



Schooner Western Union

PRESERVATION SOCIETY & MARITIME MUSEUM

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May 01, 2017

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

Re: 2017-04 KWBB / schooner *Western Union* Restoration Progress Report



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- A.** Richard Manley, board member and Restoration Project Director made another visit at the of April to the MarPro Tarpon Springs boatyard (at his expense.)
- a.** Transom is nearly complete.
 - b.** Hull planking fitting and epoxy work continues.
 - c.** Keel is being fiber glassed in preparation of the steel shoe to be installed over the keel.
 - d.** The steel for the shoe is being cut and fitted to be ready to install on keel.
- B.** U.S. Coast Guard has approved fiber glassing the deck to stop the rain leaks that create wet rot below deck. A synthetic material that looks and feels like teak and commonly used on boat decks will be installed over the fiber glass.
- a.** This action will end a serious recurring problem that creates expense and thus is approved by the Dept. of Interior for Historic Vessel Restoration.
- C.** SWU Capt. Lenn Verreau, who is living on his vessel at the MarPro boatyard dock and is being compensated by SWUPS to oversee the restoration had a health event and was taken by ambulance to Florida Hospital, Tarpon Springs. After two days of testing in the hospital it was determined he had a Vertigo attack which has symptoms like a heart attack. Lenn has been released and will be ok.
- a.** At his request, Lenn is also working under a canopy sanding the boat rails to move the project along and save expense.
- D.** We are hoping to receive the second FL DOS grant funds payment of \$125,000 soon.
- a.** A short-term interest free \$50,000 bridge loan was supplied by the goodwill of HTA (vessel donor) so we could pay the boatyard and continue work.

William M. Barry
Chairman

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