



Schooner Western Union

PRESERVATION SOCIETY & MARITIME MUSEUM



OFFICIAL FLAGSHIP OF FLORIDA & THE CITY OF KEY WEST

September 04, 2015



Key West Bight Management District Board
510 Greene Street
Key West, FL 33040

To: KWBB BOD

Re: 2015-08 KWBB / schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

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- a) SWU application for a BP Gulf Horizon Settlement has been accepted with a \$39,000 gross, \$33,150 post attorney fee settlement. Funds shall enable payment of vessel insurance fees until the renovation work begins July 2016 as well as ability to pay for (some) mandatory repair expenses.
- b) SWUPS wrote the FL Secretary of State, Ken Detzner requesting emergency funds to assist in sustaining the Official State of Florida Flagship, schooner *Western Union* until the July 2016 renovation. It was pointed out that 74% of the total \$2 million renovation project funds for the State and City Flagship were raised from Monroe County's public, private and non-profit sectors. The opportunity to request such emergency funds from the FL Secretary simultaneously created a heightened awareness of the SWU \$500,000 pending FL DOS Historic Preservation (matching) grant application. The Secretary will be reviewing for approval these grant applications in Oct./Nov. for submission to the state legislature.
- c) The SWU grant application passed through the initial step of FL DOS grant staff review without issue and now goes to the FL Historic Commission.
- d) The (7-member) FL Historic Commission made up of appointed individuals from around the state will review the FL DOS Historic Preservation Grant applications in Sep./Oct. to make approval recommendations to be forwarded to the FL Secretary of State.

On behalf of the board of directors,

William M. Barry
Chairman

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