

**This project update covers the period
of December 2024**

A summary of the work carried out in the Month of December

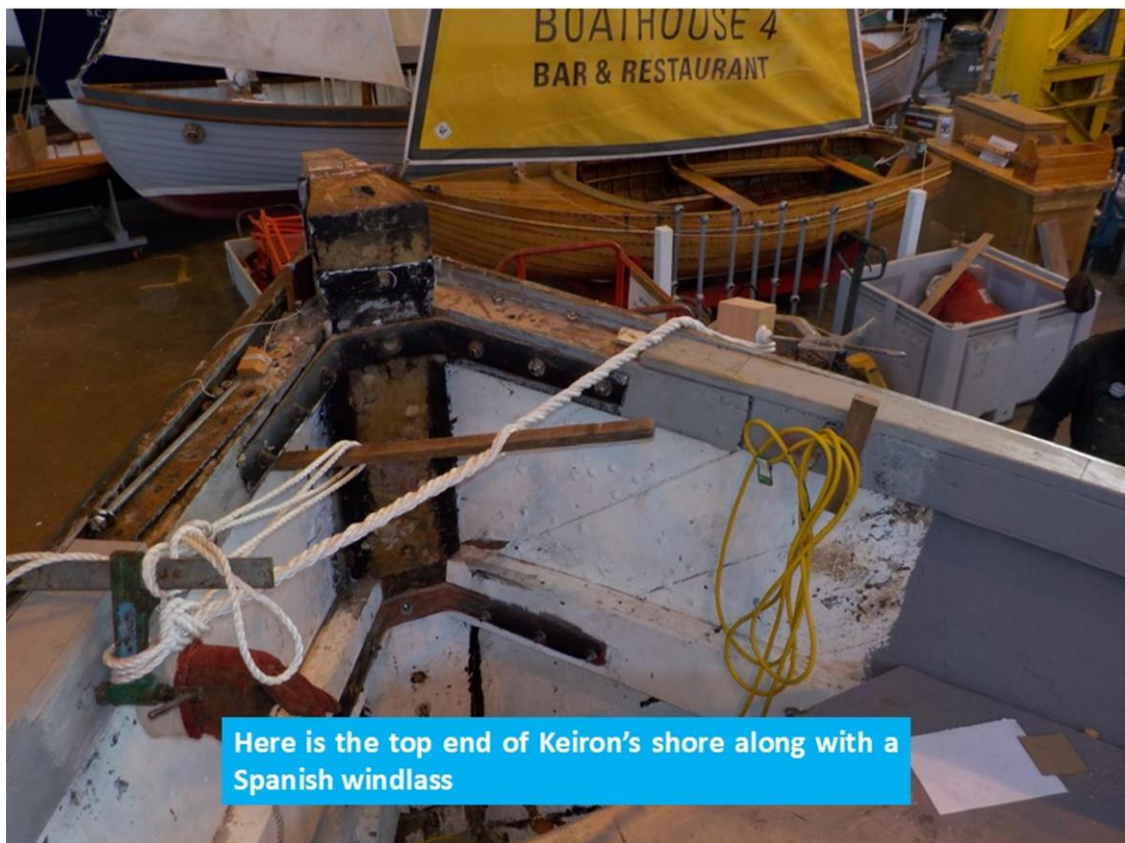
Work continued inside the boat with John P and Keith D making good progress with the stern sheets,. John B finished off the modifications to the mast base and Ivan W finished the mast partners. Keiron O finally got the better of the mini plank ends getting the plank to bend and fit ready for final fixing. Dave D and Micky M worked together to finally fit Dave's mini plank with mastic bedding, screws and copper nails. Trish G finished shaping the mast step and started cutting the mortice to take the mast tennon.

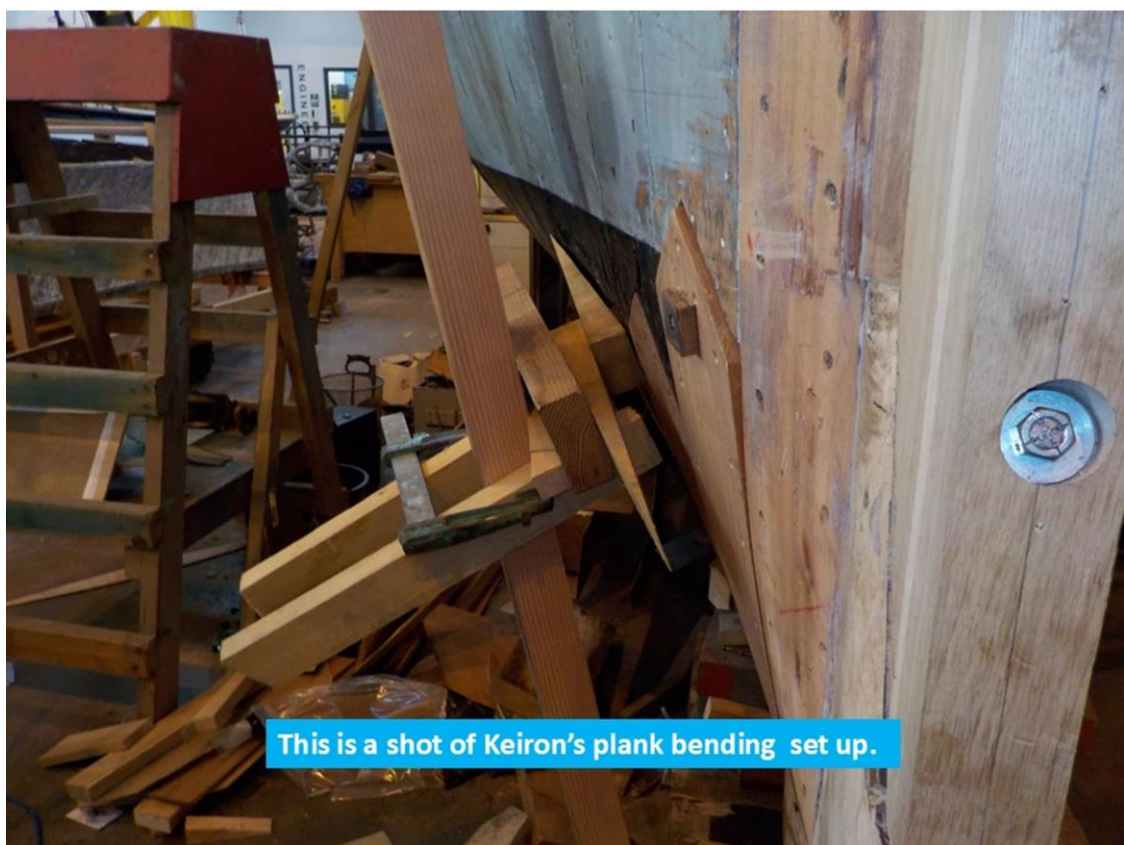
Ivan has started bolting the mast partners in place and Fred and Igor finally bolted and glued up the new stem so that just leaves some fairing and sanding as well as fitting a couple of 'stop water' dowels.

After a fair bit of trimming and fettling most of the joints are looking quite good but until we have some primer over the new timbers we wont be able check full fairness.



Keiron O is starting to build a wonderful shoring system capable of bending and setting in his mini plank.



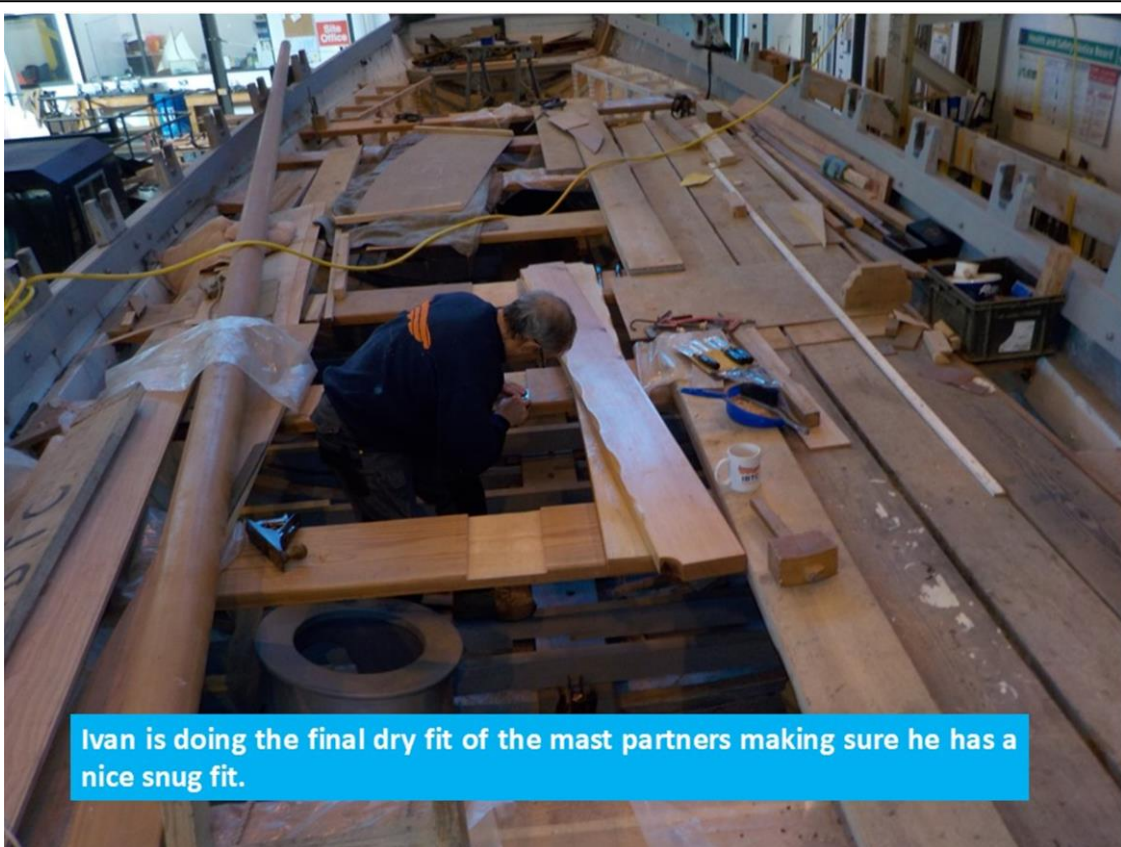


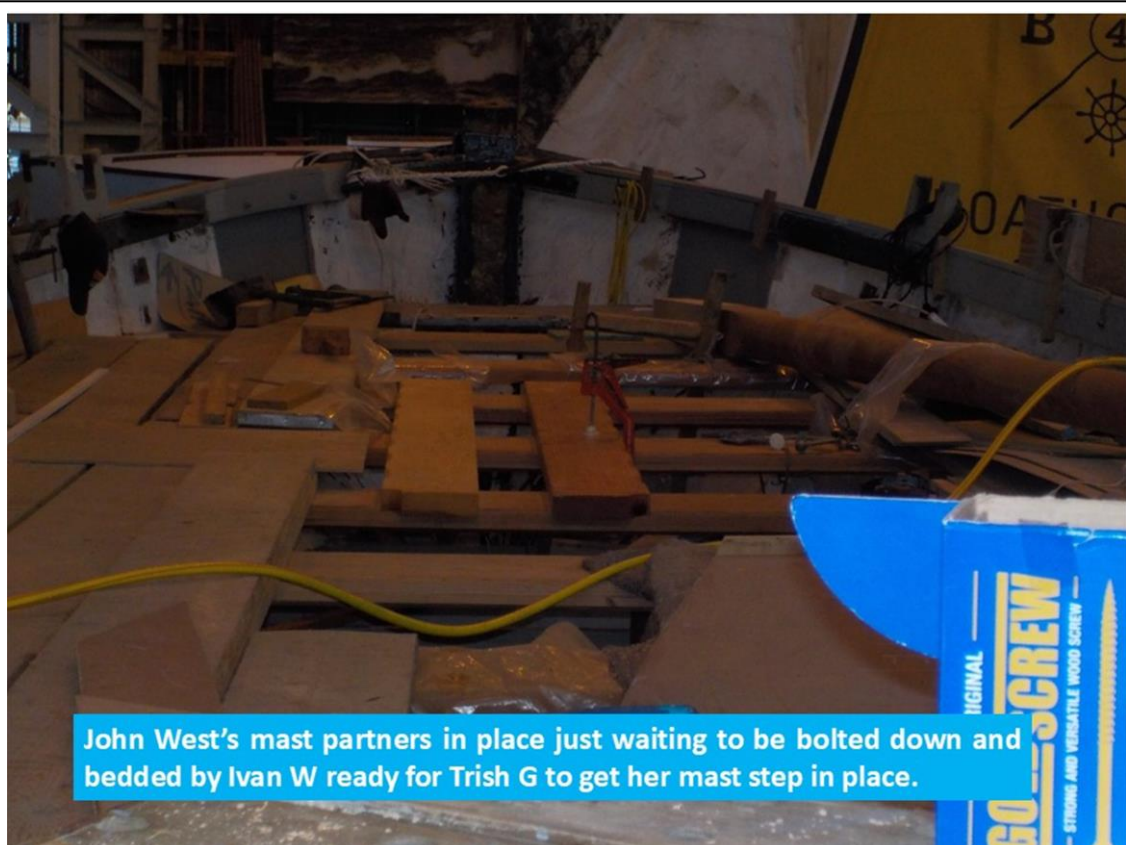
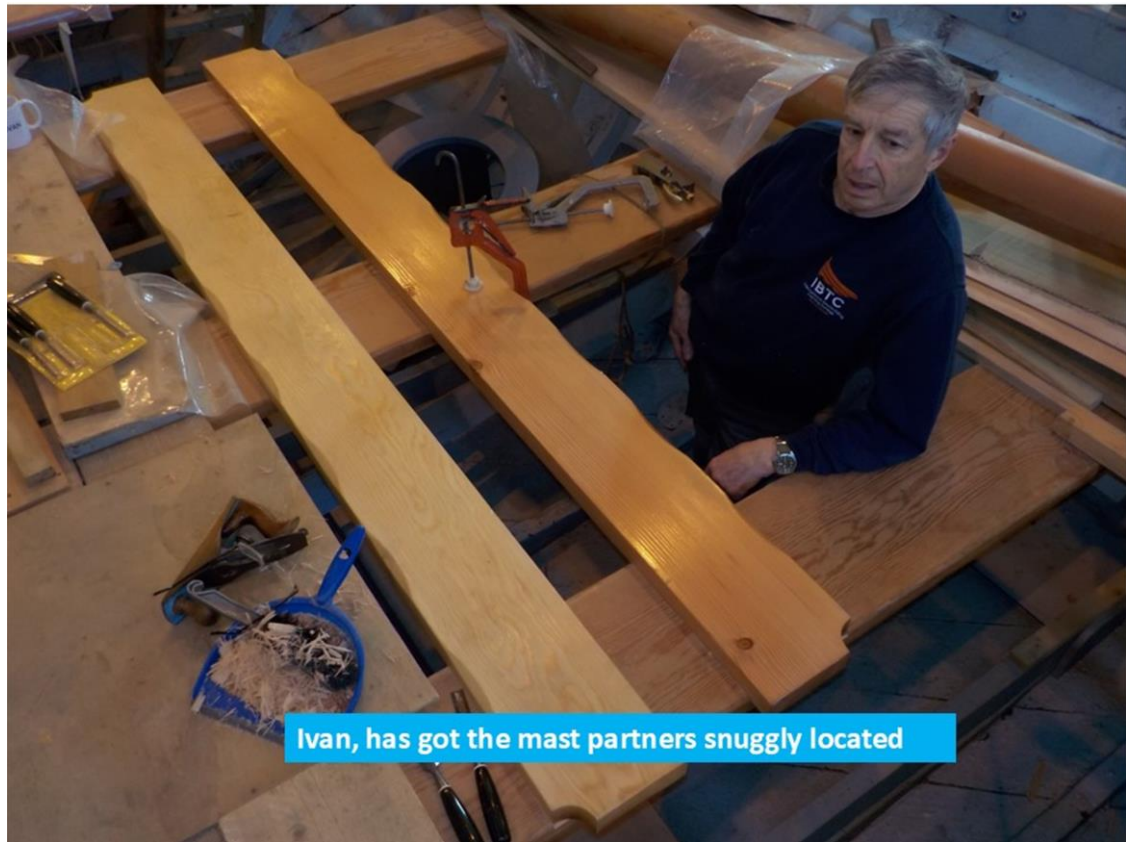


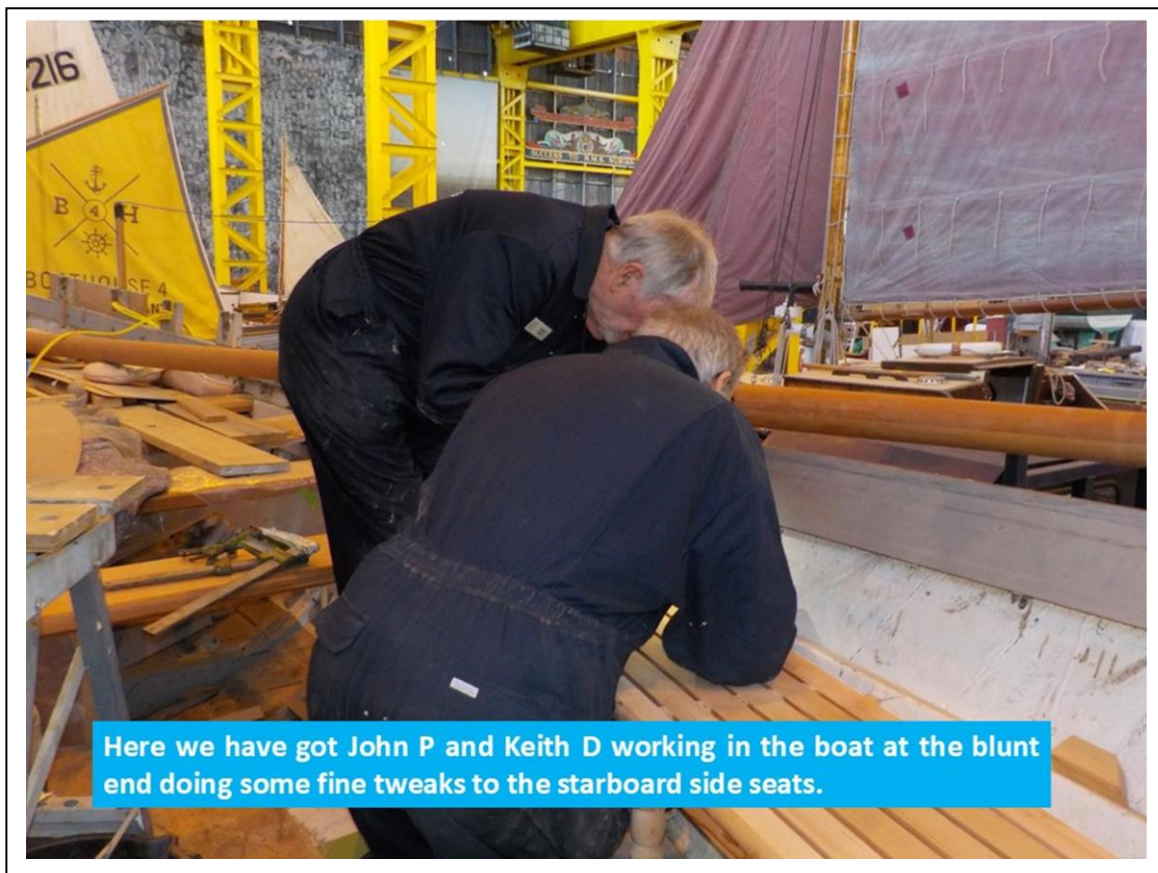
This is a close up of Keiron's plank and as you can see there is very little gapping between it and the inner plank surface.



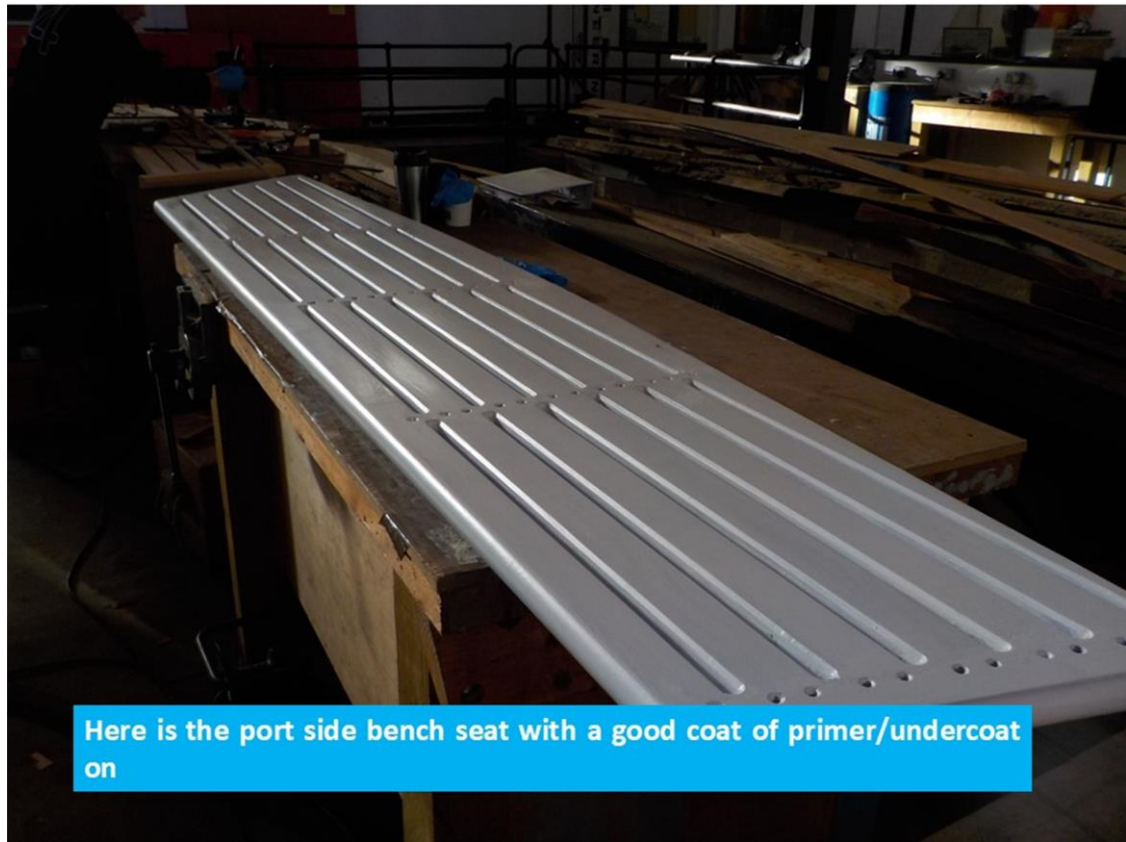
Quite a complex bit of jiggery pokery to get all of the wedges to make the right contribution



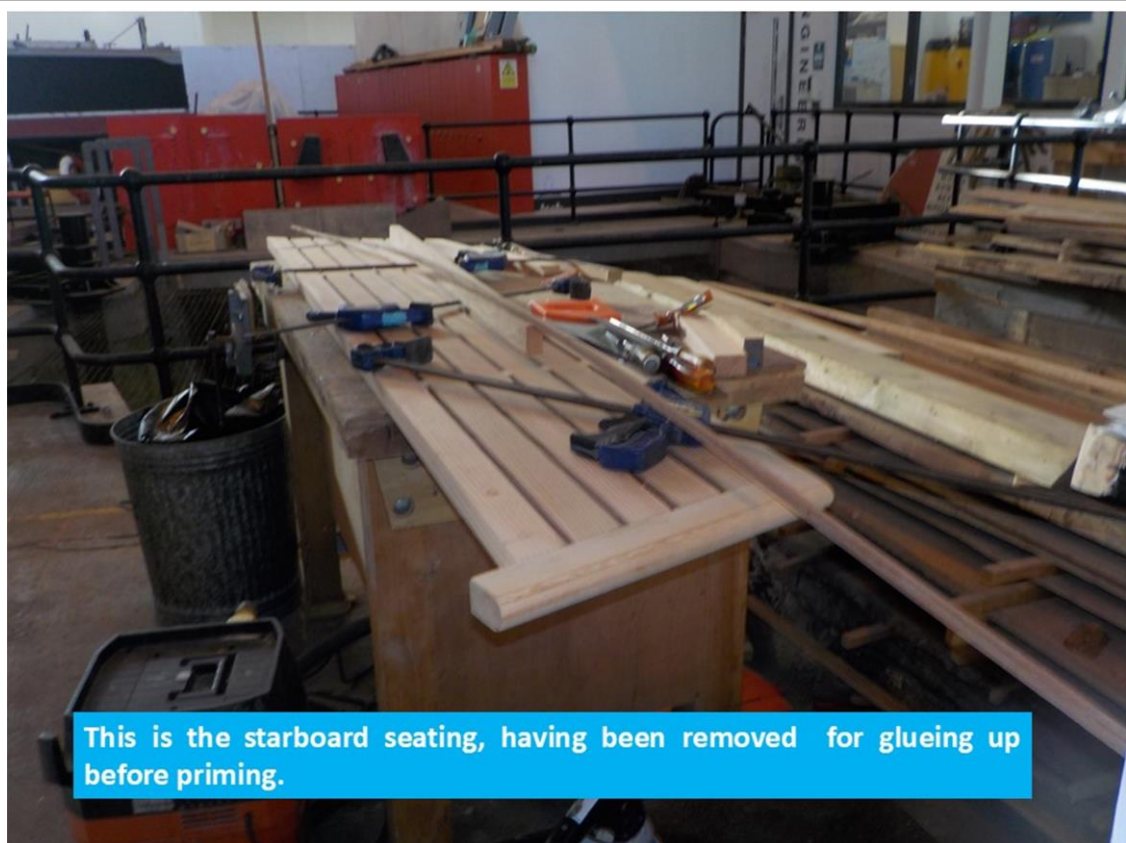








Here is the port side bench seat with a good coat of primer/undercoat on



This is the starboard seating, having been removed for glueing up before priming.

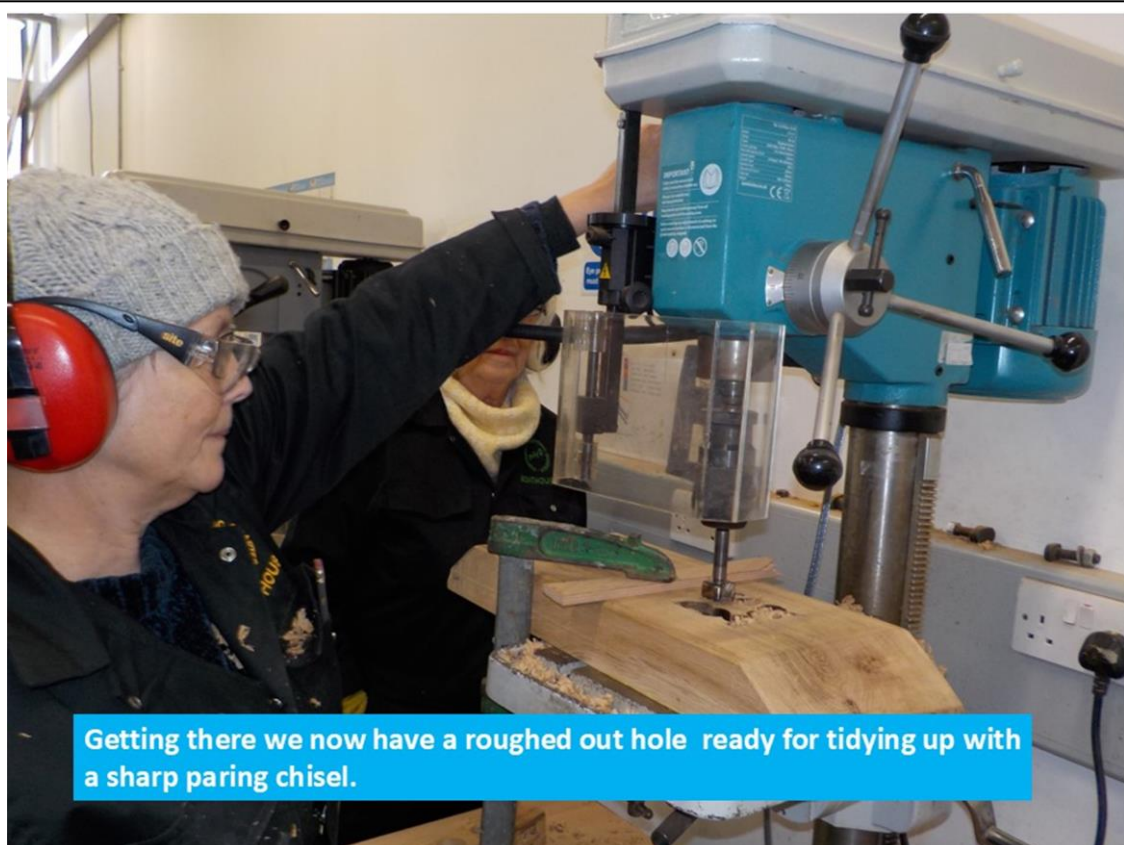
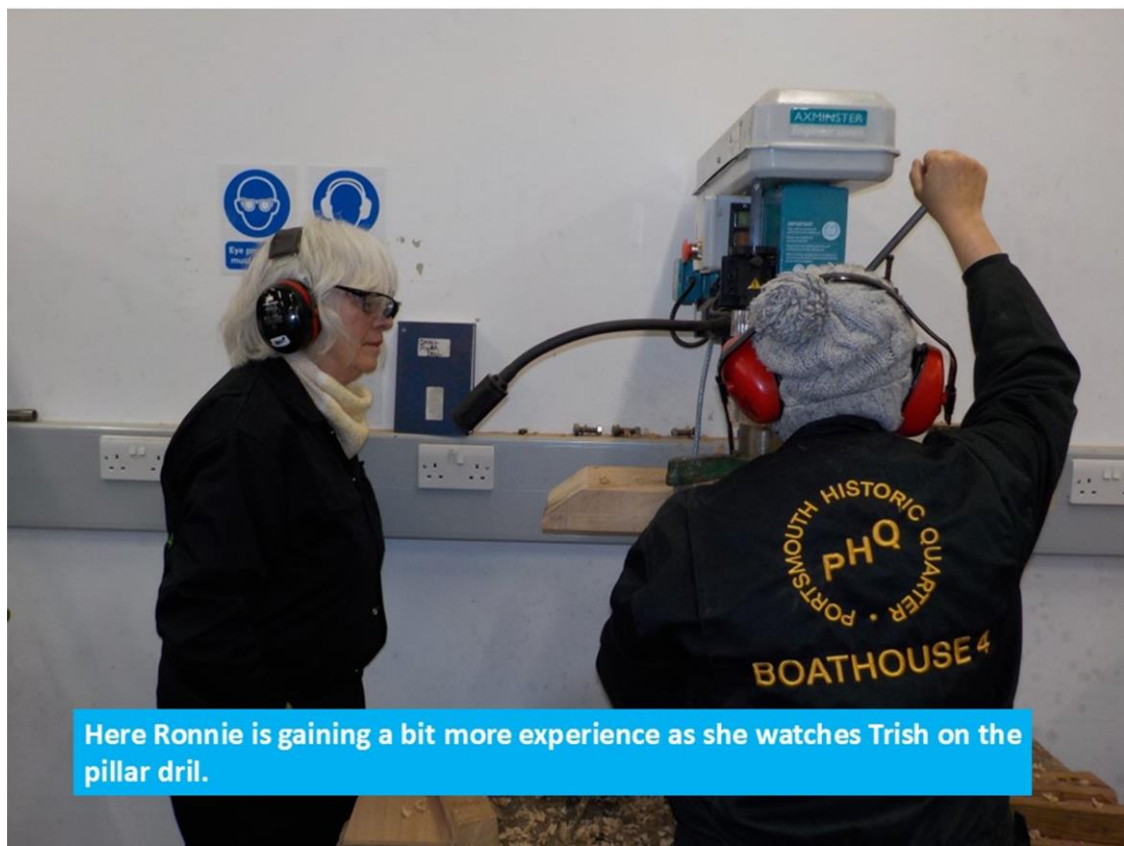


Here Fred and Igor are preparing the long bolts before they glue the stem in place. Micky M did quite a bit of fairing and the 'shut lines' are looking good.



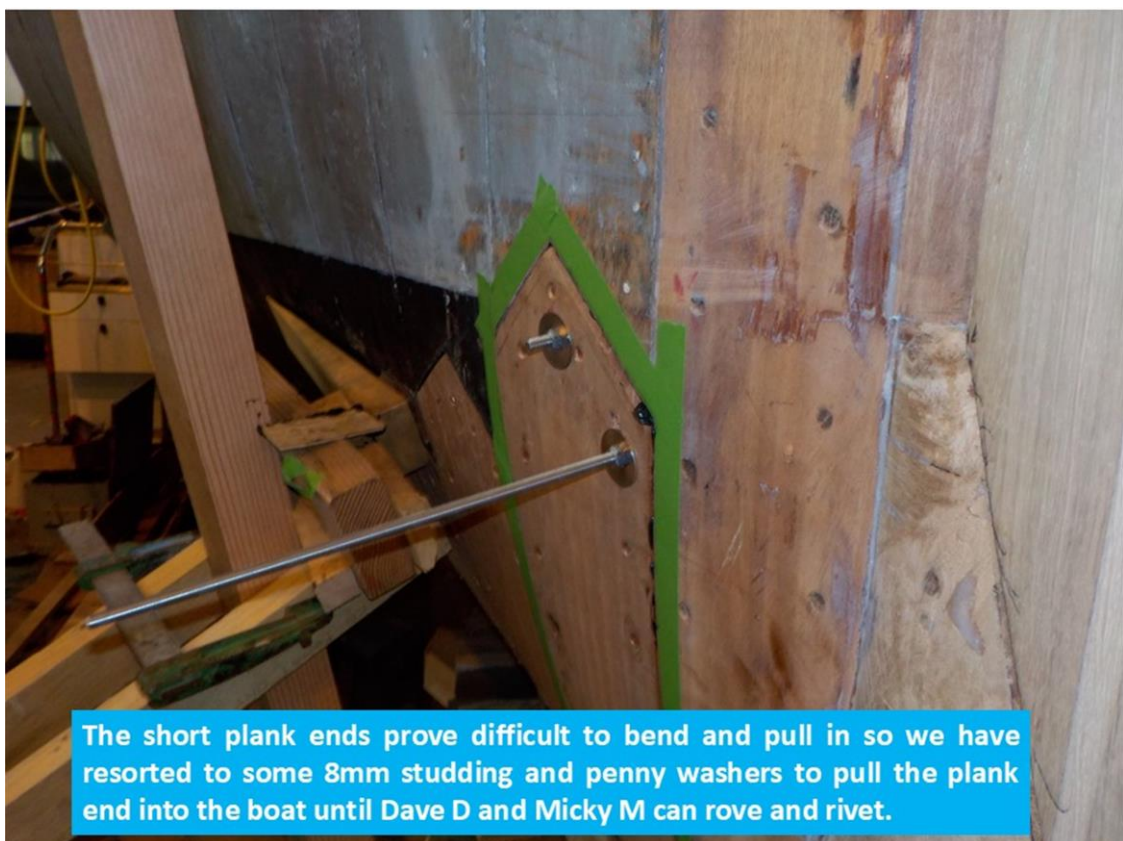
Trish G is trial fitting the mast step so she can mark the position of the mortice.



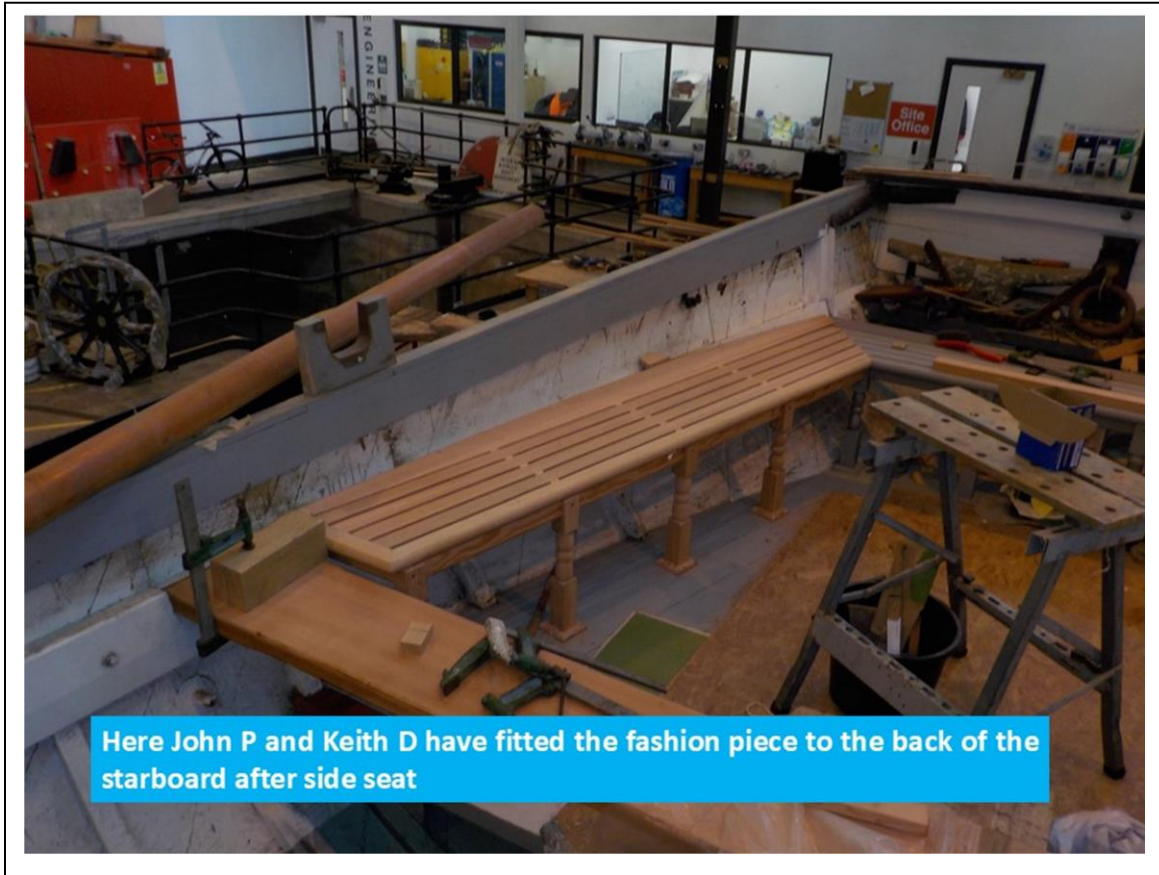


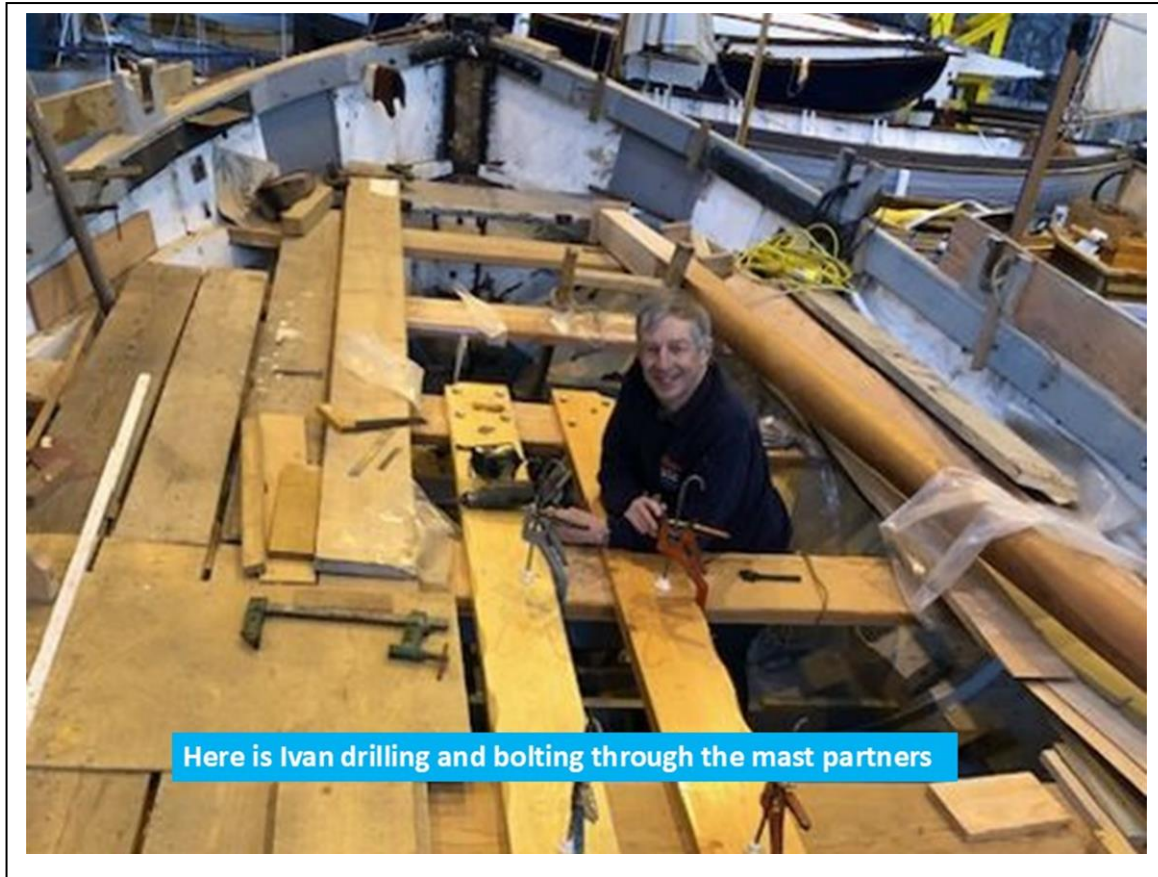


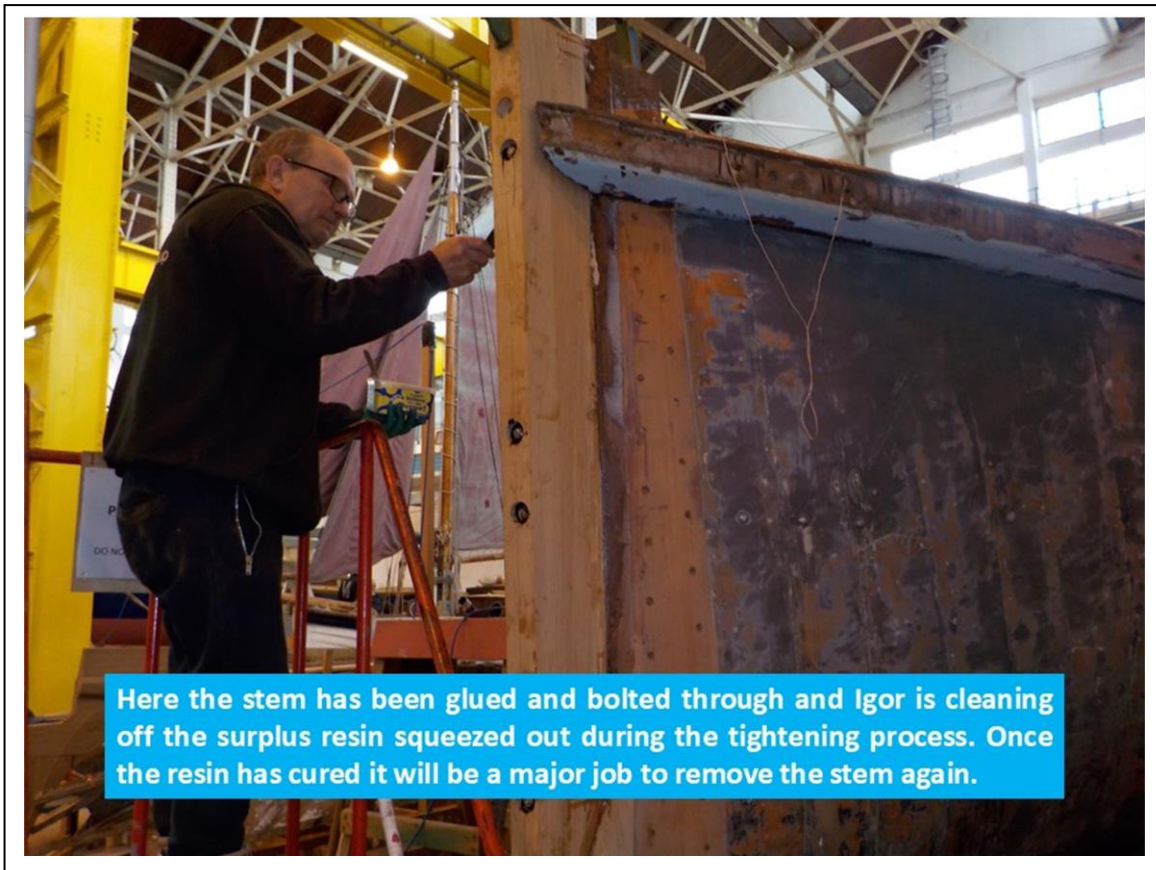
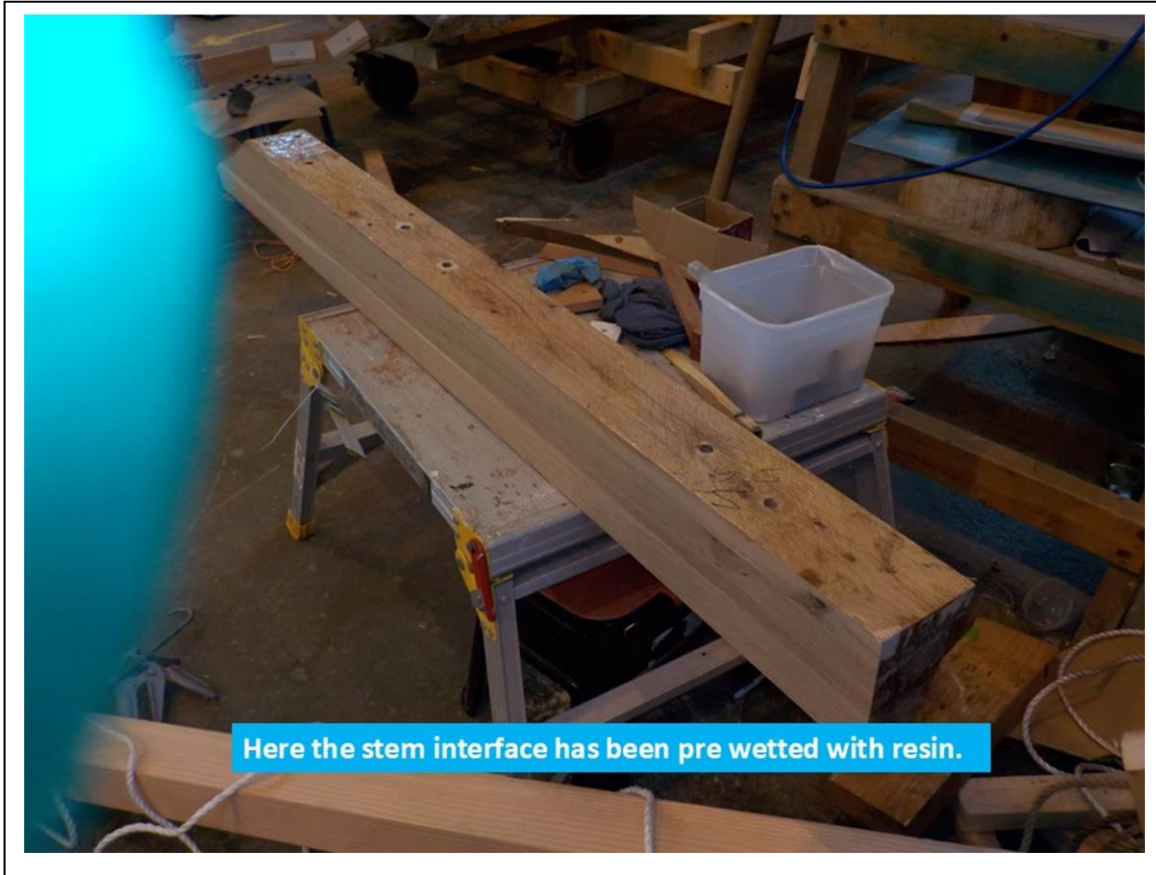
In this photo Dave D has drawn the short straw holding a very heavy dolly to the head of the nail whilst Micky M is inside the boat riveting the nails over the rove.

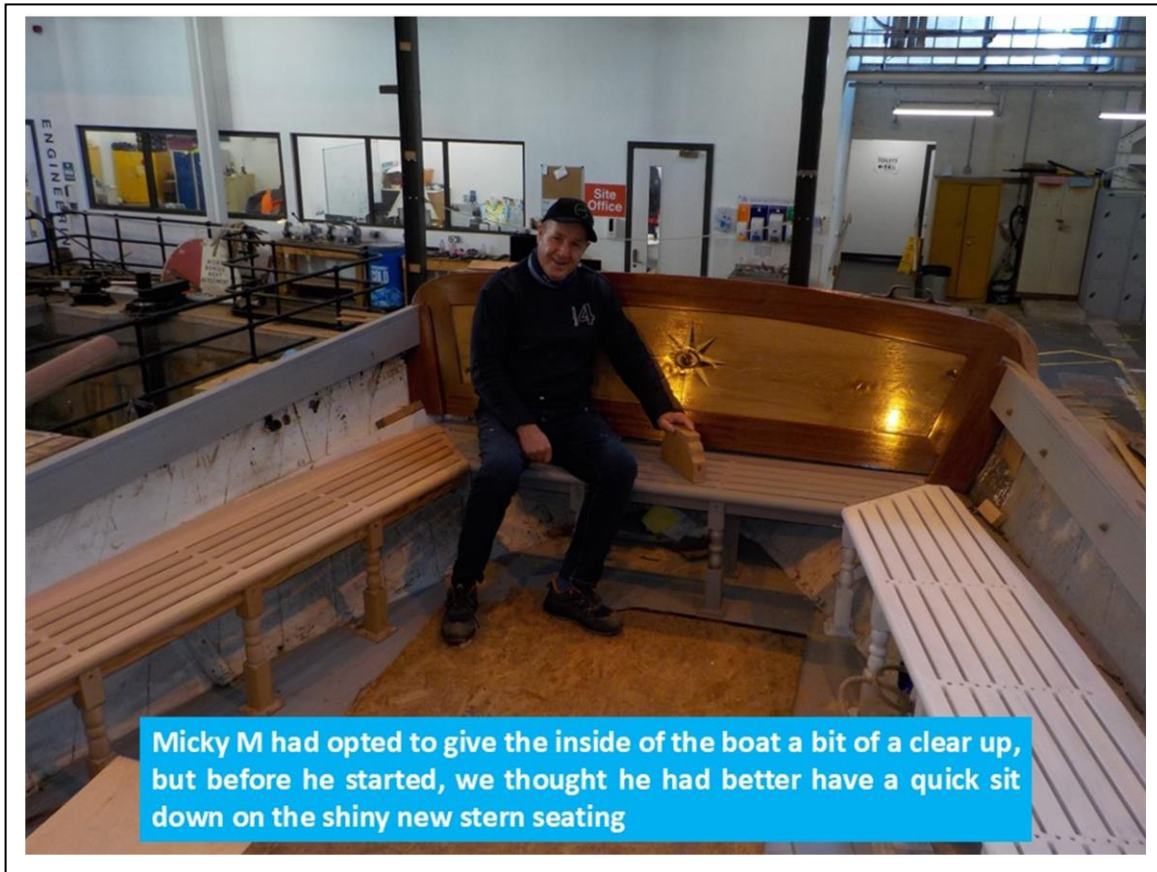


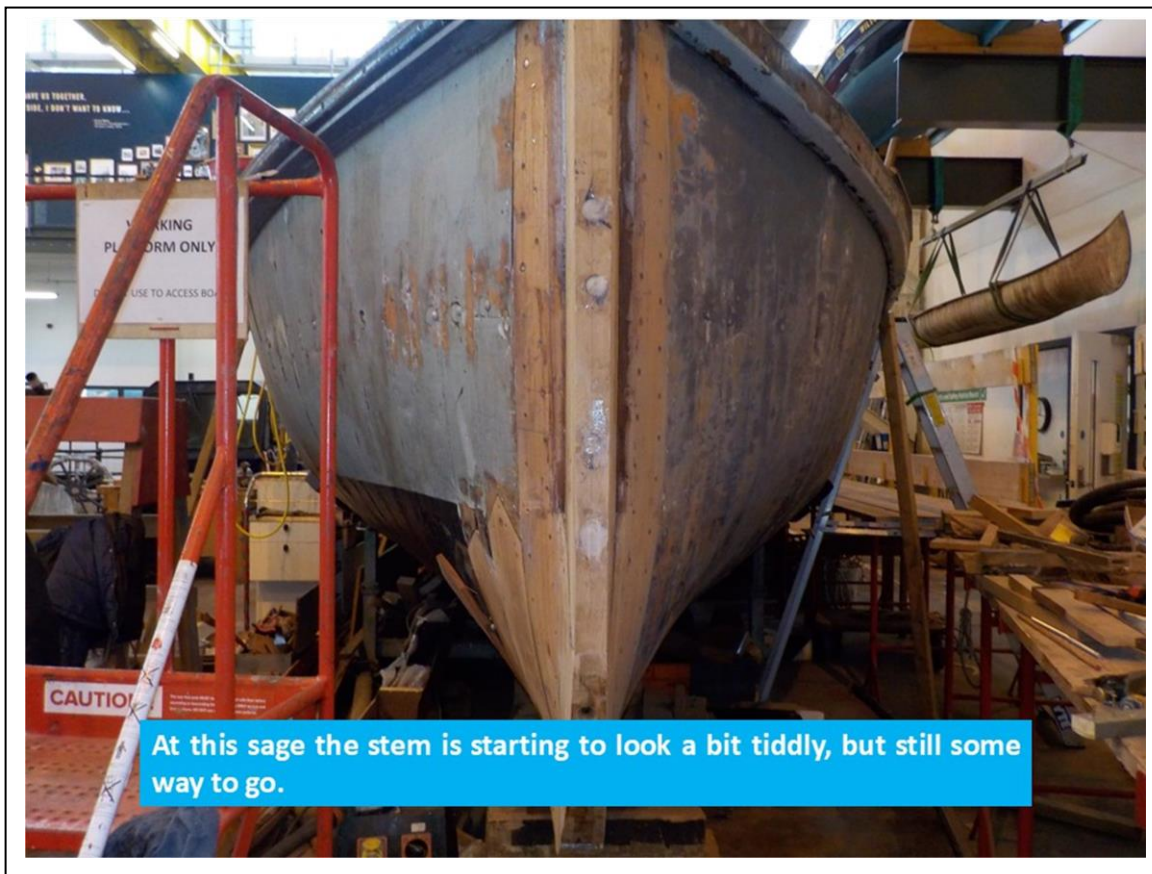
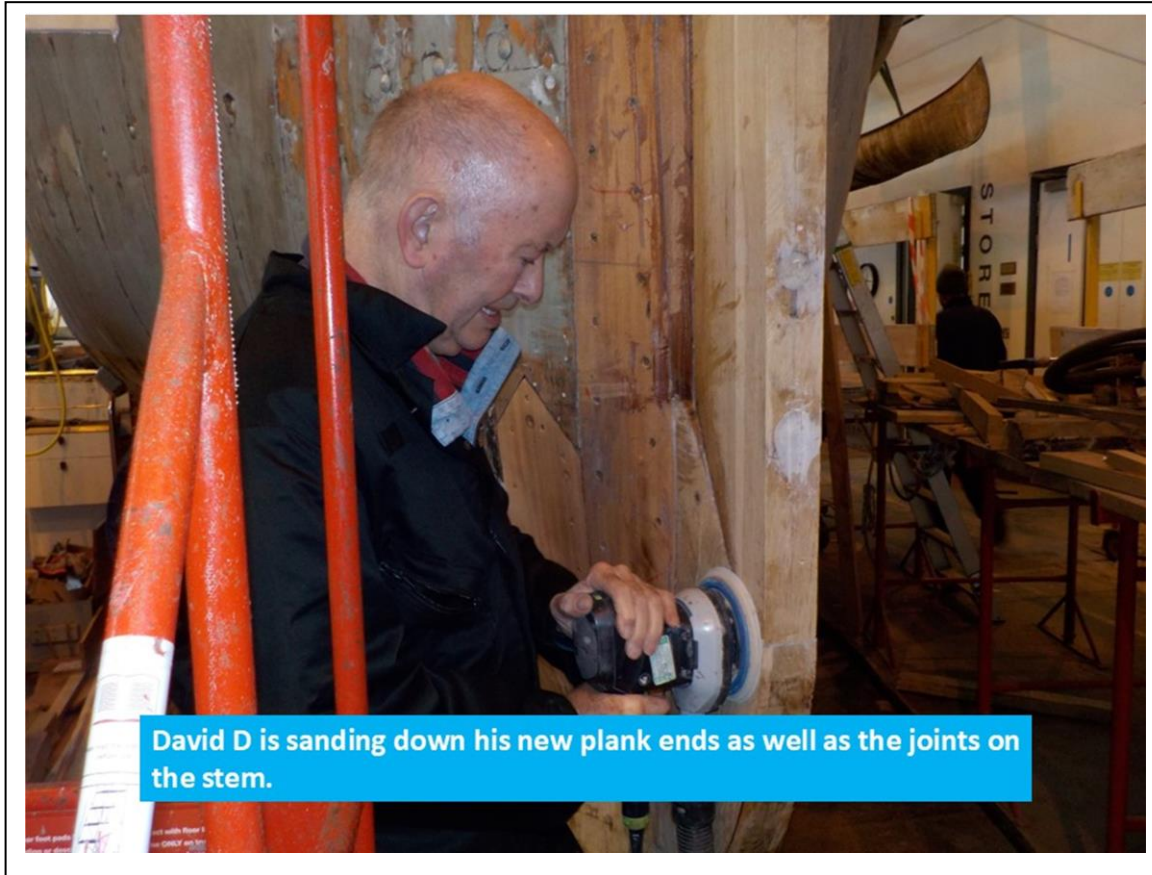
The short plank ends prove difficult to bend and pull in so we have resorted to some 8mm studding and penny washers to pull the plank end into the boat until Dave D and Micky M can rove and rivet.

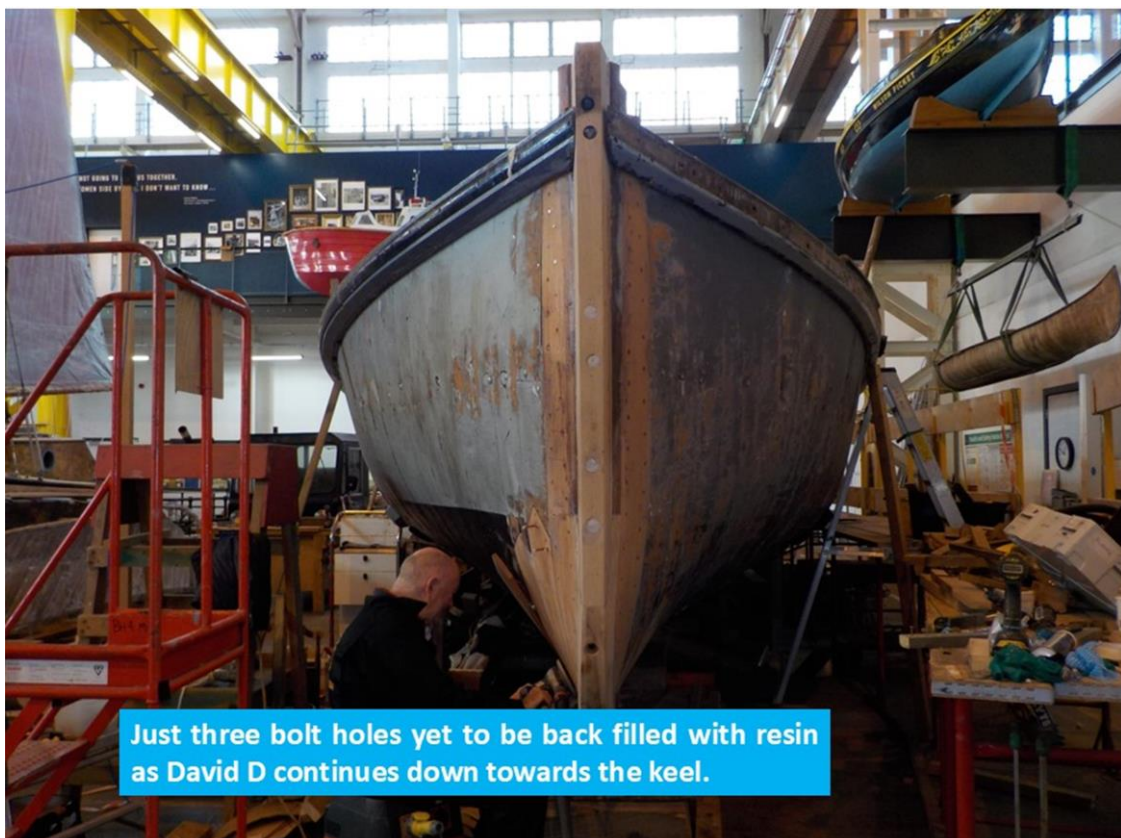


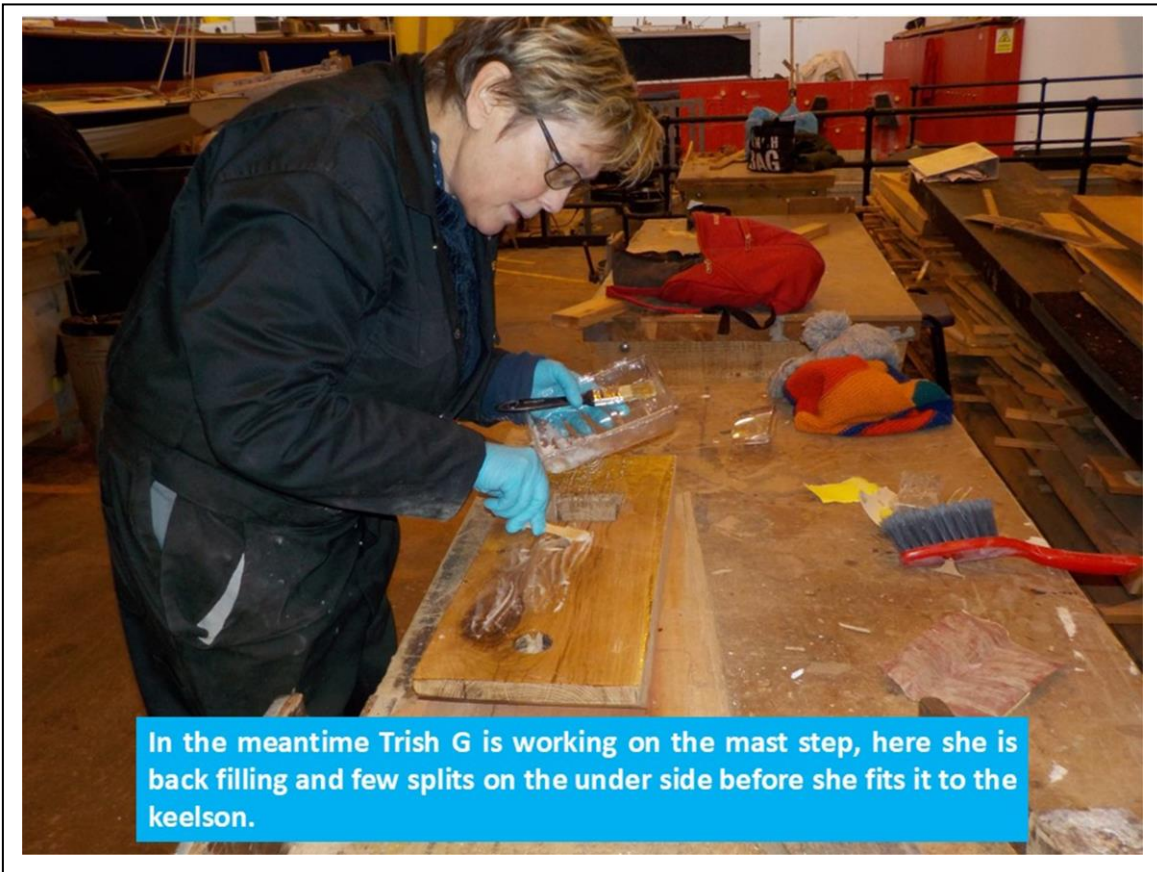
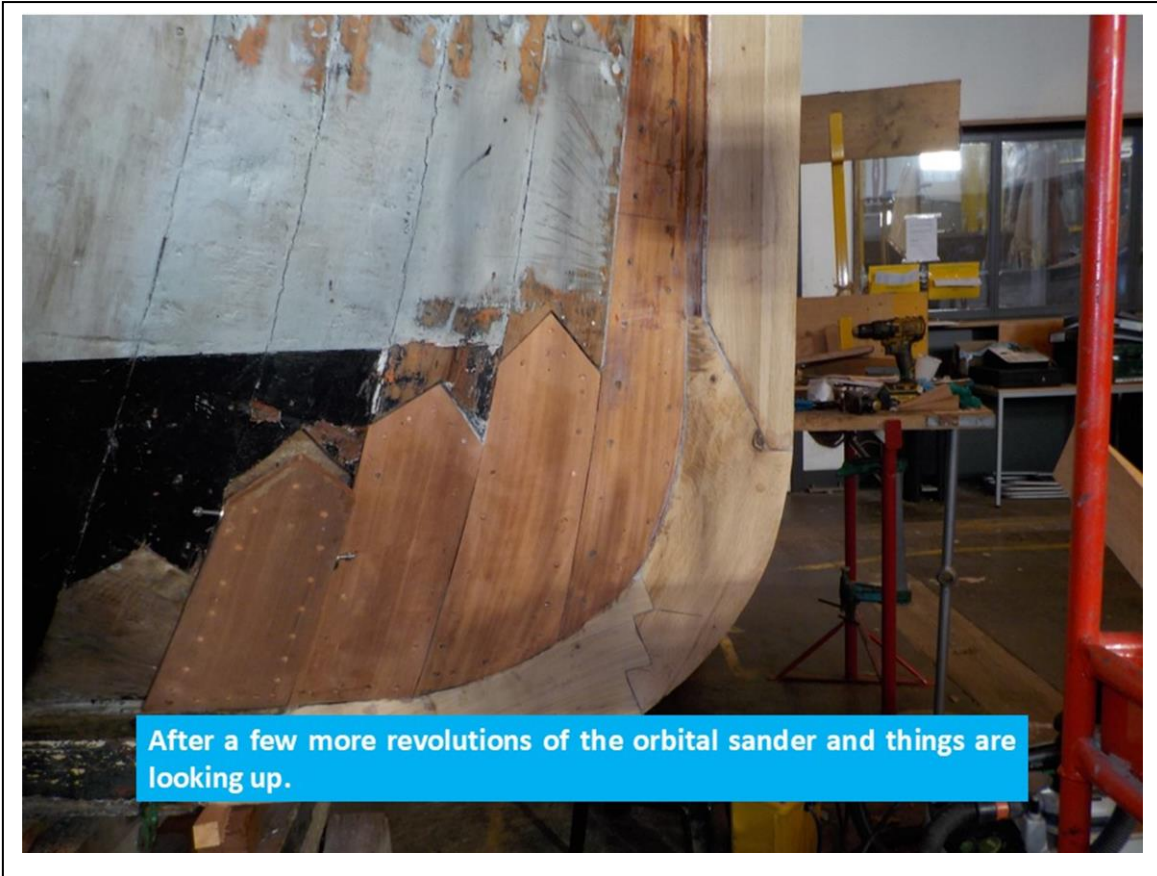






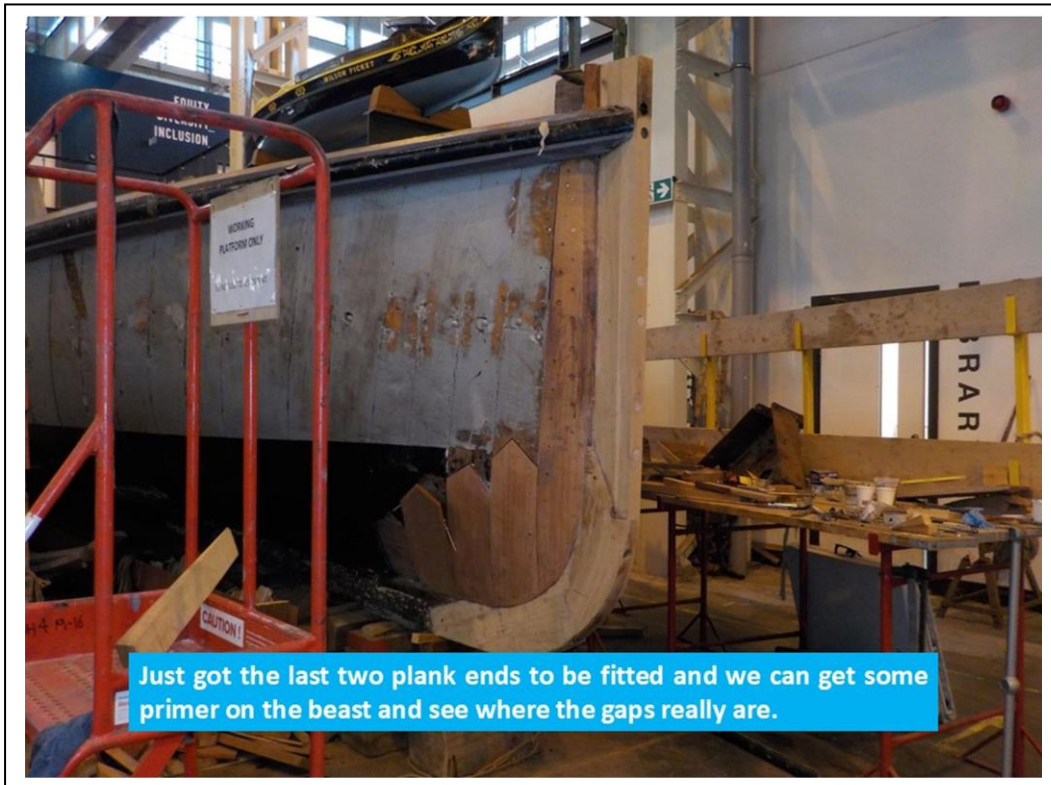








All looking good so it wont be long in the New Year that this job is finished.



Just got the last two plank ends to be fitted and we can get some primer on the beast and see where the gaps really are.