



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

Having refined the cardboard pattern for the skeg cutout Igor, Micky M and Fred had a look around for some suitable timber. We had two options, we could cut thin laminates and laminate insitu or we could go for a two or three section flat slab build similar to that used for the stem. We opted for the second using two slabs built flat about the center line. We had some thick timber, but it was quite badly twisted so machining was a bit tricky. We cut and machined two matching sections for the propeller cutout repair. These were dry fitted but it was decided that we needed to have a thinner mid section to make up the full width of the skeg as modified in the 1930's. The three sections were dry fitted to check positioning and establish a fixing regime. Trish did more work on the waterline using the laser level, tape and a skill knife to scribe the line into the paint. Roz carried on with her rudder project and Micky M and David D were working in the bilges caulking the seams and painting the after-section Brick red below the grating. John P and Keith finished off the gun platform operating grating. It proved necessary to remove the stern post completely as it had suffered some wood rot at the top. This proved a real problem, but Igor persevered and got it off. We started to make some sections for repairing it. Roz R gave her rudder a miss for a couple of days as she faired in some more seams and nail heads on both sides of the boat. John B and Keiron O worked in the bilges caulking and stopping nail holes. After quite a lot of planing and sanding we managed to glue the new section of the sternpost into place but this left us with quite a lot of fairing to get us over an earlier duff move with a blunt bandsaw blade. Micky M fitted all of the mini knees onto the belaying pin racks. Trish G managed to knock out a section of concrete repair circa 2013 so we could measure the length of the new keel-bolts. Igor and Fred managed a dry ft of the repaired stern-post. Roz R started to fit some graving pieces in the hull and Ivan finished fitting the mini knees for the wash board planking. We dry fitted the repaired stern-post and drilled through ready to fit finally.

















































































































