

110 FEET LONGER THAN TITANIC. AND ABOUT TWO MILES HIGHER.



The S.S. United States is much more than the largest and fastest passenger ship to ever sail the seas. She is a monument to an amazing generation in our nation's history. Her placement onto the National Register of Historic Places is a testament to her importance.

CROSS-POND RIVALRY

In 1952, there was a coup on the Atlantic Ocean. After decades of domination by Britain's Cunard Line, an American sailing ship proved herself the master of the trans-Atlantic crossing. On her maiden voyage, the S.S. United States set the record for the fastest crossing. And on her trip home, she claimed the return record as well, a feat never to be equalled.

A SYMBOL OF OUR NATION

The S.S. United States embodies the spirit of post-war America. The most

technologically advanced ship of her time, the "Big U" towered above the waves strong and proud. A product of American ingenuity and sweat, she sent a clear message to the world that America was setting the standards. During one particular westward crossing, the S.S. United States cruised right past Cunard's flagship, the Queen Mary, at a speedy clip. The crew, rightly proud of her record-breaking speed, wired to the Queen Mary: "Sorry, old girl." In a classic case of sour grapes, the British crew cheekily replied: "Your girls are faster than ours."

FORGOTTEN, BUT NOT GONE

In spite of all her power and prowess, the S.S. United States has never been the kind of ship dramatic legends are made of. Whereas Titanic, the jewel of Britain's White Star line, met her fate on her maiden voyage, the United

States served for 17 years without a single mechanical failure. With the advent of jet travel, the need for ocean liners like the S.S. United States decreased. She was retired with little fanfare. Today, the S.S. United States sits rusting at her berth. Not a very glorious end for a national symbol. But she hasn't been completely forgotten. The S.S. United States foundation is dedicated to saving this great ship, and we need your help. Luckily, though, it is only her former glory that needs to be brought back to the surface.



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