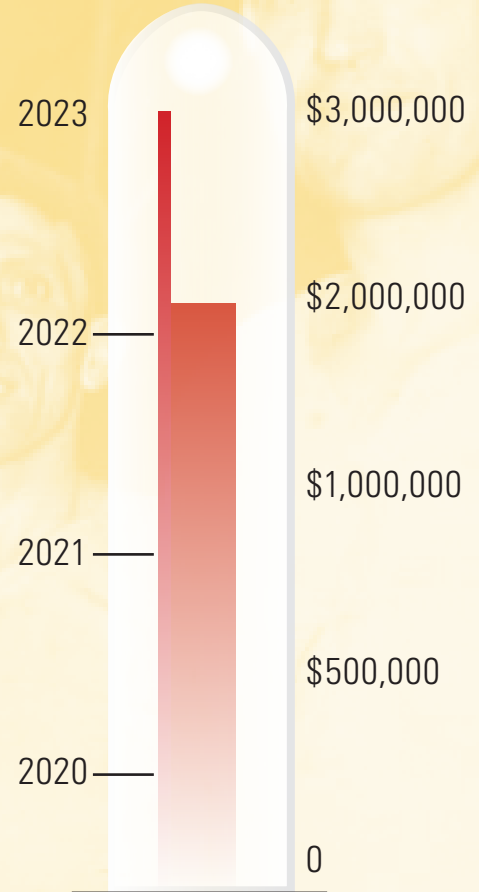
- ↪ Unique view of the shipping industry and comprehensive cruise line archives including company records, ship logs, brochures and ledgers
- ↪ 20,000+ volumes in our research library
- ↪ Over a half million photos, prints and negatives dating back to the mid-1800s
- ↪ Visual collections including maritime paintings, lithographs and posters, audio and video material, objects, and artifacts
- ↪ Integrates innovative S.T.E.A.M. education into classrooms everywhere via shiphistory.org



Financial Needs

Endowment for Program Enhancement		\$1,500,000
Capital Projects	Underway	\$385,000
Working Capital Reserve	DONE ✓	\$180,000
Building Purchase	DONE ✓	\$775,000
Planned Maintenance/Equipment Fund/Building Renovation	Underway	\$325,000
Bridge Fund	DONE ✓	\$125,000
Annual Fund Requirements, 2022	DONE ✓	\$210,000
Total Campaign		\$3,500,000

Let's Get to Our Destination Together!



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“ Steamships have played an important role in American history, and I commend the Steamship Historical Society of America. Your organization helps to document, preserve, and advance our maritime heritage and share it with a wider audience. Your education program will be a great tool for educators, researchers, and the general public. ”

United States Senator Jack Reed

