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Good Day

I'm sorry to report, that the b=rge is not ready to go to sea.

Since my arrival, I discovered issues with th= new propeller's diameter. That was dealt with. During the replacem=nt of these propellers, the condition and function of the steering cylinder=and mounts were called into question. At sea trial, it was discovered that the new alternators are not char=ing. Then a switch caught fire under the helm station. We returned to the s=ip to investigate these issues. Subsequently, all known or gues=ed items have been addressed concerning wiring issues that caused the fire and are preventing the alternators from m=king charging current. The burned switch and circuit has been examined and h=s been replaced. At this point we have no known cure for the chargin= issue. It's a holiday weekend and no information or help that could forward our efforts can be made available to=us.

Monday, Bobby will remove the al=ernators and take them to the place that sold them to us for testing and ve=ification of proper function. Then the wiring information that is necessary=to make them work will be known and will be correctly configured in the barge to make function possible. If the unit= are not functional, the reason why they are not working will be identified=and remedied.

The steering cylinder and the connecti=g hardware, that is displaying questionable condition, will be replaced and=retested.

David and I are returning to St T=omas Sunday, to await the completion of the alternator condition and functi=n repairs. I made the additional request of replacing the steering cylinder= The questionable function was discovered while mounting the propellers that had to be installed on the barge t= take the place of the incorrect ones that were sent to us. The respo=sibility of that propeller issue is likely mine, as I did not properly ques=ion the salesperson about the original order information and diameter of the ones that were ordered. We have other= installed

that will likely be more suitable for the needs of the barge though. These are 5 blade performance propellers that are loaned to us. They will take some tuning to make them perfect for the needs of the barge but with information gained in use, the pitch can be adjusted if it is necessary to perfect their function.

Ownership of these units can be addressed at a later date with Bobby. The incorrect ones will be returned to FJ Proeller in Florida for credit. Bobby will handle that transaction.

This is distressing but I've pushed as hard as I can to get the barge into functional shape, with what we have, at this time.

It just can't be done without more information, work and testing

I regret having to report this.

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