



Schooner Western Union

PRESERVATION SOCIETY & MARITIME MUSEUM



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

Re: 2017-03 KWBB / schooner *Western Union* Restoration Progress Report

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A. SWUPS board member and Restoration Project Director, Richard Manley made a visit at the end of March to the MarPro Tarpon Springs boatyard (at his own expense) to inspect the vessel and progress of work. Following is a summary of his report:

- a.** Transom is ready for three layers of pressure treated plywood then fiberglass and paint. It will be finished by the end of the month.
- b.** Hull planking that needs replacement is being removed and new planking fitted and treated with epoxy to prevent rot and worms.
- c.** Deck dog houses (cabin covers) are to be framed in steel with wooden sides so they will be easily removable in the future. This will not change the appearance and no steel framing will be visible.
- d.** Galley and the historic stove, etc. are being preserved.
- e.** Heads (bathrooms) in the main cabin are being expanded for passenger's comfort.
- f.** Keel is being covered in steel (a shoe) 1" thick bottom and ½" thick sides. Stainless bolts go through the top of the keel and out the bottom of the steel. The same for the bolts that go through the sides.
 - i.** The wooden keel itself will have epoxy and fiberglass over it before steel to protect it from rot and worms. The top edge of steel will be sealed with 5200 caulk to help prevent water getting to the keel.
 - ii.** Keel work should be finished by the end of the month.

B. The \$125,000 State of Florida second grant funding request was submitted March 9 and is being processed by the DOS grant dept.

William M. Barry
Chairman

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