

Sun Ship Historical Society's Newsletter:
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Hi Everyone,

1. Independence Seaport Museum Update:

We have almost completed the archiving of the Independence Seaport Museum's 'Sun Ship Archives'. When this was started, I had no comprehension of the magnitude and duration of the project.

As of last Wednesday, our ISM totals were; 4,634 digitized items and a spreadsheet with approximately 1,300 line items. To put this in perspective, I had worked on Hagley's Sun Ship collection for 12 years, generating approx. 7,235 digitized items and hundreds of pages of supporting text.

2. El Faro (Sun Ship's ex-Puerto Rico Hull 670):

The story of our *El Faro* is still continuing.

2.1: We have the final NTSB report from 02/07/2018 on our website at:

See:

2.2. New books:

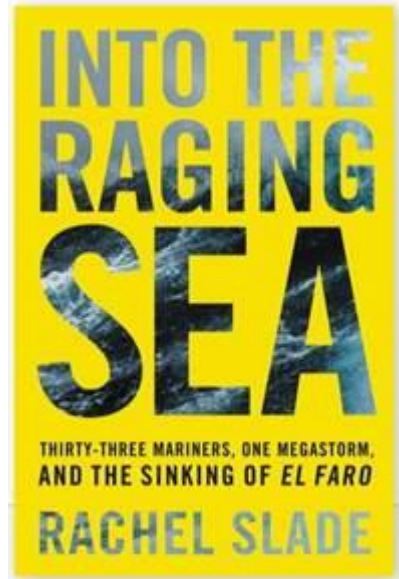
2.2.a: 'Run The Storm' by George Foy due out c: 5/1/2018

Thanks to John Curdy



2.2b: 'Into the Raging Sea' by Rachel Slade due out c: 5/15/2018

Thanks to John Glanfield



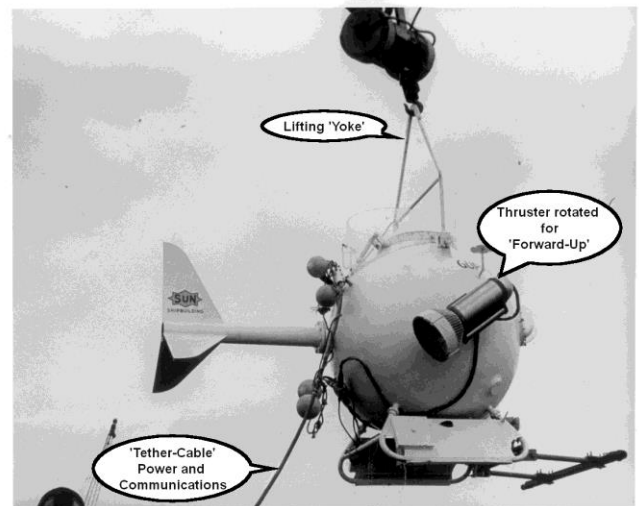
3. Sun Ship's Submersible "Guppy":

As you may have been aware, our Aero/Hydro Space Divisions' "Guppy" was donated to the ISM back on August 21, 1987 and left ISM on Feb. 23, 2018 for the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum in Coatesville, PA. The Museum is on the site of the old Lukens Steel Plant in Coatesville, PA.

www.steelmuseum.org

We have our 'Data Sheet' on the 'Guppy' at the following location on our website at:

#74319_4909_v2: Courtesy of ISM



The 'Guppy's" leaving ISM motivated SSHS to put together a 'Info Sheet' on the website about 'her' history. The current sheet on the website is version 5 and the one attached to this email is version 6. Due to the courtesy of ISM, we were able to copy the 'accessioning and deaccessioning' documents associated with the 'Guppy' that added some important information, including a great photo of the 'Tether Winch', which is now part of the latest, version 6. If the opportunity presents itself, please review the attached revision and let me know if there is any additional information that you can append or any corrections that need to be made (hopefully not ☺). This revision will be placed on the website after a short period while waiting to see if any additions or corrections appear.

4. No.4 Dry Dock's 'Tide Compensation System':

As stated previously on many other occasions, information will find its way to us that will start SSHS on another information 'hunting trip'. The latest was from Gene Alley when he sent two documents to us;

First: On the No. 4 Dry Dock's 'TCS' (Tide Compensation System). Thumbnail; This is the system that was installed on one section (4B) of our two-section No.4 Drydock that was used to transfer vessels or parts of vessels from land to drydock or to transfer from drydock to land. While starting the hunt for more information on the TCS, I discussed this with Joe De Gregorio (Asst. Foreman, Electronics Shop/Electrical Maintenance Dept.) and in addition to describing some of the work he performed on the TCS, he found reference to a Sun Oil / Steve Fromnick patent, which significantly expanded our information on this extremely important technological advancement in shipbuilding and ship repair/conversion. Added to our 'To Do List' is the No.4 Dry Dock and the TCS.

Second: 'QCM Ballast' on our 'stretch roll-on/roll-off ships. This is another subject that will require a 'hunting trip' looking thru our photographic archives to see if we have information on this. Thumbnail: This focuses on a new method of ballasting for Sun Ship's 'Stretch-PDL' class of RO/RO's, Also added to the "To Do List", more to follow.

4. Earlier Times:

Colin Answorth of our local Daily Times has once again included a Sun Ship reference in today's daily section titled "Other Times" to the WWII-1943 era and 'next weeks' awarding to Sun Ship of the "M" Pennant and the Victory Fleet Flag with presentation by Admiral Emory S. Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission. Note: My apologies to Colin in not getting his Sun Ship history, titled 'A Sun Century' on the website from his outstanding work done in the 'Times' from the Oct. 29, 2017 issue. Really didn't want to put that date in here ☺, More to follow

Please stop by our website at www.sunship.org

Regards,

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