

# N.S. *Savannah*

N.S. *Savannah*, a joint project of the U.S. Maritime Administration and the Atomic Energy Commission, was the first nuclear-powered merchant ship. She was built to carry up to 60 passengers and 9,250 tons of cargo. In 1962, after reactor tests at Yorktown and sea trials, *Savannah* sailed from Yorktown to Savannah, Georgia, her home port.



Photos courtesy of U.S. Maritime Administration.

From then until 1970, nearly 1.5 million people visited *Savannah* to explore her technological marvels. N.S. *Savannah* operated reliably and safely, established precedents for future commercial nuclear-powered merchant ships, and demonstrated the peaceful use of atomic power.



At the end of her service, *Savannah* was displayed at the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum in South Carolina and was later stored in the Maritime Administration's Virginia reserve fleet. In 2008, *Savannah* was moved to Baltimore in preparation for final decommissioning.

