



SS UNITED STATES
CONSERVANCY



The *SS United States*' Preserved Propellers

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Did you know?

The SS *United States* was fitted with four propellers – two four-bladed and two five-bladed. This configuration was tested and selected for its superior hydrodynamic performance, and the design was overseen by the pioneering Gibbs & Cox female engineer Elaine Kaplan.

All of the propellers were manufactured from manganese bronze. Each weighed an astounding 60,000 pounds.



Did you also know that four of the ship's propellers have been preserved and can be viewed by the public?

The Mariners' Museum

100 Museum Drive

Newport News, VA 23606

One of the SS *United States*' five-blade propellers was incorporated in the Mariners' Museum's entrance wall in 2008. The 500-foot long, 8-foot tall wall was designed by Carlton Abbott & Partners of Williamsburg, VA.

The propeller rests upon one of the ship's original 63-foot long propeller shafts.



American Merchant Marine Museum

300 Steamboat Road
Kings Road, NY 11024

The American Merchant Marine Museum received one of the SS *United States*' four-blade propellers in 1993.



State University of New York Maritime College

Fort Schuyler

6 Pennyfield Ave

Bronx, NY 10465

The State University of New York Maritime College also received a propeller from the *SS United States* in 1993. The five-blade propeller was brought here in honor of the ship's last master, Leroy Alexanderson.



Hudson River Park

Pier 76

West 38 Street and 12 Avenue

New York, NY 10018

Found at the entrance to the Hudson River Park's Pier 76 is one of the *SS United States'* four-blade propellers.

