

2021 Priority Tasks

1. Ramp/Walkway:

- a. Replace only boards that are rotting.
- b. Paint to preserve what we replaced.
- c. Put netting/mesh up the walkway for safety.
- d. Discuss further a metal ramp for the future.

2. Pigeon / Bird Control:

- a. Fill in areas where pigeons still get in with foam (see Rick Schmidt and Dean Soderbeck.)

3. Cleaning and Preparation for Season of Tours:

- a. Clean staff office and area.
- b. Clean exhibit areas – sweep, dust, vacuum.
- c. Clean exhibit glass inside and out.
- d. Clean glass on all port holes and other windows.
- e. Vacuum all areas that need it.
- f. Clean up paint drippings as much as possible (always be careful when painting!).
- g. Make all beds and install linens (see Megan about other options with no mattresses available).
- h. Put out props.
- i. Put out Covid cleaning stations with hand sanitizers, masks and wipes.

4. Welding:

- a. Patch lots of small holes.
- b. Forward cargo hold.
- c. Pilot house roof – need plate(s) welded in where it's rusted out. Then seal, primer and paint that area around the whole perimeter of the roof.
- d. Weld small plate in rust hole in ceiling of aft turret.
- e. Weld two holes in same area of turret.
- f. Start welding in new plates under aft crew quarters as there is rust starting through the floor.
- g. Extract seized belts (with wing nuts) on dumb waiter square cover. Heat up and try to remove old wing nuts or replace with new bolts?
- h. Complete forward turret roof – weld completely shut.

5. Dumb Waiter Shaft Square Cover on Aft Deck & Smoke Stack

- a. Remove and reseal after seized bolts are removed (a trip to Menards may be required).
- b. Finish netting around the bottom of the smoke stack.

6. Pressure Washing:

- a. All aft vents painted red to remove peeling paint (that haven't been painted previously).
- b. Entire hull – bird poop and other debris.
- c. Pilot house/chart room roof.
- d. Aft deck if we are painting it.

7. Air Vents Aft (Red Inside):

- a. Pressure wash
- b. Scrape
- c. Clean
- d. Reseal
- e. Primer and paint

8. Paint All Stanchions/Pipes on Starboard Aft Deck (butterscotch yellow)

- a. Scrape
- b. Clean
- c. Prime
- d. Paint

9. Re-do Snow Fence Covering Over Lifeboats:

- a. Port side lifeboat fencing was cut open!!
- b. Replacement of orange snow fence may need to be done only on port side lifeboat.
- c. Starboard side lifeboat needs resealing to keep birds out!

10. 4 Pipes Under Water Tanks - On aft deck that are allowing water to get in the ship.

- a. Clean
- b. Caulked
- c. Prime
- d. Paint.

11. Pilot House/Chart Room:

- a. Repaint portside “Meteor” Sign on top of pilot house. (Dale Koziol brought home to his wood shop complete it).
- b. Discuss and assess pilot house/chart room water leakage.
- c. Weld roof – see above.
- d. Re-seal with special roofing sealer.
- e. Paint radar mast – before roof is sealed and painted.
- f. Repair rotten floor below chart room outside door.
- g. Scrape, prime and paint both chart room and pilot house (green historical color).
- h. Polish all brass.

- i. Paint entire aft deck – This is a task for later Sunday or another weekend during the summer. Further discussion is needed as to when this can be performed.

12. Captain Quarters:

- a. Remove old mattresses that are stored in the room(s). Keep 1 for archival purposes (Megan will approve) that will be stored at Fairlawn Mansion. 1 can be placed in dumpster. The rest will be delivered to A-1 Roll Off Saturday morning before 12pm.
- b. Clean quarters thoroughly.
- c. A plywood frame may need to be installed to simulate mattresses.
- d. Measure brown cushions in quarters for protective covers.

13. Crews Quarters

- a. 3rd Mates Room - finish with port hole metal surrounding bondo, sand, primer and paint.
- b. 1st and 2nd Mate Room – both need old concrete removed and new concrete poured into the floor of these two rooms. (See Dean Soderbeck, he needs help with this task)!
- c. Concrete chipped out and removed from aft turret stairway. Moisture is collecting under it and saturating it and then expanding causing water damage and rust.
- d. Galley stove vent hood – scrape, clean, prime and paint entire hood. Also, make sure to scrape paint off the window glass used for lighting.
- e. Mess Hall – clean up rust spots on wall with terry cloth first. If it doesn't work, then sand, prime and add a coat of white paint.
- f. Re-hang bulletin board on mess hall wall,
- g. Guest room aft crews quarters “Guest Room” (Dean S. Room) – finish, clean, prime and paint.
- h. 12 to 4 room – remove nasty sheet of plywood behind bed, scrape, clean, prime and paint area around the bed.
- i. 8-12 Room – scrape, sand, clean, prime and paint entire room.
- j. Scrape, clean, prime and paint grocery hatch in crews quarters hallway.
- k. Clean, scrape and paint mess hall floor tile red. Possibly officers mess as well. Make signs and gather rope to seal off the area after painting – Please Note: this will need to be performed later on Sunday!

14. Engine Room and Area

- a. Make sure all oil is soaked up with oil absorbent pads.
- b. Make sure water is drained from bilge with supplied bilge/sump pumps.
- c. Re-seal cover on vent pipe/post on starboard side mid deck by rear bollards. It may be causing water to leak in food storage shelving area (red shelves).
- d. Check both starboard vent (by bench in main engine deck) and port vents for water leakage. The water coming down them may just be condensation?
- e. A thorough cleaning and vacuuming of the main deck of engine room.

- f. Please Note: ceiling of upper engine room is forming some surface rust again. A painting project for 2022?
- g. Paint top of metal bench on starboard side (gray).
- h. Paint telegraph post – (use same green color as engine).
- i. Paint Bench Grinder post – (use same green color as engine).
- j. Install original barrier behind large main fuse panel to keep small kids/people out from going behind it.
- k. Remove or cover old oil barrel in lower engine room.
- l. Remove as much debris in lower engine room and crankshaft areas. Seems to be a lot of debris from previous work weekends.
- m. Polish all brass in engine room.

15. Exhibit Area:

- a. Prepare, prime and paint all red railings inside ship that are used on tour. Railing paint was damaged by using required sanitation cleaning methods on them.
- b. Large public head/restroom by engine room – base board removal and install some other means of a baseboard. Vinyl?
- c. Remove rope ladder from exhibit area – kids are climbing on it and it is becoming a possible hazard where someone (kids) can be hurt climbing on it.
- d. Paint exhibit area ceiling on starboard side that hasn't had primer on it.
- e. Paint final white coat on ceiling on port side in exhibit area.

16. Misc. Tasks:

- a. Bar area cleanup for 125th anniversary of the Meteor event in August.
- b. Media Room Proposed –
 - 1. Start cleanup discussion on what will need to be done to create a media room
 - 2. What artifacts will remain and what needs to be removed.
 - 3. A discussion will need to be started as to what is needed for videos.
 - 4. Proposed videos
 - a. SS Meteor Documentary
 - b. Whaleback historical videos and presentations
 - c. Underwater videos of sunken whaleback ships
 - d. Narrated presentation on the 20 years when the SS Meteor Preservation Project started in 2001 by WUAA and continued in 2005 in collaboration with the Superior Public Museums, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society and the many volunteers, which is now celebrating its 16th plus years.
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