



Schooner Western Union

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

Subj: 2018-09 KWBB Schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

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

- A. The schooner remains in the water tied up against the pier in the Marpro boatyard in Tarpon Springs. 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 deck beams have been fabricated and are being installed.
- C. New side planks are being installed and the cabin (dog house) parts are being refinished and renovated with new planks and structural boards as necessary. Spars and railings are being scraped and varnished in preparation for reinstallation.
- D. The marine aqua-plywood deck panels are being installed. 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.

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