

Project Algerine's Post



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Here is the response I received:

Hall, James

12:03 PM (1 hour ago)

to Gregory, me

Good morning!

Firstly, thanks for taking the time to share your concerns.

We picked up the custom designed & manufactured cover about 2 weeks ago. The initial volunteer work party for installation was this past Saturday & your photo illustrates how far they got. They'll be back at it again this coming Saturday @ 9AM & if you or anyone you know would like to assist with that, I would ask that you contact our Captain Greg Bailey whom I've copied on this email.

The cover consists of about 11 separate pieces – most of them weighing approximately 100-120 lbs. From the deck each large unwieldy piece needs to be hoisted 15 feet in the air to drape over the top rafter of the frame, then be stretched out & lashed to the crosspieces, and finally joined together with the neighboring segment of the cover. It's a methodical & laborious process particularly in that it's the first time this cover is being installed.

While we are doing our level best to get this cover installed, I'll also mention that the yearly installation of a winter cover on Niagara isn't actually integral to the safety or preservation of the ship itself. Although a cover does indeed keep much of the winter precipitation off of the deck, the main reason the ship gets covered is to provide a measure of protection & cover for visitors who may be touring the ship in the winter months as well as those who in the recent past have actually lived aboard the ship. In that we are not hosting visitors on board at this time due to our layup status while work is being done on the ship in preparation for the upcoming shipyard refit and the fact that no one is currently living aboard Niagara, the lack of the winter cover isn't