



# Schooner Western Union

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## Re: 2016-12 KWBB / schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

- A. The United States Coast Guard wooden boat restoration ship inspectors have scheduled an inspection of the schooner on Mon. Jan. 09. The schooner is still on the rails in the boatyard.
  - a. The USCG inspection will:
    - i. Review the recent comprehensive schooner marine survey.
    - ii. Approve a vessel a restoration plan prepared in part by the SWU marine surveyor, Capt. Allen Taube.
      - 1. Will determine specifically what repair and replacement work must be accomplished before the USCG will issue a Certificate of Inspection.
    - iii. The USCG Certificate of Inspection is required to receive approval of passenger sailing operations.
  - b. Attending the USCG schooner inspection in the Tarpon Springs boatyard:
    - i. From MaPro: the boatyard GM and the two boatyard shipwrights leading the restoration process.
    - ii. From SWUPS: SWU Marine Surveyor, Capt. Allen Taube, the SWU Capt. Lenn Verreanu and SWUPS board chair, William Barry, SWUPS Project Director, Richard Manley will participate by tele-com.
- B. Minor repair work continues on the schooner that has been approved by the USCG.
- C. A 64.5 ft. Foremast, 16.5 in. wide has been located and will cost \$40,000 including shipping from Washington state. A search continues for a supplier on the east coast.

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