



★ USS CONSTELLATION ★ USCGC TANEY ★ USS TORSK ★
★ LIGHTSHIP CHESAPEAKE ★ SEVEN FOOT KNOLL LIGHTHOUSE ★

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Dear Mr. Lates:

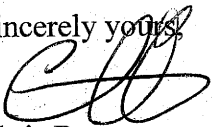
On behalf of everyone here at Historic Ships and Living Classrooms Foundation, I would like to thank you and Pump and Power Equipment for your support and providing critical pumps and generators during the recent dry docking of USS *Constellation* and USS *Torsk*.

During the dry docking we were able to get some very important work done on both vessels. *Torsk* received important work that had not been done in over 30 years and should be good for another 10 – 15 at her berth. Her plating was blasted, inspected, and repaired as needed. She received four coat of epoxy paint and we installed a cathodic protection system. Finally, we removed the remaining propeller for conservation.

We were also able to do some very important work to USS *Constellation*. We determined that her remaining original historic fabric is all still in great shape. All of the plank butts were caulked and coppered. Unfortunately, we also found a great deal of rot in the ship's laminated hull planking (new in 1998) which will have to be replaced within the next 3 – 5 years taking her out of service for approximately 6 months. The good news is that to the general public she looks great once again sitting at her berth with a fresh coat of paint.

We could not have accomplished our mission without your assistance and I cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support of our work. I look forward to working with you again and if there is ever anything that we can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely yours,


Chris Rowsom
Executive Director

