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Subj: 2022-08 KWBB Schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

On 9 April 2020, the Schooner Western Union was hauled out and safely placed on the hard at Robbie's Marina on Stock Island.

A. The Schooner is towards the back of Robbie's marina with its stern facing the water, supported by heavy timbers and boat stands. Robbie's management will allow her to remain at Robbie's and be worked on for no charge.

B. We are trying several equipment combinations to keep the Schooner regularly washed down with seawater to preserve the vessel's wood. We are developing plans for this next stage of the restoration and meeting with potential shipwrights.

C. We are researching opportunities for grants and other support. The Exeter, Massachusetts shipwright Harold Burnham has provided us with a detailed breakdown of the restoration plan he developed for us. Early in April 2021, I forwarded the plans to another shipwright Donavan Crosby who opined that the plans looked reasonable and realistic.

D. Recently we were contacted by a potential donor who indicated that they are willing to donate $1 million for the Schooner's restoration if we can put together a plan to raise another $4 million to complete the restoration of the Schooner. We are in the process of assembling this fundraising plan. We will provide more information on this initiative in next month's report.

E. If I can provide additional information, please let me know.

On behalf of the BOD,

John Dolan-Heitlinger

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