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The following are the major task that have been worked on during March.

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 and new beams have been fabricated.

C. The marine aqua-plywood deck panels are being fabricated and fiberglassed and fitting them has begun. 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. The cleaned lead weights from the inside of the hull are ready for installation once the marine architect approves the new installation plan. We have received more information from the marine architects including a rigging plan adapted to the strengthening and weight realignment from the repairs.

On behalf of the BOD,

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