



Monthly News Letter June 2010

Historic Boat Section



June was the month of the Ships Crests, the fine weather, the Ships Crests, the King clankies, the Ships Crests, lots of freebies, the Ships Crests, more and more work and of course, don't forget the Ships Crests

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June 2010 Update -

Harbour Launch Refit - The Good News / Bad News situation continued from May into June. The only difference is the subject matter. The good news is that Dave managed to cut all of the holes in the steel deck plate and give or take 1 or 2 millimetres the dry fit went like a dream. The not so good news this month relates to the main port side longitudinal beam or carlin. This has been subjected to prolonged water penetration and has rotted. The photo over left shows the residue



after Geoff had been busy with drills, chisels and brute force. It was just a pity he hadn't bothered to cover up the batteries first they were well and truly at the bottom of the heap. The photo on the right shows the hole left after removing the rotten wood. The damage goes right through the forward bulkhead into the forward cabin so the 12 Foot replacement will be quite interesting as the finished repair needs to retain the strength integrity of the as built section. Watch this space. The photo left shows geoff in the forward cabin space measuring off sets so the we can make up a pattern for the new timber section. Dave has been busy also fitting the new deck plate. Below you can see David, angle grinder at the ready cutting out



the steel supports from the engine room so that we can get Fred's new timbers in place. The piece of Pretty dress material isn't Dave's pinnie it is just his fire protection equipment to stop the sparks setting off the odd bit of diesel and oil left behind by our 'clankies'



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Whaler Excellent Refit - Yet again more 'excellent' progress. Alan1 and Whaler John have been pressing on. This time sorting out the new grating for the stem. Below right you can see Alan1 getting stuck into the grating framework whilst on the left Whaler John is modifying the router table so that he can do a lazy man's job of cutting the ash grating pieces. What



happened to the old hand craft skills of yesteryear. Talk about 'One man and his Black and Decker'. One thing about Alan1, even now he is in his summer rig of white overalls he always has a smile on his face, no matter what 'sh***y' job he has landed. I wonder how long it will take him to admit that he has glued his fingers to those pieces of wood and he will be spending the next six months sitting in the stem sheets of the whaler. Lets see if he is still smiling then.???



Three in one Whaler - Ian managed to get some help with his work package, We had a new starter in the month. Below we can see Rob Whittle at work on the stem of the Motor Whaler replacing a new section of the stem post. Sorry that I missed your face Rob but because you work much quicker than Ian I obviously used the wrong speed settings on the camera and your hands got in the way. I don't ever remember having that problem photographing Ian in the past.



Green Parrot Refit - As I said last month the refit is underway. The guys managed to remove the engine room deck-head and as can be seen over page we



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now have an open space in which we can swing the spanners In the photo left you can see Dave 3 having a short breather between jobs whilst he is cleaning the Starboard engine. He is an ace really as he seems to have adopted the job of repainting the engine room. All he needs to do is remove about half an inch of soot off the bulkheads first

We had a new Clanky join us in the month. His name is Chris and now hopefully Tony Clanky will have someone that he can converse with and who understands the regal language of clankyese. I say 'Regal' because all items appear to be prefixed with the word King. In their toolboxes they have King spanners, King hammers, King socket sets and they use all of them



as they work in the King engine room on the King engines. Below we have got a photo of two Clankies and a 'lecky' going walkabout looking for something to give a severe thinking about. In the first one Lecky Allan2 appears to have 'Morhped' into Clanky Tony whilst Clanky Chris can just be seen in the background. In the next photo Clanky Tony has

reverted back into his normal full bodied self having

apparently swallowed up Lecky Allan2. They all tried to convince me that they were on a special mission from Brian to sort out storage space but how could anyone look so happy. whilst out on a special mission. The



Green Parrot can watch out now as there will no no stopping them, she will have the most thought about King engines in the King fleet

Once upon a time there was a man who collected Ships Crests - At what point in time does a hobby become an obsession. The Property Trust have been donated about 3 Tonnes of solid aluminium Ships



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Crests. This collection had been a lifetimes work for the gentleman along with some 3000 highly detailed ship's models many of which were acquired by German museum This collection was donated to the Trust by his family following his death. Ian has undertaken the task of logging and cataloguing the collection

Lots of Freebies - Thanks to Ian and his never ending skills of acquisition and a smooth tongue he has managed to get some valuable donations to the Property Trust from the SSE Group. They have serviced one of our Inflatable Dinghies and loaned a range of life jackets/ flotation jackets and full exchange of boats flares. This is on a rolling lone basis and they are willing to provide ongoing servicing as and when the expiry dates arrive. In order to show our appreciation we have given members of the two groups a couple of trips out on ST 1502. Ian was also the guy that arranged with the plate shop for our D49 deck plate to be sourced and cut to size all at nil cost other than a thank you. Much as it pains me say he really does do a good job.

MGB 81 - I am not sure that I can say too much on the Gunboat situation so I will pass on it this month and move her onto the 'wish list' on the last page.

HSL 102 - She was returned from Port Solent boat yard following her annual survey of her underwater fittings and hull where they replaced couple of seized sea cocks plus some other work. After her return back onto our main pontoon and the guys refitted Mack's Mast. I didn't manage any photos because I was away for a few days but from all accounts it was more like the Hokey Cokey with all of the



°You put the whole mast up, the whole mast down. Mast Up, Mast down rah rah rah. You put the mast step in. The Mast step out, In out in out shake it all about and you do the Hokey Cokey and you tum around etc. That's what it's all about. A typical saga when you have five times as many Chiefs as you do Indians. Oh how I wish I had been there. With my camera!!!! Above you can see Robert 'I have started so I'll finish' of Nottingham stripping old varnish off 102 teak work. Her rework programme has been started.



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HSL 102 - Review Survey findings. Comprise a programme of work, plan and resource. Finish fitting the battery charging circuits in place and fit the new anchor winch.

MGB 81 - All work is currently held pending outcome and resolution of outstanding issues.

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

Ariadne - Figure head refit on hold until further notice.

Osborne - Weekly checks on state of boat and surrounding stand.

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

Admiralty Pattern 14 Ft - Work held pending completion of current work load.

32 Foot Rowing Cutter - Keep a watching brief on her now she is held in the tunnel.

Landing Craft - 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. Work held pending completion of current work load.

Spare FD6 Foden Engine - Determine which FD4 spares can be released in exchange for the gearbox. The current owner is prepared to deliver and collect if it is all agreed.

15 Foot Fast Motor Boat - Currently on hold.

1502 - Fit new ignition switches and resolve remote engine stop problem.

Ships Crests - Log and catalogue the collection.

Main Pontoon - Construct a power stanchion to incorporate the twin solar panels.

This Month's Competition - Learn how to speak Clankyese so that you can converse with Clanky Tony and Clanky Chris in their own language and make them feel at home. The key to speaking fluent Clankyese is make a short intake of breath before uttering the prefix 'King'. Try the following sentence heard in the King engine room on the King Green Parrot recently during the King refit - 'This King injector is not moving using this King spanner, please pass me the King cold chisel and that great big King hammer. Tony and Chris will choose the King winner. 1st. prize a week's work with Tony, 2nd. Prize two weeks work with Tony.

Any Suggestions for next year - 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 : boatbitsisus@ntlworld.com. Fred is the name