



Schooner Western Union

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

Subj: 2020-12 KWBB Schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

On April 9th, 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 it's 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 combinations of equipment to keep the Schooner regularly washed down with seawater to preserve the wood of the vessel. 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. We have discussed additional preservation and funding efforts with Dickie Haskell including protectively wrapping the boat hull. The Massachusetts shipwright Harold Burnham is working on dividing the restoration plan he developed for us into 4 sections that can be used to pitch requests for support to different potential funding supporters. We expect to have this redrafted plan by mid January.
- D. If you have questions or I can provide additional information, please let me know.

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