



# Monthly News Letter August 2011

## Historic Boat Section



**Well August has been and gone, Summer is in danger of tailing off and before we know it November will be upon us and preparations for the Christmas Festival will be underway again. All boats out and another big tidy up the order of the day. Hey Ho!!**

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**The Green Parrot Refit** - Below right Rob Whittle is having a go at the engine room scraping away the flaky paint. Still not sure when we will be putting the new paint back. In the meantime Whaler John and Dave have been finding more bits that need to be taken off and replaced. As we saw last month



John seems to delight in pointing out the rot so here he is again this time having removed the after cabin deck head completely. Dave and John have done some more work on the side

of the wheel house removing the complete side. This proved to be a major exercise as it went right into the engine room frames. Below right Dave is making the first inroads and below left he looks very pleased with himself having got the side off in one. Fred and



other sections and along with Sadie they have put in place some serious graving pieces. In the photos on the next page you can see some of their efforts at various stages. Mack has been kept very busy varnishing the new timber sections and also rubbing down the old removable sections ready to re-varnish.



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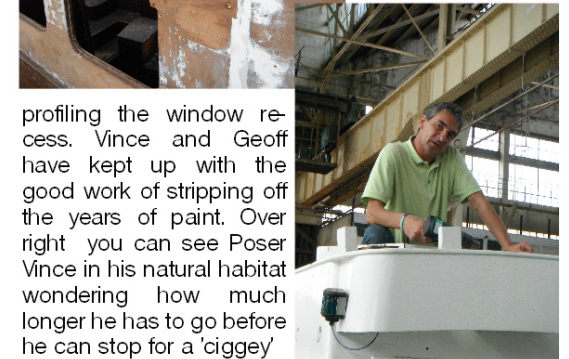


Over left you see Mack bringing back Fred's new window section having carefully given it 7 coats of varnish on the inside surface and below right it is

seen back in place in the forward cabin nearly ready for a coat of paint on the outside. Sadie's



graving piece in the after cabin is seen over left just prior to



profiling the window recess. Vince and Geoff have kept up with the good work of stripping off the years of paint. Over right you can see Poser Vince in his natural habitat wondering how much longer he has to go before he can stop for a 'ciggey'

### Cyclops Mini Refit - Andy

has been doing his one man show all month and has progressed Cyclops having completely stripped off the paint on internal hull, priming the lot and getting a



good start on the undercoat. Over left we can see him at work with 80% of his wobbly bits catching the sun. In the month we received some photos of Cyclops in an earlier life. The first shows her having



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some sheep being loaded ready for one of her trips to the Islands and the second shows her being used as a salvage boat recovering



a lost diving boat 'Sunbird'. Many thanks to Mike Murray, Cyclops's previous owner for these two photos showing her in a very active life before she came to us in retirement.

### Dainty 16Ft FMB - Julie our

young French apprentice and Trevor have made some really good progress with 'Dainty' this month. I think that Julie has the true measure of her mentor or should that be tormentor. We are all impressed with her work rate and high standard of workmanship. She will be sorely missed when she goes back home in early September. In the immortal words of the 'Geordie' in her she is 'ganning yam'. The photos below show some of the stages as she planks the decks and builds the seats and cabin.



Trevor, Over right she is fitting the foredeck

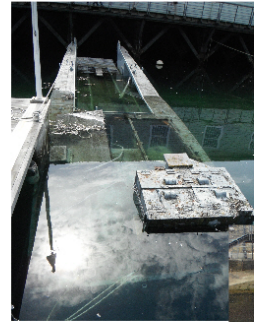


planks and bottom left she is cutting the after deck planking before fitting it. When Trevor gets too much for her now she just says to him, 'Sur votre bicyclette monsieur'



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**LCA F8** - Another month in which the landing craft defied the laws of floatation and took a dive. We think that the plywood panels are finally getting too tired to withstand the water pressure. Over left she is well and truly open to the fishes with just the top of her conning tower showing. At least from here the only way is up. It took a



complete draining of the mast pond before we could



start pumping her out. Above right you can see Whaler John, Dave and Terry fighting with a mobile diesel pump that Terry 'fixed' the month

before. It did eventually burst into life and pumped out at least 5 gallons of water before there was an almighty grinding noise and it gave up the ghost. Above left Julie and Trevor lend their combined 65 years of experience in giving her a good looking at. The final photo below right shows the leak after Fred has put on a patch outside and stemmed the flow somewhat.

It needed another patch inside before we stopped her leaking from that point and we could pump her out properly. She is however still making water up forward but to a much lesser degree. I think it only a matter of time before she has to come ashore.



**Motor Whaler 'Danae' Refit** - Robert of Nottingham has carried on with the fitting out despite the attempts of the Clankies to generally get in his way and walk



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all over his newly painted panels and things he has moved the job forward. If I were you Robert I wouldn't put up with it. Below left Robert is giving one of the side panels a coat of gloss, whilst below right Ian is back on "Danae" after many moons of swanning around refurbishing our stocks. As well as getting in Robert's way the Clankies



have also been making lots of noise and smoke, yes, they have finally got the engine going and making Brrrrm, Brrrrm, noises. Above left is a veritable 'bevie' of Clanky types and Allan2 praying to the great grease monkey in the sky as her engine fires up for the first time in many a year.

Harbour Launch D49 - Fisherman Pete has been working the oracle in the engine room stripping off flaky paint ready to prime and gloss it. He was also the bearer of bad news as he gleefully reported that



the Starboard iron rubbing strip was falling off. Despite poking out his eyes so that he wouldn't see anything else untoward he still seems to be happy with himself. Over right Peter is in the engine room master of all he surveys and above left he is with Trevor and Julie removing the offending iron rubbing strip.

**Any Suggestlons for next month** - If you have got any stories, facts, fiction, lies, scandal or suggestions for this ditty just let me know my 'e' mail address is :- boatbitsisus@ntlworld.com. Fred is the name.