



Schooner Western Union

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

To: KWBB BOD

Re: 2015-12 KWBB / schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

- a) No new developments in December; the big news is forthcoming in January as stated in last month's report:
- a. *The state legislator will begin its session on Jan. 12 and included on the agenda is the funding of the FL Dept. of State Historic Preservation Grants. The schooner is ranked second on a list of 50 recommended grants to be approved by the FL DOS. The recommended amount is \$500,000 and (when) approved will trigger the KW Bight Board, City of Key West \$250,000 matching funds. The approved DOS grant funds will become available July 1. The vessel will move in 5 to 6 months to Tarpon Springs for the restoration work.*
 - b. *Discussions have begun with our local state representative Holly Raschein to monitor the progress and assurance that the schooner Western Union's grant is approved by the legislator. (Approval is anticipated but not assured until passed by the legislator and signed by the Governor.)*

On behalf of the board of directors,

William M. Barry
Chairman

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