



Sun Ship Historical Society's Newsletter:

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Hello Everyone,
Hope you enjoy this latest newsletter. As always, if you have any additional information, suggestions or corrections, please let me know.

Thank You,

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1. SSHS Archives:

SSHS is in the 'continuing' process of archiving our collection of Sun Ship documents and artifacts. The Our Yard magazine collection is a detailed 24-year history of Sun Ship and its employees. We are slowly heading for the finish line in scanning all of the issues of Our Yard and have currently scanned 6,219 files from the collection and have typed 94 pages documenting items pertinent to Sun Ship history including; new hull construction, ship repair, ship conversion, Industrial Products, employees and public service.

1.1: We have recently received additional records and artifacts from Walt Waryga Jr. that included documents from his time at the Yard and retirement items from his father, Walt Waryga Sr., who was a Leader in 33I (Installation) Dept. Here are some of the items from that collection:

Note: Electricians worked in three departments at the Yard;

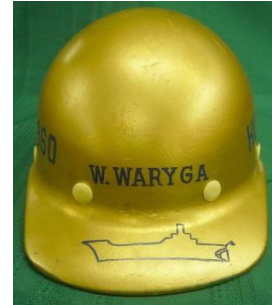
- 1) 33I (Installation) worked on; new hull construction, ship conversion and ship repair.
- 2) 33M (Plant Maintenance) worked on plant; construction, crane repair, welding equipment repair, dry dock repair, plant electrical power distribution and electronics.
- 3) 33F (Electrical Facilities) worked on supplying temporary electrical facilities such as lighting, receptacles, ship shore power and welding equipment for; new hull construction, ship repair, ship conversions and industrial products.

1.2: Retirement Hardhat : Employees retiring from the Yard would receive a gold-painted hardhat with their name, nickname (if appropriate), the first hull they worked on and the year they started at the Yard on one side of the hat and the last hull that they worked on, and

the retirement year on the other. Following are photos are of Walt Waryga Sr's Hardhat. Walt's nickname was "Shakey" and according to his son, Walt Waryga Jr., it was given to his father due to his 'nervousness' associated with meeting construction schedules in his area of responsibility.

Note: Unfortunately, we could not find a photograph of Walt Waryga Sr. On a personal note, As an electrical apprentice, my first assignment 1964, in 33I Dept. was working in the engine room of the "American Racer" Hull 629 under Mike Fasano and my second assignment was working in the quarters on the same ship for Walt Waryga Sr. He was a great leader and mentor. In addition, through his intervention, I became the assistant-scoutmaster at St. Michael's School's boy scout troop in Chester, where Walt Waryga Jr. and his brother Bob were boy scouts. Now there's a coincidence-dmk

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1.2: Retirement Plaque: In addition, they would also receive the following plaque with the profile of a tanker with the retiree's name on the bow and their years and months of service.

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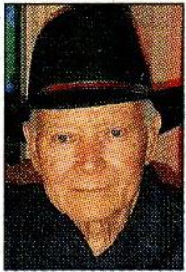


2. SSSH Obituaries:

Sadly we have another obituary to post:

We have attached a transcription of the obituary of Guy "Tuck" Kushto Sr. that was published in the Delaware County Daily Times on 10.23.2018. Our thanks to Vic Kushto, nephew of Tuck for informing us of his passing and for supplying information about Tuck and his time at Sun Ship.

Obituary Source: www.nolandfidale.com



Guy "Tuck" Kushto, Sr., age 81, passed away on October 20, 2018 at his home in Aston. He was raised in Chester and was a graduate of Chester High School. Tuck worked at Sun Shipbuilding for nearly his entire career. Tuck was an exceptional husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He enjoyed shooting pool, softball, golf, fishing,

and hunting. He is the father of the late Guy "Tuck" Kushto, Jr. Survivors: his loving wife of 61 years; Ruth Kushto (nee Pfander); children: Don (Meg) Kushto of Wallingford, Linda (John) Orlando of Glen Mills, and Kell DeLuca of Philadelphia; sister: Caroline Moore (nee Kushto) of Arcadia, FL; grandchildren: Rick Orlando, Guy Kushto III, Brianna Orlando, Maude Kushto, and Rhiannon De Luca; and great grandson: Kaayson Kushto. Visitation: Saturday from 9:30-10:45 am at the Nolan-Fidale Funeral Home, 5980 Chichester Ave., Aston, PA. Memorial Service: Saturday at 11:00am at the Nolan-Fidale Funeral Home. Interment: Mount Hope Cemetery, Aston. Condolences: www.nolandfidale.com Tuck's Sun Ship History, by nephew Vic Kushto: He started as a carpenter in 66 Dept. He became an expeditor for the department and created a system of flow charts for tracking the large amount of lumber used for scaffolding. This caught the eye of the head of the Planning Dept. where he was transferred and while in the planning department, he worked all over the yard including; Assistant foreman in ship-fitting, Assistant foreman in the cleaning department in developing a new method of ballasting the ships inner-bottoms, Assistant Foreman in both the sheet metal shop (31 Dept), Foreman of the burning department (60 Dept) and finally, back to the hull division as a superintendent.

We reviewed our archives, and found numerous references to Tuck, including:

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G. Kushto

Photo of Tuck when he was a reporter for Our Yard magazine, covering the 66 Department-Stage Builders and Carpenters, from the Jan. 1963 issue.

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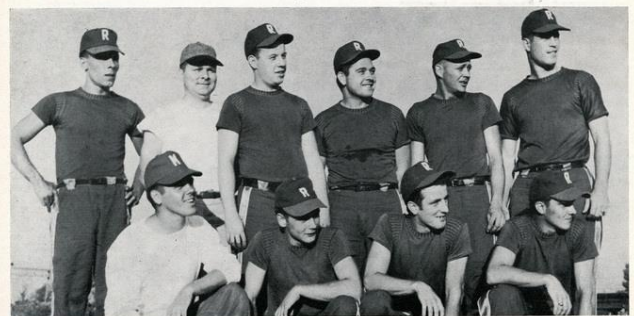
"In heat of the action Guy (Tuck) Kushto swung so hard he closed his eyes..." This was from the text of Our Yard issue of June 21, 1963 covering the opening night of the Industrial softball League in which

Sun Ship played against Reynolds Metals.

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Photo from the August 1963 issue of Our Yard showing both Tuck and his brother Dick Kushto (previously deceased) as members of the All-Star team.

All-Stars Really Were All Stars



ALL-STARS ALL WERE STARS in annual fracas between team leading softball league July 4 and cream of all other teams rolled into one. Leading team was 66 Dept. Carpenters (above) led by Guy Kushto and Walter Shanko. Players are (l. to r. rear) Clayton Newsome, Stuart Reppers, Donald Ryan, Tom DiNicolò, Richard Kushto and Graham Ramsey; (front) Frank Spoinic, Guy Kushto, Walter Shanko and Bruce Shanko. Most of the All-Stars are pictured on facing page around William (Connie Mack) Craemer, estimable treasurer of Sun Ship, who threw out ball which got festivities under way. Our Yard / August, 1960 / Page 21

Time Card Racks:

This is one of many time card racks that would hold hundreds of time cards. Hope that you can visualize over a thousand employees passing through these alleys at both the start and end of shifts!!!

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Hope you enjoyed the historic look into Sun Ship and our condolences to the Kushto family.

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Regards,
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