

TO AIPP Board

SHARK SIGHTING-Friday, June 3, 2016.

I was escorted to Fleming key to view the shark sculpture. The sculpture was stored in the basement of a Navy building.

The pieces were wrapped in heavy plastic and tape. All the pieces are stacked so I could not determine how many pieces there were. The original was nine pieces. They were connected by half-inch rods inserted into a sleeve. The entire unit was bolted to the wall with 5/8 stainless steel bolts. All 316 stainless.

The entire area, the basement, was puddled with standing water. I only examined two sections, which I uncovered and there was no evidence of rust but the entire sculpture will require light polishing. This can be accomplished after installation to remove mold and stains. I believe it has been stored for over two years in a damp environment.

I can put it back together again in the new location. How easy, depends on the substrate to which it will be eventually mounted and supported. Two assistants will be required as well as a mig welder with stainless steel wire.

I estimate three days to reinstall but it depends on the substrate provided.

Respectfully, Dick Moody, AIPP senior member.