



# *Schooner Western Union*

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

Subj: 2018-06 KWBB Schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

The following are the major task that have been worked on during May is largely the same as the previous month.

- A. The schooner remains in the water tied up against the pier in the Marpro boatyard. Her keel and hull are strong and sound and there is only the very minor leakage that all wooden boats experience.
- B. The boatyard crew continues to fabricate and attach oak sisters to the schooner's frames substantially strengthening them and new beams have been fabricated.
- C. New planks to go on the sides of the schooner are being fabricated from the foremast that was shortened by termite damage. Sources for additional planks out of cypress have been identified and boards have been ordered.
- D. The marine aqua-plywood deck panels are being fabricated and fiberglassed and fitting them has begun. This waterproof deck is critical to preventing the freshwater leakage that damaged so much of the interior of the vessel over the years.
- E. We continue to work closely with the Coast Guard marine inspector, a marine architect, and a marine surveyor to insure the work is done correctly to Coast Guard and historic standards.
- F. We have received more information from the marine architects including a rigging plan adapted to the strengthening and weight realignment from the repairs.

On behalf of the BOD,

Frank Holden, Board Secretary

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