



# Monthly News Letter September 2011

## Historic Boat Section



**We had some interesting sessions in September. However the thing of note that must be mentioned before it slips away into annals of time is Vincent's sea training. From now on we call him "Vincent 'I will cast off the boat when it suits me and not before" . Plonker!!!!**

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**The Green Parrot Refit** - Below right we have caught Whaler John getting serious with the after cabin side windows as he hacks away a quarter of it. Below left David, his 'oppo' looks pretty pleased with himself with the chunk



John is giving it a quick 'looksee' to make sure it is up to standard. Whaler John is such a hard task master. The photo below left is an overhead shot taken



by Fred as he traveled along in the crane to help out Clankies Tony and Shiner. Looking from this angle it doesn't get any better does it.

The lifting eyes have had a question mark over them for some years now and it was decided to pull all of the bolts and replace. Once done we will be able to lift her properly. Below is a photo of one of our two intrepid Clankies getting to grips, here we can see Shiner on the outside pulling whilst his mate Tony is on the inside pushing. What a team!!!!!!!



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**Cyclops Mini Refit** - What started out as a quick paint job and tidy up is getting bigger by the minute. Andy found a little bit of rot in one of the ribs as he was moving the deck boards about to paint beneath. However like all things 'historic boat' before you know what has happened the patch has grown. Over right I managed to catch him, chisel in hand digging away, no wonder he looks so sheepish!!! Yet someone else who fell for the "Just hold this a minute whilst I take a photo" line. They never



learn. Hopefully it is readily recoverable with some judicious cutting, plugging and laminating it should soon be as good as new. Over left Andy is busy with the new laminates building

up the rib.

**16 Foot Fast Motor Boat 'Dainty'** Well we said cheerio to our lovely Julie at the beginning of September. We had a little farewell session to send her on her way. Below left Julie is being presented with some mementos to remind



her of her time in Pompey. Since she left Trevor has undergone a degree of counseling and has now come to terms with the loss. He very soon went out to find a new trainee but she

soon became deflated with the demands being put on her. In the photo below right you can see her relaxing in the stem of 'Dainty'. Looks just like Del boy's Robin Reliant. Joking apart Trevor has really pushed on with 'Dainty' and she is looking





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really nice. Below right you can see 'Dainty' with her engine cover in place along with the forward thwarts and steering wheel with Trevor, Terry, Richard and Vince checking her out. Very soon we will only be needing an engine and prop shaft and it's all systems go.



**Motor Whaler 'Danae'** - The refit has progressed some in the month. Robert 'I have started so I'll finish' of Nottingham has been carrying on fitting out the 'innards'. Below we can see him casting his beady eye over the forward thwart trying to suss out the best way of keeping Fred tied up as he fits a graving piece in to get rid of some rot. In this photo I managed to catch him mid action, I think he was shaking his head in dismay at the fact that his third bit of wood still didn't fit the hole!!! He has done some sterling work on the engine covers and at last they are ready to refit and they look good. No head shaking over that one eh! Robert.



**Clankies on the prowl** - Our two intrepid Clankies, Tony and Shiner have been busy sorting out a big man's 'clanky' tool box. This way they have managed to collect all of the 'Clanky' tools up in one big box with a big man's padlock and chain on it. I think the rationale was that this way they will know where all their tools are. I think it is more likely that if anyone wants to nick any of them then they will take the whole box full. Anyway over left their mate Terry is in the process of sorting out the sets of tools ready for their incarceration into a chest to beat all chests, (Jordan



eat your heart out). Below left the duo have located their target box and "One, two, three, lift" and it is all ready to fit out. Low and behold below right we can see the two clankies up to their necks in what can only be described as 'nearly' chippy work. Urrgh wash your mouth out. Below left, yet again I



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have spotted a clanky drilling some holes in a piece of em, well really it's em, wood.



Sorry but that is that only description I can apply to the piece of fibrous material that has lines of grain running along the top and bottom surfaces and growth rings on the end grains. Get out of that you pair of 'Old Persons Mechanical'.



**Harbour Launch D49** - Fisherman Pete has been carrying on with the engine room. He has stripped off all of the flaky stuff, primed and under-coated the complete lot and given it a coat of shiny grey gloss. Really good until barmy Fred poked his nose in and suggested that at least the top sides should have been in a

virginal white to show up Black fingered Terry's hand prints better. ( It is the only way that we know where Terry has been working !!!!!), well, that and the various piles / collections / boxes etc. of all bits and pieces mechanical that he leaves around the boathouse. What we all like about Peter is, he never stops smiling even in the face of adversity. Good on you Pete. The photo at the top of the next page shows just how

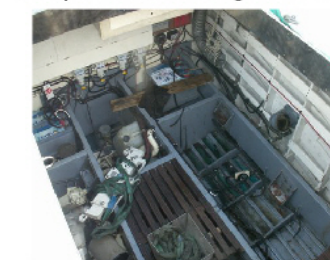


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Peter has been spending his time. It isn't bad for an engine room. If there are any more closures at QA they could use it as a spare Operating Theatre it is so tiddly.



**HSL 102** - The follow on to the overheating saga a couple of months ago has led to a full blown investigation into the state of all three engines. The long and short of it is that all have a problem to a larger or smaller degree. The photo over left shows her empty engine room having had the engines removed. She is at a boat yard in Swanwick for the duration until the way forward has been agreed. At least it will give a chance for the engine room and all of the bilges to be cleaned out and painted.



**Admiralty Pattern 14 Sailing Dinghy** - I feel a bit remiss about the reporting of progress on this boat. Our intrepid trio, Dave R, Brian L and Tony H have been carrying out a refit over the past few months. So far they have stripped off all of the tatty old varnish, fought valiantly against all odds and despite the intervention of Fred they have fitted two brand new bilge keels

(courtesy of Julie) The photos over left and right how Dave 'dollying' up the nail heads whilst Tony wears out his knees riveting over the roves underneath the boat. They have now applied the first two of seven coats of varnish and she is looking good.

**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.

