

December 8, 2025

Dear Key West Bight Management District Board Members,

I am writing in **support** of agenda item #5: *Requesting the City Manager negotiate a Dockage Agreement with Seth Salzman for a slip for a historic schooner at Key West Bight.*

Our economy is tourist driven; they come for the climate, sunsets, and ocean (better beaches and cheaper margaritas are had elsewhere). They also come to experience the rich culture and to learn about our unique history. The Historic Seaport plays a tremendous role in sharing those cultural and historic experiences with so many of our visitors. The schooner Western Union was once our Flagship and graced the wharf with her historical presence. Her loss is deeply felt by the community.

While many positive things have been implemented recently to make the waterfront more inviting with lighting, artwork, and signage, allotting space in the Bight for Key West's own historic schooner would elevate the *Historic Seaport's* authenticity and draw more visitors. General Patton's *When and If* is truly a historic gem and should have a home on the waterfront. Please vote to negotiate a Dockage Agreement with Seth Salzman for a slip.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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