



PATROL TORPEDO FAST 3

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PROGRESS

A new cover has been added creating a sun-shade for the entire length of the boat. Two 30 x 40 steel tube frames with poly-vinyl top covers were placed end to end straddling the width and length of the hull. This along with saran shade cloth, the type used to cover ferneries, shade the side of the boat. Now provides a welcome relief from working in the sun and preventing cracking and checking of the exposed wood. We have removed all of the covering, signs and scaffolds that blocked the view from the public, now passing motorist slow down and snarl traffic trying to see the progress of our work.

Progress has continued at our steady pace, new framing is being installed on the port side of the hull and is beginning to move into the ribs that are attached to the bottom planking. Most of the ribs are good but we have to go through each one to make sure we have secure fastening to the bottom planks. There has been a little separation of bottom planking and bottom ribs, this is being corrected by jacking the bottom planks and ribs back together then re-fastening. Work has been slowed some by the heavy rain that has saturated the area and by some delays created by the DNAS Museum.

Recently, we turned in our first annual report of the first funded year of the project, our start date was August 2006, even though we did not receive funds until December 2007. We came off with just a few minor issues to resolved, most of which deal with photos historical documentation and placement of equipment. In our effort to make the main deck wheel chair accessible, some of the fuel vents that come up through the deck have been moved closer to the bridge. Some of the 40mm ready racks will move a few inches closer to the gunwales of the hull, these minor changes will allow a standard hospital grade chair to maneuver over the entire main deck of the boat. These minor changes and upgrades must be documented.

The Florida Department of State Historic Preservation has sent our second payment check for \$ 105,000.00, funds from this check will be used to finalize our purchase of engines and left over dockage cost in Ft. Lauderdale. The remainder will go toward the restoration of the PT Boats. Hopefully, the nonsense with the DNAS museum will soon come to a screeching halt and we can focus all of our time on the project.

We reported last month that the Deltran Corporation will host our equipment trailers on their property just feet away from the PT Boat. They also gave us permission to install a sliding gate in their fence, a DNAS Board member called the fence company claiming that the fence is their's and not to install the gate, then threatened us that they would rip it out. The Deltran Corp installed the fence in 1981 more than ten years before the DNAS Museum came into existence. The Deltran Corp has spoke to the fence company and the gate will be installed this Wednesday, 10 Oct 2007, the gate will be Deltran property. The delay cost us three weeks of time, the trailers have been ready to move for a month.

This activity by the DNAS Museum Board is typical, their entire argument has been about the trailers being in the way, preventing construction of their hangar, now it has changed to they want everything gone. If the trailers are moved the original argument is mute, to give their case legs they now have to keep the trailers on the property. The equipment trailers are planned to now moved a week after the gate is installed. Once moved, we have met all of the original requirements made by the Vice-President of DNAS who stated the boat could stay for 5 years, it was not in the way and that the DNAS Board knew that the boat could not be moved. This was a verbal contract that DNAS is now violating in addition to all of the other offenses.

In a recent news article in the Daytona Beach News Journal the City of DeLand has stated that since there was never a lease with the PTF 3 Restoration Project they have no authority over the PT Boat and the DNAS Museum mess. The city attorney claims that the city involvement dealt only with zoning issues, in short the city has abandoned their responsibility as presented by city ordinance to protect historic sites and projects. They quite simply have run for the hills and hoping this will all go away. Any time limit that was supposedly put in place by the City of DeLand is meaningless. We had an opened agreement with the earlier DNAS Boards that held no time limit, again this entire effort to illegally remove the boat lies with 3 members of the most recent DNAS Board that make up their own rules.

LOOKING AHEAD

As soon as the weather allows we will finish paint the bridge, this was halted some time ago when we had to begin repositioning equipment in early attempts to accommodate the DNAS Museum. The Bridge will be mounted on a trailer and towed in the Veterans Day Parade on 10 November 2007. We want to have as many PTF veterans with the PTF 3 Bridge.

HISTORICAL

We are in the process of building of the historic record of PTF 3 and are seeking photos and history of the boat and / or the early series of Nasty Class Boats # 3 – 8 that have the early below deck configuration. This will assist greatly in recreating features of the boat that will historically accurate as possible. Many of the items will become part of the museum display in the boat and permanent historical record. Much of this material will be housed with the boat and copies will be on permanent file with Florida Historic Preservation.

MONEY TREE

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TOOLS – TALK TO HARDWARE STORES, WE NEED BELT SANDERS, COMPOUND POWER MITERS, HEAVY ROUTERS, 4 ½ INCH RIGHT ANGLE GRINDERS, ½ INCH DRILLS AND BITS, A SOURCE FOR FIBERGLASS AND RESIN, AND CLEAR PENETRATING EPOXY SYSTEM (CPES).

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND CURRENT PHOTOS OF RECENT EFFORTS CAN BE FOUND AT www.ptfnasty.com

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