



Monthly News Letter July 2011

Historic Boat Section



Well now then, 'Hats the way to do it'. This has been the month of the silly hats and as you can see above we have got all of us wearing funny millinery creations on our heads. Oops, who is that bloke bottom right

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July 2011 Update -

The Green Parrot Refit - Having got our heads back in tune following last month's 'Round the Island' venture the refit is getting back on course. Below right Fisherman Pete is busy with the paint stripper clearing off all of the paint so that we can see the real state of the wood work. I have never known anyone so eager to point out rot in



awkward places other than Whaler John that is, who is seen over left having just poked his screwdriver through the deck-head in the after cabin. It wouldn't be so bad but he

looks so bloody happy about it. Vince and Geoff have also been burning off paint both of whom are shown



below. Poser Vince looks particularly pleased with himself in this photo as he thinks he has just got away with wearing black tapes on the back of his hat despite not having

earned the right to wear them. (More of this later). Shiner Wright and Terry have been doing a bit of work on the Parrot's engines and Clanky Tony and 'Wafu Allan' have identified an aluminium repair shop and have taken both of the damaged sumps away to be repaired. Watch this space and hope they haven't lost them.



Ju 2011 Update -

Fred and Dave have also been working on the Green Parrot and in the photos below you can see Dave and Whaler John as they remove all of the Chromed bits and bobs ready for them to be stripped and re-plated. The scaffolding looks like Steptoe's scrap yard with piles of shiny bits



all round the boat Fred removed a piece of Fisherman Pete's rotten wood

as you can see in the photo above left, its only the whole cabin side. We have got a young French Apprentice working with us for a couple of Months over the summer Her name is Julie, she's in her second year and has asked for some 'hands on' woodworking experience Apart from other jobs in the photo over right she is helping Fred cut some mortice joints for the Green Parrot cabin side. Note the hat, made for her by Trevor and worn ever



since. In the photo below you can see Vince checking Fred's handiwork as the new part is glued ready for profiling So Vince, where has the hat gone? .

Harbour Launch D49 Following her trip over to the Island last month she came back with a reported minor problem with her cooling system.



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Below right Terry has just had a 'ureka' moment on the HLD Spare engine as he locates the thermostat. Luckily he remembered how to do it again when he took the one off D49. On sea trials the engine was much better but still not completely right. Watch this space for further developments.



Cyclops Mini Refit - Two of our newer guys have been progressing Cyclops giving her a face lift. Andy and Gary have been stripping off her dodgy flaky paint getting ready to give her a new coat. Over left Gary is seen with



trusty hot air blower in hand along with Andy in the latest head attire. As well as working on Cyclops Andy has also been doing the business on a couple of small trailers.

Dainty -16 Foot Fast Motor Boat - She has been with us for the past 15 months awaiting her refit. In order to give Julie a solid work project to extend her skills and provide her with an opportunity to experience boat restoration

construction she has been working with Trevor on Dainty. Below are some of the photos as work on the boat progresses. Over right Julie and Trevor fitting the coaming around the boat. Low and behold yet some more hats. The next stage was to cut and prepare the cabin sides and top this can be seen on the next page



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They are working to the plans and it is tasking Trevor's ship-wrighting skills to the max Converting 1/8 inch to the foot to metres and centimetres for our continental partner. (This in between making a whole range of hats for the rest of the guys) In the photo



below right it is all hands to the supervisory role as our intrepid boat restorers get to grips with



the steering and the exhaust system, in fact all things 'clanky' hence

the able supervisory gaze of 'clanky' Shiner and old 'Black Finger' himself Terry. This edition of the News Letter is a bit unique in as far as I have managed to get some photos of Trevor without him hiding behind the boat.



HSL 102 - She gave us all a bit of excitement in the month when her Port engine got a bit warm whilst she was out on one of her trips, It seems that a hose gave up the ghost and dumped all of the coolant in the bilges causing the blower to cook a bit.



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Hopefully there will be no lasting damage and with a bit of engineering TLC she will be back up and running. The important thing is that no one was hurt and the boat came back in one piece. (Shades of Westerman last month) The photo over on previous page shows her back safe and sound brought in by by Tug Boat Bill. Motor Whaler - Robert 'I have Started So I will Finish' of Nottingham has progressed the beast He has been fitting out the side lockers adjacent to the Engine bay. In the Photos Below he is caught mid ponder as he is about to loose a finger or two on the band-saw whilst below left he is having a poke around the bilges with a big stick.

Hats The Way To Do It - As you may have gathered by



now there has been a preponderance of head gear worn by all and sundry in the month. All of this attire has been provided by our resident Sailmaker, Trevor. The

front page shows some of the various millinery extravaganzas in place. Whilst all this has been going on there have also been some other strange activities taking place. In the photo below right I managed to catch Trevor and Mack carrying some strange rite, I will leave it up to you to decide who is doing what to whom!!!

August Wish List -See the quarterly work sheets for the following boats. - Whaler Excellent, Green Parrot, Motor Whaler Danae, Cyclops, D49, HSL102, ST1502 and MGB 81.

Any Suggestions 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.

