



Schooner Western Union

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First let me apologize for getting this report to you late. The loss of our Chairman Bill Barry on the 8th of March was unexpected and we are working to reallocate his responsibilities. I'm sure you share our feelings that we have lost a fine man and a great supporter of the Schooner Western Union.

- A. The schooner remains in the water tied up against the pier in the Marpro boatyard. Her keel and hull are strong and sound and there is only the very minor leakage that all wooden boats experience.
- B. The boatyard crew continues to fabricate and attach oak sisters to the schooner's frames substantially strengthening them.
- C. The marine aqua-plywood deck panels are being fabricated and fiberglassed in preparation for installation in the next few weeks. This waterproof deck is critical to preventing the freshwater leakage that damaged so much of the interior of the vessel over the years.
- D. We continue to work closely with the Coast Guard marine inspector, a marine architect, and a marine surveyor to insure the work is done correctly to Coast Guard and historic standards.
- E. We have removed the lead weights from the inside of the hull for cleaning and eventual reapplication based on the plans of the marine architect to optimize their distribution for the stability test. The stability test is a requirement of the Coast Guard for us to receive the Certificate of Inspection (COI) necessary to carry passengers again. We may be able to carry more passengers than before based on this new stability test.

On behalf of the BOD,

John Dolan-Heitlinger
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