



Schooner Western Union

PRESERVATION SOCIETY & MARITIME MUSEUM

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

To: KWBB BOD

Re: 2016-07 KWBB / schooner *Western Union* Restoration Progress Report

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- A. The schooner *Western Union* is in the MarPro boatyard in Tarpon Springs.
 - a. The schooner departed the Key West Historic Seaport Tues. Jul. 12 and arrived in the Tarpon boatyard early Fri. Jul. 15.
 - i. The schooner weathered a half hour 45 mph wind and blinding rain storm without issue. The grand old lady with her 30-yr. Capt. (Lenn Verreanu) at the helm both held up against the storm.
 - ii. It was comforting for those on board as well on land to know that the Sea Tow escort vessel was close and ready to assist with any emergency. The Sea Tow crew were most reliable and professional.
- B. The MarPro boatyard contract is finalized and \$100,000 of the CKW/KWBB matching grant funds have been advanced so to begin work on the vessel.
 - a. The U.S. Coast Guard performed its first inspection of the vessel at the boatyard and is requiring that the ship's masts be pulled for inspection. This should happen next week.
- C. The SOF \$125,000 grant advance should also be received this week.
- D. There are 3-Tasks of work broken down in detail to restore the schooner that total \$750,000 and is estimated to take 6 to 9 mos. to complete.
 - a. SWUPS is working very closely with the boatyard receiving a weekly progress report with photos. An on-site SWUPS Project Mgr. is also at the restoration site, Capt. Lenn.
 - b. SWUPS is also working closely with the CKW City Mgr. Jim Scholl, Grants Adm. Carolyn Sheldon and Finance Dir., Mark Finigan with monthly meetings to ensure proper use and tracking of CKW / SWU matching restoration funds.
 - c. And finally, SWUPS is performing the same with the SOF DOS Grant staff.

William M. Barry
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