



# Schooner Western Union

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Monday, 4 February 2019

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

Subj: 2019-01 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.
- B. The schooner and stored spars and other materials have been covered and secured.
- C. 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.
- D. We are contacting previous funders and hope that we can get additional funding. We have not been successful so far.
- E. We have just sent in the paperwork to the Senator Anitere Flores and Representative Holly Raschein to request a special appropriation for \$1.3 million from the Florida State Department.
- F. If the Bight Board could consider additional funding, even in the form of a loan, that would be greatly appreciated and would allow work to continue.

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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