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Key West Bight Management District Board
510 Greene Street
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Re: 2017-08 & 09 KWBB / schooner *Western Union* Restoration Progress Report

- A. As most, if not all, are aware we tragically lost our community friend and SWUPS board member Richard Manley last month. Richard shall be missed by all who knew him; we were fortunate to have his unyielding commitment and expertise for the past 10-yrs. to help save and restore the schooner *Western Union*. Blessings to Richard and his family.
- B. It has been a difficult month for everyone including for the Tarpon Springs boatyard. The schooner was properly prepped to withstand the hurricane on the boatyard rails and as a result weathered the storm without sustaining any damage.
- C. The major project is the continued repair or replacement of almost half of the schooner's cradle ribs that experienced wet rot while in port waiting restoration funds for 3-yrs.
- D. Work has resumed on completing the last section of the 90 ft. steel keel shoe; the aft section of the ship is being jacked up to finish the shoe installation.
 - a. Finishing work is being done on the transom.
 - b. The summer rainy season and the hurricane slowed work progress; however, with an end to the hurricane and rainy season in sight it anticipated that the restoration project of the schooner can be completed by this spring.
- E. The decision to motor the schooner to Key West to complete installation of the foremast and rigging has been revisited and it has been determined that an adequate site is not available for such work in Key West or Stock Island so the work will be performed in the Tarpon Springs boat yard as originally planned.

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