



November 2009 Update -

Christmas Festival - This is rapidly approaching and we had an interesting time moving around all of the boats and the rest of our goodies to make room for the annual event. The photos below show some of this activity in progress. The first one shows the recovery of our long lost submersible dinghy. That one followed the remains of our ex work



boat Titanic onto the skip for disposal. The photo on the left shows Spud Murphy doing his Tommy Cooper impersonation, "Hrrrhg, Just like

that". Very good Spud, now get on with some work. Below you can see the guys having a long and meaningful discussion on who is going to do what and when they are going to do it to the Motor Whaler. This is shortly after our resident Clanky, Tony explained to everyone that they



had better be careful with his whaler as he still had the job of putting the engine, prop shaft and propeller back. On the left I managed to catch lan, Tony and Dave discussing what would happen to anyone that b*****d up the whaler in the move. You can just sense the evil thoughts

being planned at this get together. Be afraid, be very afraid. There is little or no Christmas Good Will hereabouts.



December - Wish list

Search & Rescue Launch 102 - Fit up shore cables and the emergency bilge pumps and dehumidifiers.

Motor Gun Boat 81 - Fit up shore cables and the emergency bilge pumps and dehumidifiers.

Crew Training - Both of the above need to have special crew training. Who, when and where, how?

Ariadne - Unlikely to restart until after Christmas Festival.

Osborne - keep a watching brief and make sure she is kept up together.

Pram Dinghy Tul - Keep a watching brief on the boat in the restaurant to make certain that she doesn't deteriorate.

Green Parrot - Wash down all of her decks and tops, run up the Starboard Engine to boost batteries. Hold start of refit until completion of HLD/ Excellent

25 Foot Motor Launch Ark Royal - Finish the small covers and agree the display format and location.

Admiralty Pattern 14 Ft. and 15 Ft. Gig - No change on 14 footer but Geoff to progress the paint stripping. (Photos next month Geoff if you are really good and make some real progress).

32 Foot Rowing Cutter - Raise her enough to be able to pump her out and fit additional buoyancy blocks under thwarts.

Landing Craft - Remove all loose debris from the tank deck and fit an updated pumping system. Fit temporary decks aft to provide improved access.

20 Foot Cutter - The engine needs to be serviced and restored before it can be fitted back into the hull.

Spare FD6 Foden Engine - Fit the new seals and source some spar gears for the gearbox.

Montagu Motor Whaler - Finish stern and replace side decks.

15 Foot Fast Motor Boat - Assess overall state and plan the future activity relating to this boat.

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

Stop Press - An Earth quake of 7.5 on the Richter scale hits the boathouse during the clear up for the Festival resulting in several pots of paint being made homeless. Here Trevor points out the result of dodgy building, or was it dodgy lifting??



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Historic Boat Section



Winter Winds, Gusting gales, Torrential rains, all this outside and yet inside the Boathouse all warm and dry. Well done Steve and the maintenance group for sorting out the roof. Here we are again with the Christmas Festival on us and all of the boats put away and Christmas just round the corner. Doesn't time fly when you are enjoying yourself.

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Harbour Launch D49 - John and Fred managed to refit the bollard that they took off last month having



first replaced all of the rotten sub-deck. The Photo left shows the new timbers in place before sanding down the caulking. Dave and John pushed on fabricating the steel work base of the

wheelhouse. The photo over right shows the new steel plates in place, The photo below left shows Dave carrying out the ini-



tial fit of the new corner post. Whilst below the rebuild is developing with the new tim-



ber going in. The target completion date for the full refit is now middle to end of January or sooner subject to there being no more unplanned timber rot or damage.



Green Parrot - Peter did a repeat of the monthly clean up of the decks and covers. Each time he washes her down the old pigeons promptly settle down to their lofty perch on the crane just above the Parrot. As soon as the refit is completed on the Harbour Launch the Green Parrot is next on the list. This planned refit will blitz the engine room with both engines out and a good clean.



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Whaler Excellent - She has had another good

month's work carried out, Phil fitted his breast hook as can be seen in photo right. He and Sadie also cut some



capping strips and fitted them. The third version looked OK the other two looked as if the owners of the hind legs

needed to be fed with a couple of tins of Pal doggy

food. The photo above caught Sadie and Phil congratulating each other and if you could lip read



you could see them saying "Phew, third time lucky" They may have had another go but were limited to the availability of rain forests. Jess carried on fitting the rest of the capping strips filling and rubbing down. On the left we have got a photo of another of our new starters, Mike,

burning off the paint from the centre board.

15 Ft Dartmouth Glig - Geoff and his erstwhile mate Spud Murphy carried on with the stripping of dodgy paint. On the right you can see Spud with hot air gun at the ready and coffee cup mid shot. I think that the coffee pot was there just in case he needed something to extinguish the flames. I hope this gives you adequate coverage this month Spud, you can stop complaining now



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ST 1502 - Had a mixed month, she was taken out a couple of times to keep her batteries charged and all



systems go. It was just as well as she has a dodgy sea cock feeding the Port Engine cooling water which leads to intermittent cooling. This has resulted in two pump rotors being fitted

following dry running. On the good side however she was used to take a group over to Explosions Museum in the month and she ran well. The photo on the left shows her tied up alongside Explosions Museum.

Motor Whaler refit - Ian has carried on with the refit, but like all boat work of this nature it seems to be one step forward and two back. Having replaced the damaged stem that he started last month and doing a nice job of it as well he spoiled it all by finding some more rot under the foredeck. This means taking off the GRP decking to get at the damaged timber. Still we have the technology and Ian has the time and skills ???



New Arrivals - As I reported last month the Property Trust took delivery of two new boats at the back end of October. They were



officially handed over on 4th Nov. They are Motor Gun Boat 81 and R.A.F. Search and Rescue Launch 102. These two boats are quite big and are being moored alongside in Gunwharf marina. The

photo below shows them shortly after their arrival. The long term plan is to manufacture replica armament for the Gun Boat.