



## 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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SSHS

### 1. SSHS Archives:

There are many hours expended on sorting and cataloging our SSHS archives. Currently, we are in the process of relocating selected records from file cabinets to legal boxes as shown below. In addition, our SSHS data base has now exceeded 13,000 items!  
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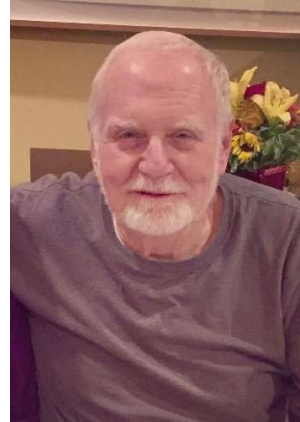


Sorry that the information is not getting on to the website as often as we would like. But this was a conscience decision to handle the archives first and when time permits, add data to the website. Having volunteered at a number of historical repositories and worked on our own family archives, I have discovered many items that have either not been identified properly with date and description resulting in that information's value to historical research being lost. So, we will keep pushing forward and hope to get more data on the website so it can be shared by all!

### 2. SSHS Obituaries:

Sadly we have another obituary to post :  
We have attached a transcription of the obituary of Jack Montgomery (Asst. Foreman 76 Dept.) that was published in the Delaware County Daily Times on 05.07.2019. Our thanks to Fred E. for alerting us in advance of Jack's passing.

Jack Montgomery



Obituary Source: [www.nolandfidale.com](http://www.nolandfidale.com)

**John P. Montgomery Jan 19, 1942 - May 01, 2019.**

John P. (Jack) Montgomery, age 77, died on May 1, 2019 surrounded by family after a short battle with lung cancer. Son of the late William R. Montgomery and Margaret Ennis, Jack was raised in Southwest Philadelphia with a crowd of lifelong friends whom he enjoyed seeing regularly. He was a general foreman at Sun Ship Building and later Penn-Ship in Chester, PA. Jack loved his grandkids, his tomato garden, reading, crossword puzzles, coffee, fishing, and following his Philadelphia sports teams. He and his wife Caroline resided in Aston and enjoyed neighborhood parties and walking his dog Stella.

Jack was married to his wife Caroline Crowell Montgomery for 51 years. They had four children: Lisa (Giuseppe) Palmarini, John (Lee Anne), Mike (Nicole) and Maureen (Paul) Mullins. He adored his ten grandkids and one great grandchild.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 10 am at the Nolan-Fidale Funeral Home in Aston followed by a memorial service at noon. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his loving memory to Penn Medicine Hospice - Chester County at [www.givingpages.upenn.edu/rememberingJack](http://www.givingpages.upenn.edu/rememberingJack).

Nolan-Fidale Funeral Home  
Get Directions  
May 11, 2019 10:00am - 11:45am  
5980 Chichester Ave  
Aston, PA 19014

Service Location

Nolan-Fidale Funeral Home

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Begins: May 11, 2019 12:00pm - 12:30pm

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SSHS:

During my time at Sun Ship, Jack was an Assistant Foreman in the Transportation Dept (76D) and was responsible for all of the crane operators at the Yard, which numbered 61 operators as listed in our 1981 Seniority Book. Jack had been with Sun Ship for 17 years at the time of the sale of the Yard in 1982.

Here is a photo of Jack at the far left from our Sun Log Newsletter dated Feb. 1975.

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Crane School Graduates



Pictured receiving their much envied "CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT" from Dick Bible (far right), General Foreman of Maintenance and Jack Montgomery (far left), one of the Crane Instructors from 76 department are: (from left to right, holding certificates): John Christopher, Rochella Ann Smith, Joseph Ball, and Richard Runner. This foursome and others like them are to be especially admired. A great deal of credit belongs solely to them for

having sacrificed their free time over a nine week period to complete this training and better their future job prospects. Credit also must go to Jack Montgomery and Ritchie Meehan, both of 76 department, who are the instructors for the course and who have done an excellent job over the past year in upgrading numerous helpers and laborers into crane operator positions. This group is proof that anything worthwhile takes time ... and sacrifice.

Jack also attended our Sun Ship Lunch Group gatherings and this photo was taken on Feb. 07, 2013. #2013\_02\_07a



L/R: Joe DeGregorio, Jack Montgomery, Dave Kavanagh, John Glanfield and Hank Shaefer 5/4/2013  
SSHS Lunch Group

During the Yard demolition (2004-2005) in making way for the Harrah's Casino, we took over 8,000 photos of the demolition process. One of those was a photo from inside of the 'operator's cab' (view from 75' in the air) in one of our 50-ton lift capacity gantry cranes (8 Way Fwd Crane). Not remembering the purpose of the all the operator controls, I forwarded this photo to Jack who was kind enough to identify those controls for us. #040326079



3. SSSH Artifact/Archive Update:

SSHS is in the 'continuing' process of collecting Sun Ship documents and artifacts. The latest acquisition is a model of our Grace Line **Santa Isabel**, Hull 638. The Grace line ships (Hulls 633 thru 638) was my 'second flight' of ships that I worked aboard as an apprentice in 33 Installation Dept. (Shipboard Electricians). My first flight of ships was the **American Rover** class (Hulls 628 thru 632) of which the **American Racer** (Hull 629) was the 'first' ship I worked on at the Yard in 1964.

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Photo of our model of the **Santa Isabel**:

If you look closely, you can see there is some 'Ship Repair' work needed and the SSHS is in the process of putting her on our 'To Do' list for the future! Note: Please ignore the railroad tracks beneath her, this is just a temporary 'berth' while she is 'laid up' for repair work to be scheduled!!

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While going back in my history at the yard, I felt compelled to add this painting of my 'first ship', the **American Racer** Hull 629 as mentioned above. This painting was done by David Boone, Marine Artist and host of the 'Delaware River Shipping' site on facebook. This is one of Dave's 'early paintings' and was donated to the SSHS.

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I hope you enjoyed another look into our Sun Ship history and, our condolences to the Montgomery family.

Please stop by our website at [www.sunship.org](http://www.sunship.org)

Regards,  
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