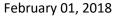


Schooner Western Union

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## Re: 2018-01 KWBB / schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

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- **A.** The schooner's hull and transom repairs are now complete. The 90 ft. steel keel shoe fabrication and installation are also now complete
  - **a.** The Western Union after 15-mos. on the rails was splashed and is back where she belongs, in the water.
  - b. There are no hull seam leaks, excellent work.



- **B.** Work will now begin on the upper deck areas repairing the deck cabins and the deck planking.
  - **a.** Marine aqua-plywood has been purchased for the deck and will be fiber glassed to help prevent fresh water seepage into the hull.

- **C.** Work will also continue to strengthen interior identified hull ribs and frames with "sisters" made from White Oak. Recommended by the Marine Surveyor and approved by the USCG
  - a. Thanks to Manley de-Boer a significant savings was made on the very expensive White Oak.
    - i. One quote from a Tampa lumber supplier was \$120,000
    - ii. Manley deBoer found a better supplier and waived their mark-up bringing the cost down to \$38,200 saving the SWU refit <u>\$81,800</u> of lumber expense.
    - iii. This action is a nice tribute to our recently lost board member, Richard Manley, who devoted 9-yrs. to saving the Union until his untimely passing.

William M. Barry

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