



Schooner Western Union

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Monday, 6 June 2019

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

Subj: 2019-05 KWBB Schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

As described in the letter previously forwarded to the Board restoration work on the Schooner Western Union has largely halted due to a lack of funding.

- A. The schooner remains in the water tied up against the pier in the Marpro boatyard in Tarpon Springs. Her keel and hull are strong and sound and there is only the very minor leakage that all wooden boats experience which is handled by pumps. The schooner and stored spars and other materials have been covered and secured.
- B. Our Captain Lenn Verreau is still onsite at the yard and carrying out minor repairs and making sure the schooner is protected from the elements as much as possible. The yard is providing power to run the pumps on the vessel.
- C. A special appropriation for \$100,000 sponsored by State Senator Anitere Flores and Representative Holly Raschein was included in the State budget that has been tentatively approved. We expect to use these funds initially to bring our account current with the Marpro boatyard, have the lien they placed lifted, and complete payment of the fee to shipwright Harold Burnham to complete the Preservation Plan. We hope to have the funds in early July.

If you have questions or would like additional information please let me know.

On behalf of the BOD,

John Dolan-Heitlinger

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