

Schooner Western Union



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

To: KWBB BOD

Re: 2016-06 KWBB / schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

- A. Very busy month for the SWUPS BOD and the SWU.
 - **a.** FL DOS presented a 22-pg. contract agreement to review, negotiate work and payment schedules, etc.
 - *i.* Document must be signed by both parties to release SOF grant funds. The doc should be signed within a week.
- **B.** The MarPro boatyard contract is also being finalized.
- **C.** Final components of readying the schooner to motor to Tarpon Springs nearly complete.
- **D.** SWUPS has contracted Sea Tow KW to escort the SWU from KW to Tarpon Springs.
 - **a.** Sea Tow will have divers, patches, pumps, etc. and the capability to tow the ship if necessary.
 - **b.** The board felt this was a necessary expense (\$14k) for the safety of the Captain, crew and the historic SOF & CKW Flagship, SWU.
 - **c.** It is a 3-day crossing motoring the schooner across the gulf to Tarpon.
- **E.** Target departure date, weather permitting (Captain's call) is July 13.
- **F.** The SWUPS BOD again thanks the KWBB for its vision and its critical first step funding of a \$250,000 SOF match commitment which enabled Key West's last historic piece of maritime history to be saved. Thank you.

William M. Barry

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