



Schooner Western Union

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

To: KWBB BOD

Re: 2016-10 KWBB / schooner *Western Union* Restoration Progress Report

- A. The schooner was hauled out of the water and has been on the rails for 3-weeks.
 - a. Several long planks have been removed for USCG inspection. The hull is generally in good shape with a moderate amount exterior planks either needing repair or replacement.
- B. A very thorough and well organized 68-pg. Marine Survey with photos was completed by a licensed and certified Marine Surveyor, Captain Allen Taube of Key West.
 - a. The survey also makes recommendations as to how to most effectively and efficiently make the required repairs.
 - b. The USCG reviewed the survey and provided a report accepting the recommendations with a few additional items.
 - c. The restoration work will now begin.
- C. The schooner's 64.5 ft. Foremast must be replaced or cut down 13 ft. which would require reducing the 66.5 ft. Main, Spars and sails in proportion. The Foremast will be very costly; however, it is the desire of the board to maintain the profile of the schooner. It is early in the game on this matter and much has be learned.

William M. Barry
Chairman

Copy: Sue Harrison, City Clerk, CKW,
Doug Bradshaw, Port & Marina Dir., CKW & SWUPS BOD

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