

## Project Algierne's Post



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 really materially damaging to the ship. Portions of the deck itself will be replaced as part of the upcoming refit and the whole of the it will be refinished once the necessary deck planks are replaced as part of rebuilding the waterways, etc.

Please remember also that ships have been snowed & rained upon & otherwise exposed to the elements for 1,000's if not 10,000's of years. We're still on the ship daily maintaining her & prepping her for her trip East this spring to undergo extensive repairs and replacement of major systems onboard. If we had additional dedicated help, the installation of this winter cover would certainly be accomplished much quicker so, again, we'd be happy to engage any interested parties in coming down to give us a hand. Captain Bailey has been meeting with various groups around town to provide updates on what's going on with both ship repair plans as well as the sail programming when it returns as well as rallying for additional volunteers to lend a hand in taking care of the ship. The main resource we need to complete this winter cover job now is manpower and the more we have, the quicker this job can be accomplished. Thanks again for taking the time to reach out & if you have any ideas or resources in mind to bring to bear, I'd ask that you please share those with the Captain or myself.

I appreciate your concern and hope very sincerely that we can transform community concern into positive action that will benefit the ship! Very sincerely, JIM

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