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SILVER SHIPS ARE ON DISPLAY AT ISM



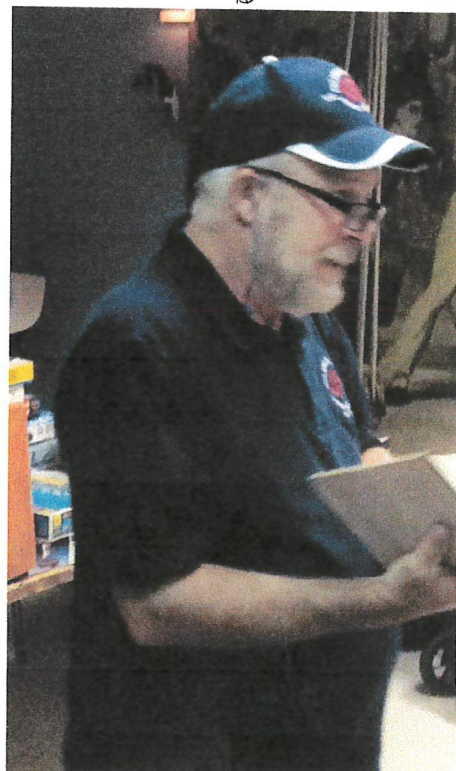
It's that time of year again. The **Silver Ships** are now on display at the **Independence Seaport Museum (ISM)**. This holiday tradition features dozens of tiny silver ships from the Museum's collection. They'll be here through the New Year. Be sure to check them out!

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AUCTIONEER ODDO RECEIVES SHOUT-OUT!

The 821th meeting of the **Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS)** was held at the **Independence Seaport Museum (ISM)** on the fifth day of November 2015. President **Tom McElhinney** called the meeting to order at 1905 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirty-two persons attended including **Julie Baker**, guest and speaker at our forthcoming December meeting and visitor **William Elliott**.
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Hear Ye All... John (Captain Ahab) Oddo was the auctioneer at our annual White Whale Sale! Great evening!

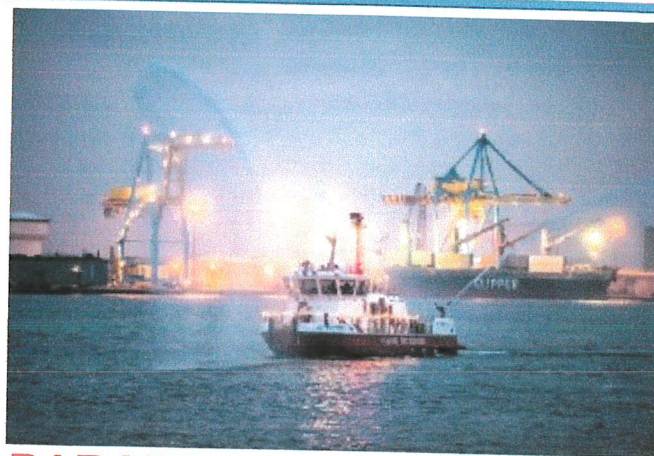
NEXT MEETING: 3 DECEMBER JULIE BAKER



Julie Baker grew up in Delaware County where she was involved in all sorts of 2D and 3D art. She received a B.A. in Classical Archaeology with minors in Anthropology and Biology from Dartmouth College, worked as a field and lab archaeologist across the Mid-Atlantic, and as a paleontological preparator for the reinstallation of the dinosaur hall at the Academy of Natural Sciences. In order to qualify for application to graduate level programs in art conservation she volunteered at the Penn Museum and at Winterthur while taking additional courses in chemistry, art and art history. **Julie** earned an M.S. in Art Conservation with a specialization in Objects at the University of Delaware-Winterthur program, which included an advanced internship year at the Field Museum of Natural History. She pursued post graduate training as a Getty Fellow at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, was a Mellon Fellow at the Walters Art Museum, and worked as an NEH Project Conservator at The Brooklyn Museum. She has been in private practice for twenty-one years providing objects conservation services for museums, agencies, and individuals, including the PMA, The Barnes Foundation, Winterthur, the American Philosophical Society, the Mercer Museum, the City of Philadelphia, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **Julie** has the distinct pleasure of working with **Craig Bruns** and the wonderful denizens of the **Independence Seaport Museum** on various fascinating projects over the past ten years. She has researched and treated a number of fabulous models- architectural, anatomical, industrial, and miniatures, and has been looking forward to this opportunity to learn and share in-depth (pun intended) about ship models with the members of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society.

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PARADE OF LIGHTS AT ISM Saturday, 12 December 2015

The annual *Parade of Lights* returns to the Delaware River on 12 December at 5:30 p.m. The lighted boat parade features our working port, with tugboats and other vessels decorated in lights. Before the parade, spend the day inside the Independence Seaport Museum for holiday activities and entertainment. Museum visitors will get the best view of the parade from the 2nd floor balcony overlooking the Delaware River.

- Visit Santa's "Workshop on the Water" to make holiday ornaments and gingerbread boats.
- Take a selfie with Santa before he heads out to lead the parade.
- Enjoy live music from a local high school choir.
- Stop by the Ship Model SHACK to see a lighted model display. The SHACK is "home" to the Philadelphia Ship Model Society, the oldest ship modeling society in America!
- Yo Ho Ho, Mates! Pose with Calico Jack, a greedy scrooge-like pirate, this holiday season.
- Visit a Silver Ships display, a holiday tradition featuring dozens of tiny silver ships from the Museum's collection.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3 December: 7 p.m. PSMS Meeting, Program: Julie Baker
 12 December, 5:30 p.m. PARADE OF LIGHTS at ISM
 20 December: HOLIDAY BRUNCH BUFFET, Corinthian Yacht Club, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 31 December: 4 p.m.-7 p.m. NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS at ISM
 7 January: 7 p.m. PSMS Meeting, Program TBA
 4 February: 7 p.m. PSMS Meeting, Program TBA
 3 March: 7 p.m. PSMS Meeting, Program TBA

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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(See listing of PSMS Officers and Board of Directors on page 14.)

The Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) at 1900 hours. ISM is located at Penn's Landing, 211 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. Guests are always welcome! (For detailed directions to ISM, please see our website at <http://phillyshipmodel.com>). PSMS' annual dues are \$35.00 for an INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP; \$40.00 for a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (includes member, as well as spouse with children FREE). When attending a meeting discounted parking is available at the garage entrance next to ISM. The hotel is now a Hilton Hotel at Penn's Landing. Please take your parking ticket to the front desk at ISM and have it stamped. This allows parking at the facility for \$12.00. Municipal parking is also available in front of ISM; however, the rates are higher and vary with the season. PSMS also reimburses attendees with \$5.00 toward parking.

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IN MEMORIAM



7 April 1942-14 November 2015

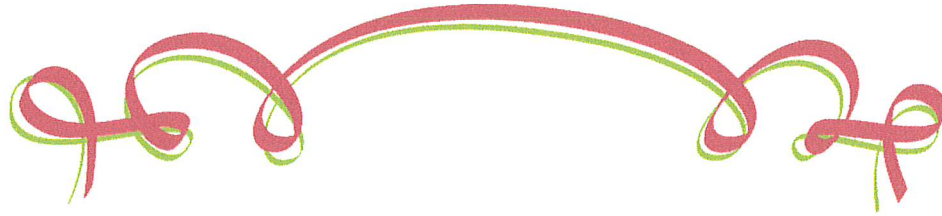
PSMS member **Richard W. Berlinger** read "A Sailor's 23rd Psalm" at our last two Holiday Brunch Buffets. Some members knew it was a prayer that **Richard** used frequently in his fairly protracted and very brave fight with lymphoma.

Richard did his undergraduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and received his Juris Doctorate from the Law School at Temple University. He practiced law in Abington, PA. **Richard** and **Nora** were married for 41 years and have one son, **Eric**. **Richard** joined PSMS because of his and **Nora**'s love for sailing in the Chesapeake and generally being around boats, boat yards and marinas!

Richard's Memorial Service will be on Friday, 4 December 2015 at Grace Presbyterian Church on 444 Old York Road in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania and will be followed by a luncheon reception.

"At the end of my life's voyage I shall rest in the port of my God." Rest in peace, dear **Richard**.

[**Richard**'s wife **Nora** is recovering from back surgery which she had two days prior to **Richard**'s death. Although in rehab, she has been readmitted to the hospital for further treatment.]



THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

Requests Your Presence at the

Holiday Brunch Buffet

The Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia
300 West Second Street
Essington, PA 19029

Sunday, December 20, 2015
11:30 – 2:30PM

Adults \$30.00
Children \$15.00
(Tax and Gratuity included)
Cash Bar

BRUNCH BUFFET TO INCLUDE:

Tossed Salad – Choice of Dressings
Grilled Vegetables with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Fresh Fruit Salad

Eggs Benedict, Scrambled Egg Bar, Sausage and Bacon
Oven Roasted Potatoes, French Toast
Assorted Bagels and Pastries
Smoked Salmon with traditional Accompaniments

Roast Beef with Carver
Boneless Chicken Breast with Marsala Sauce
Honey Glazed Salmon

Dessert Table with Assorted Sweets and Ice Cream

R.S.V.P. Reservation Deadline: December 3, 2015

Alice McElhinney (alice9books@verizon.net)

Checks for \$30/person payable to: PSMS

c/o Ed Leaf

433 Summer Ave., Edgewater Park, NJ 08010

Directions:

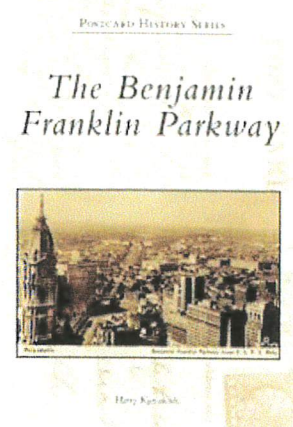
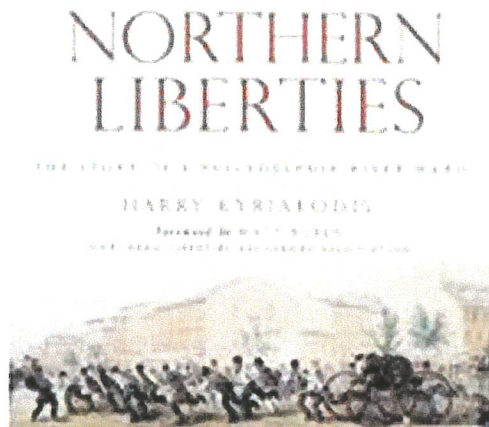
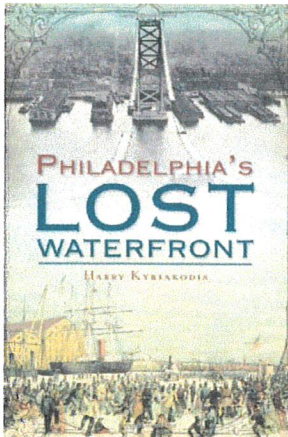
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Cross Industrial Highway to Dead End
turn right on 2nd St. CYCOP is on the
left after Gov. Printz Park



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at DECEMBER'S PSMS MEETING!



Julie Baker, a Conservator of Diverse Objects, will be PSMS's **December** speaker and report on her participation in a course at the National Maritime Museum (NMM) in Greenwich, London, United Kingdom.

WELCOME: Introduction of **Julie Becker**, a Conservator of Diverse Objects, who will be PSMS's December speaker and report on her participation in a course at the **National Maritime Museum (NMN)** in Greenwich, London. Also introduced was **Bill Elliott** a visitor from Erial, NJ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Congratulations to **Jim** and **Betsy Nutt** upon the arrival of their 4th grandchild and first granddaughter, **Charlotte Nutt**

SICK CALL: **Richard Berlinger** (please see **IN MEMORIUM** on page 3); **Nora Berlinger** has had back surgery and has been readmitted to the hospital.

PROGRAM: **John (Captain Ahab) Oddo** was the auctioneer for our annual **White Whale Sale**. Thank you **John** for a fun filled evening. (See pictures on pages 1 and 7 in the *QUARTERDECK*.)

SHOW N' TELL: Led by Vice-President **Fred Signor**, please see pages 8 & 9 of the *QUARTERDECK*.

50/50 Drawing: Purchase of tickets: **Tom McElhinney**.

BREAK: Kudos to **Pat Leaf** and all who brought items for the refreshment table.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The Secretary's minutes were approved as printed in the October *QUARTERDECK*. **Ed Leaf** presented the Treasurer's report which was approved.

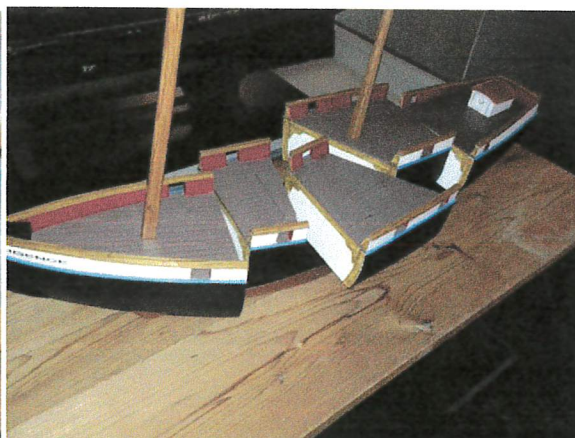
OLD BUSINESS:

1. **THE SHACK:** **Joe Jordan**. Please sign-up tonight or email that you can volunteer: **Joe Jordan** (jivtown@aol.com)
2. **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:** **Joe Jordan** asked for a show of hands in support of this event on 12/12 at 5:30 p.m.
3. **WEBSITE:** **Spencer Anderson** asked for volunteers to enter material on the website.
4. **DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE STEAMSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA:** Check with **Francine Serratore**. They meet the 3rd Sunday of each month at ISM from 2-4:30 p.m.
5. **HOLIDAY BRUNCH BUFFET:** For details, please see page 5 of the *QUARTERDECK*. A sign-up sheet indicates that 46 persons are already interested; invitations have been extended to two PSMS widows and to **John Brady** and his wife.
6. **SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE:** Thanks to **Pat Leaf** for collecting items this year and for **Mike Weaver** who delivered donations to the Institute.
7. **ELEVENTH MARITIME MODEL EXPOSITION:** This event was canceled due to bad weather and because it is so late in the year, the event cannot be rescheduled.
8. **NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING IN MARCH:** We need a volunteer to assist **Ed Leaf** in being the Treasurer for this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. SSMA members, please let **Tom McElhinney** know if you are a member. Seems SSMA has had a computer glitch.
10. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** **Mike Zimmerman** gave a report on behalf of the Nominating Committee (**Mike, Spence Delin** and **Joe Jordan**): The following persons have accepted having their names placed in nomination for our 2016 Officers: President: **Fred Signor**; Vice-President: **Jim Nutt**; and Secretary/Editor: **Spencer Anderson**. The election will be held at our December meeting.
11. **NEXT PROGRAM:** **Julie Becker** (see above) and **HOLIDAY PARTY—bring your spouse, partner, and friend!**
12. **DRAWING OF 50/50** won by **John Bulloch**.
13. At 2115 the meeting was concluded and adjourned for clean-up.

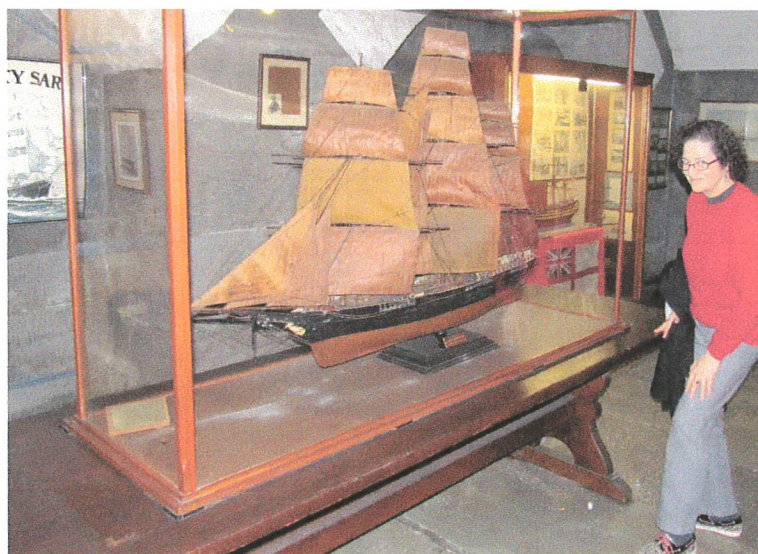
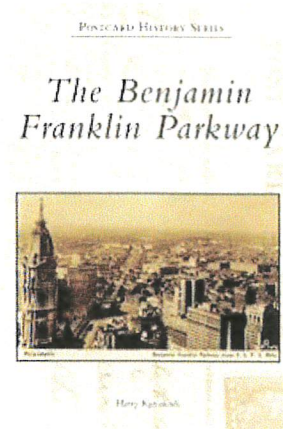
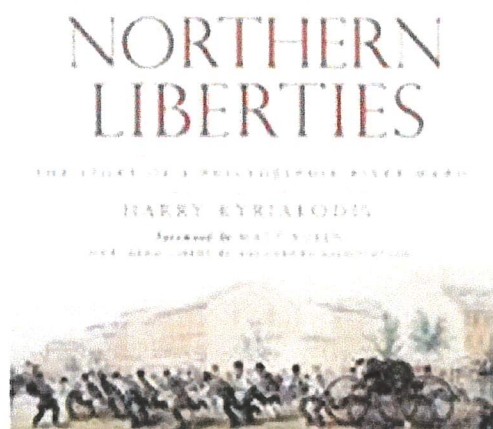
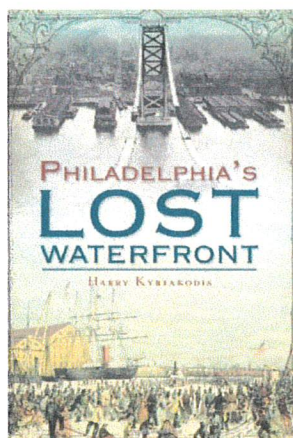
Respectfully submitted,
Alice McElhinney, Secretary/Editor



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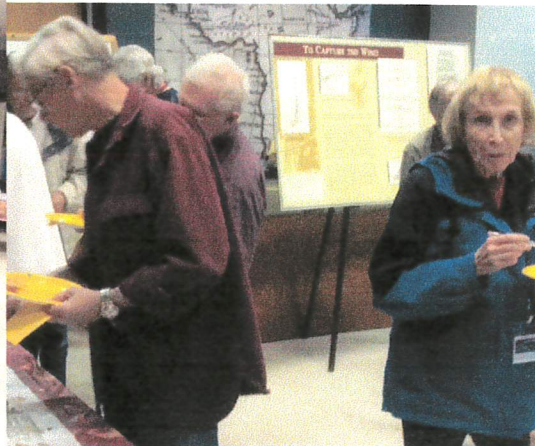
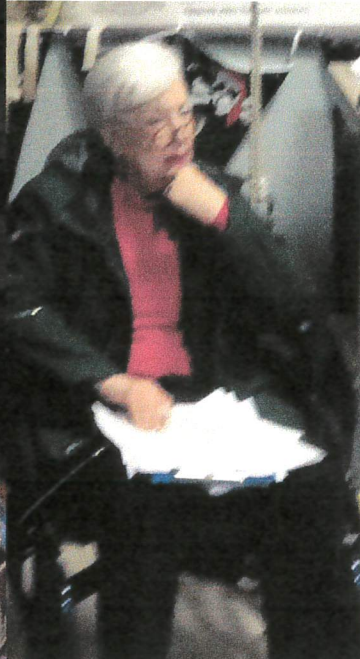
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PSMS *NOVEMBER* MEETING

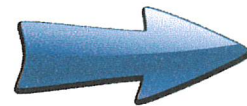


PSMS *NOVEMBER* SHOW N' TELL



(Left to Right):

1. **Mike Zimmerman** returned with his scratch built 1/96 model of the *USS Vesuvius*, a dynamite gunship of the US Navy from 1888-1922. He showed changes made since the previous month and explained the methods used to solve building questions that had arisen.
2. **Francine Serratore** brought in her scratch built 1/96 scale model of the *USS Olympia*. Francine is rebuilding this model and has now completed 85% of the changes and modifications. She walked us through the various parts she has changed and the work that is yet to be done. The *Olympia* is today tied up at a pier close to the **Independence Seaport Museum (ISM)**.
3. **Fred Signor**: As has become usual at our meetings a 110 foot radio controlled Sub Chaser was shown to the club. **Fred** has been working on the deck and its furniture. He showed us the gratings he built to replace those that came with the kit. This model is about 60 % complete.



Now Hear this ...



The Independence Seaport Museum is gaining ground in its restoration of the USS *Olympia*, the oldest steel warship afloat in the world. But it's been a slow process that may rely on Gov. Tom Wolf approving millions in grant funding. Restoration for the 123-year-old ship docked at Penn's Landing comes at a price tag of about \$14 million—including \$1 million just to move the ship and \$6 million for restoration work on the aging hull and deck. "That's the biggest challenge, raising the funds," said President and CEO John Brady. [See Jun 2, 2015 story by Fran Hilario in the *Philadelphia Business Journal*.

Become a Member of ISM ...Independence Seaport Museum members receive free admission to the Museum, Workshop on the Water, the cruiser *Olympia* (shown above) and submarine *Becuna*, as well as invitations to exhibit openings, discounts in the gift shop, special member pricing for special programs and events and preferred access to boating opportunities on visiting tall ships.

Membership levels: Individual - \$45 (benefits apply to one person); Family - \$75 (benefits apply to up to five people in the same household); see their website for other levels.

NOTE: As a member of PSMS you are considered a VOLUNTEER at ISM—in addition to working in the SHACK, you are encouraged to volunteer at other events sponsored by the museum!

See the different areas where we are needed and –

VOLUNTEER!

NOTE: All volunteers need to sign in and out from the museum from now on. The sign in book is located by the front desk on the podium. Boat shop volunteers will continue to sign in and out at the boat shop. Ships volunteers will sign in and out on the ships, unless they are coming into the museum and then they would sign in and out there as well. For PSMS, you will also need to sign in and out at the front desk.

Therefore if there is an emergency we will know who all is in the building at that time. If there is an emergency inside the museum, please exit the building and meet at the Walnut Street steps. For those on the ships, you will meet on the landing in front of the ships.

If you have been by the museum lately, you will have noticed the big changes happening on our galleries. We have taken down a large part of the main exhibit to make way for our new schooner, *Diligence II*. It is exciting too for the Seaport Museum and we hope you can come down and lend a hand. (See pictures on the next page.)

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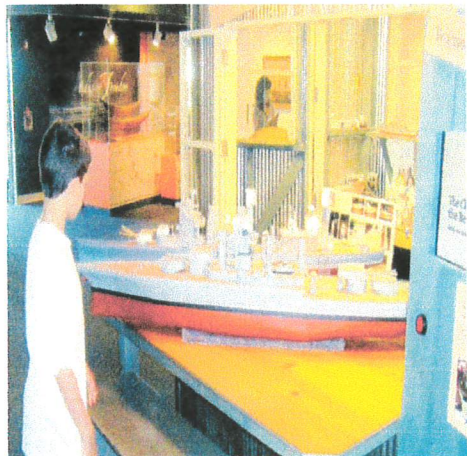
DILIGENCE II UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ISM



... now steps lead the way!



It's up to us to keep the lights "on" in the SHACK!



THE SHACK

Keep the lights on! Volunteer! Contact Joe Jordan (jjvtown@aol.com).



NOTE: Steamship Historical Society of America

meets the third Sunday of each month at ISM from 2-4:30 PM. Visit their website at

<http://www.sshsa-delawarevalley.org/>.



Now hear this continued:

9 November 1921, 94 years ago today, *Cruiser Olympia* at Independence Seaport Museum ^(cross today) arrives at the Washington Navy yard from France carrying the body of the unknown soldier for internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

<http://museumships.us/shipsbytype/cruiser/olympiapicture:wikipedia.org>

This image shows the casket leaving the Olympia. At the far right are Secretary of the Navy Edwin Denby, General of the Armies John J. Pershing, and chief of Naval Operations Ad. Robert Coontz.



This stamp honors the United States Coast Guard for its role in protecting the security of the nation and advancing its vital maritime interests. In an oil painting on masonite, renowned aviation artist William S. Phillips depicts two icons of the Coast Guard: the cutter Eagle, a three-masted sailing ship known as "America's Tall Ship," and an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter, the standard rescue aircraft of the Coast Guard. One hundred years ago the agency received its current name, when President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the 1915 "Act to Create the Coast Guard." The origins of the Coast Guard, however, go back to 1790, when President George Washington signed into law an act that provided for a fleet of ten boats, or "revenue cutters," to aid in "the collection of duties ... imported into the United States." Today's Coast Guard has 38,000 active-duty men and women; 8,000 Reservists; and many volunteer auxiliary personnel. In addition to saving lives at sea, their responsibilities include enforcing maritime law, overseeing aids to navigation, carrying out icebreaking operations, protecting the marine environment, responding to oil spills and water pollution, ensuring port security, supporting scientific research at sea, combating terrorism, and aiding in the nation's defense. Phil Jordan was the art director for the stamp. The *United States Coast Guard* stamp is being issued as a Forever® stamp.

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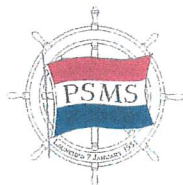
Become a member of SSMA; Annual dues are \$25 and it should be sent to Lee Stewart, SSMA Clubs/Membership Director, 7325 176th Street SW, Edmonds, WA 98026. Your check should be made payable to SSMA. Visit them on the web at SSMANA.ORG.



NEW PSMS WEBSITE!! 
YOUR PATIENCE HAS BEEN APPRECIATED—NEW WEBSITE—
WHERE THE WORK IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!
<http://philadelphia ship model society.com>



PSMS SHIRTS & CAPS WITH SOCIETY LOGO



We can order shirts and caps with the embroidered Society logo and for the first time women's sizes are available.

Prices are:

Long-sleeved polo shirts, navy blue, men's sizes \$35.00

available in small through 4XL

Add \$2.00 for 2XL, \$3.00 for 3 XL, and \$4.00 for 4 XL

Women's sizes small through 2X

\$35.00

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men's sizes small through 6 XL and tall in XL through 3X

\$28.75

Women's sizes available sizes small through 3XL

\$28.75

Hats 6 panel wave cap, navy with white trim

\$14.50

There is interest in woven fabric shirts and I will have catalogues showing them as well as the knit shirts. The prices in the catalogues are not the final cost with the logo but are expected to be \$30.00 or less, including the embroidered logo.

If you would like to place an order please let Pat Leaf know at pjlebk@comcast.net. Please be sure of your size.



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