

# Cyclops restoration programme October 2025

## A summary of the work carried out in the Month of Oct. 2025

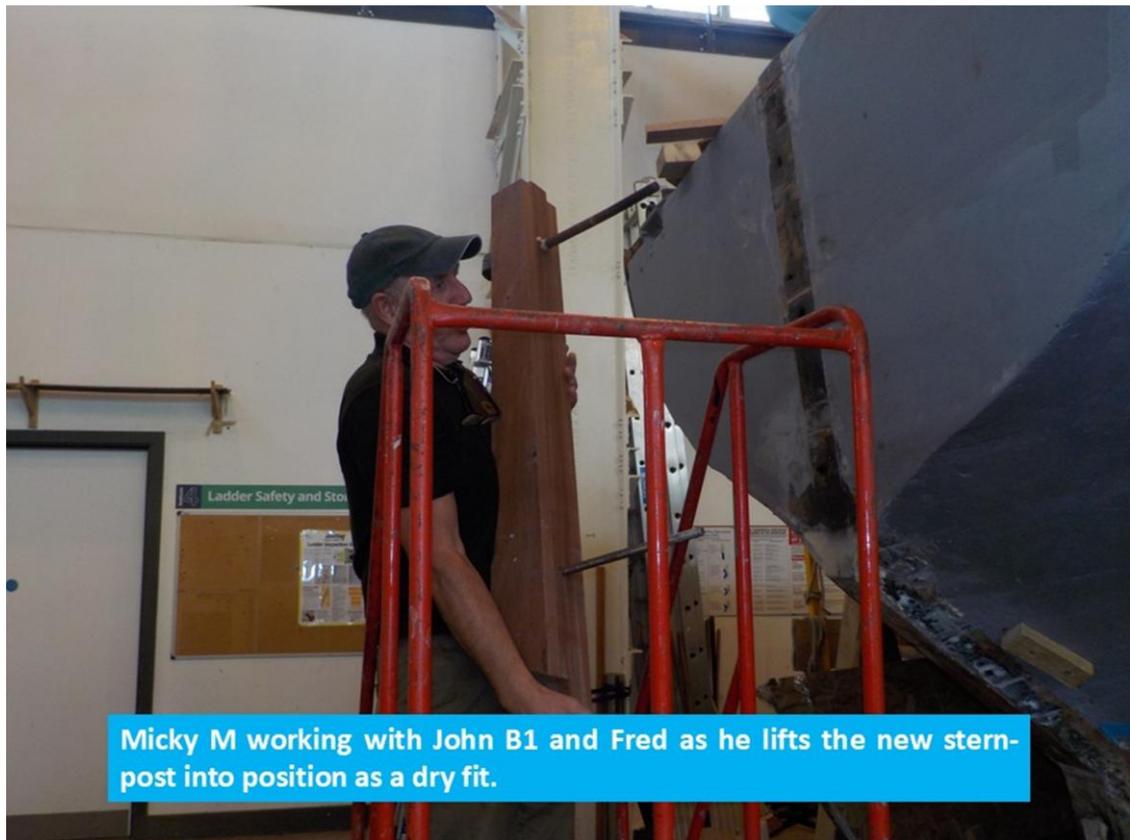
Fred, Micky M and John B1 dry fitted the new stern-post following some fettling and hole drilling, they also dry fitted the new propeller cut-out to see how the two came together. Roz R and David D finished the main patch of tingle inside Port forward leaving just one smaller panel left to be done. Trish G made a start on cleaning and painting the forepeak ready to fit the gratings. Ivan has nearly completed stopping all the redundant nail/ bolt holes throughout the bilges. The acid test will come later when Cylops's is put afloat!! Ian F, Peter F, Keiron O and John B2 did the full fitting of our Starboard upper bilge keel, this has been on the stocks for a couple of years, so a good job well done. Roz R chipped off all the corrosion from the bronze lower Skeg Rudder support and the upper bronze stern post fitting. John B2 and Fred retrimmed the new skeg propeller cut-out and Trish G carried on stripping the loose paint from the forepeak. John P and Keith D started to fit their knees on the mast partner thwarts. Micky M steamed his starboard forward wash-board, David D fitted the last five internal tingles ready for final fit. Fred took up the plane and had a go at trimming off surplus timber from the new propeller cut-out section and did a dry fit to check progress. Igor made two inserts for his aft keel section to blank out the bolt slots. John B2 and Keiron O, nailed and roved David D's latest tingle boards in place, Igor and Fred prepared Igor's keel repair section for fitting by drilling new through bolt holes. Roz R, Fred and Peter F, spent time painting the bilges red so that the boat would be ready to fit the closing boards in preparation for the sole boards. Igor carried on with his keel repair, Micky M and John B1 trimmed the starboard wash-board and fitted it into a steaming bag to be able to take out some of the spring. Roz R and Trish G started work on the next two sets of wash-board sections and David D and Fred finalized the last internal forward tingles. Peter F carried on with the stern-post bolt reinforcement, Roz R carried on painting the bilges red gradually moving forward. Ivan W and Fred had a go at fitting the Port wash-board with temporary screws into the stem. Igor continued with the keel and skeg repairs. Roz R steamed her section of wash-board to take up a gentle curve. Micky M and John B worked on the starboard forward Wash-board. Roz R cut her first half of a rowlock chock poppet recess. Fred and John B2 fitted the new stern-post and Ivan w carried on with cutting the wedge inserts for the Forward wash-board ends. John P and Keith D were fitting some more thwart knees with the help of Keiron O. Micky M removed the forward section of wash-board with Fred. And marked out the half section poppet recess and later cut it out using the bevel guides. Roz R and Trish G both cut out their sections of wash-board as the first matching pair.

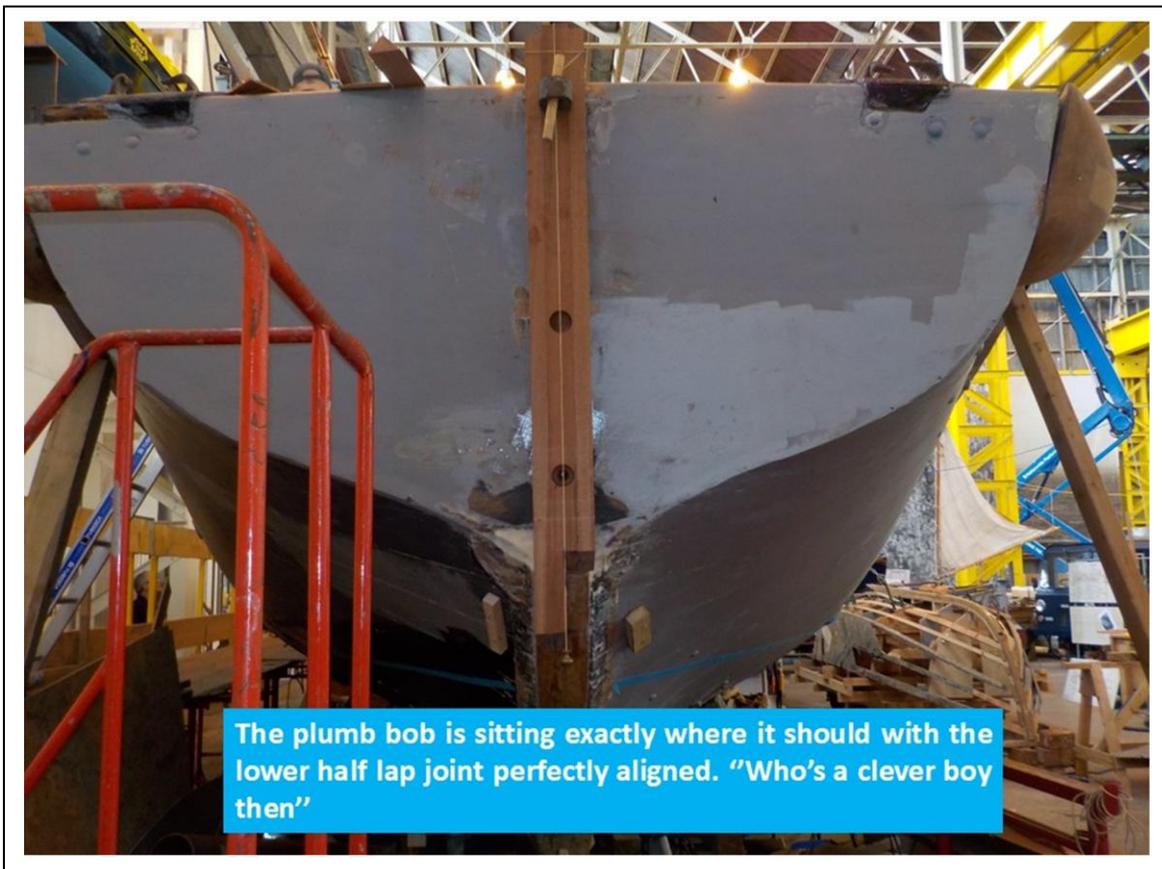


Micky M is planing down the bevel on the lower edge of the port forward wash-board

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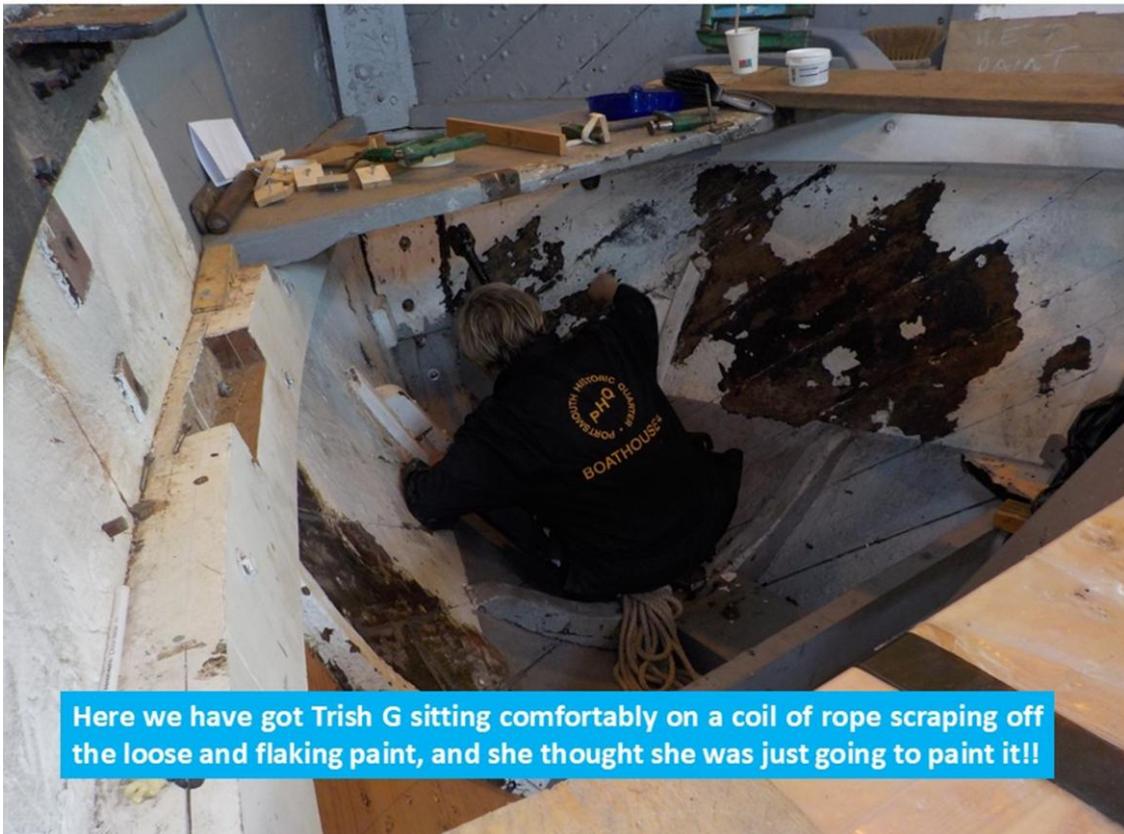
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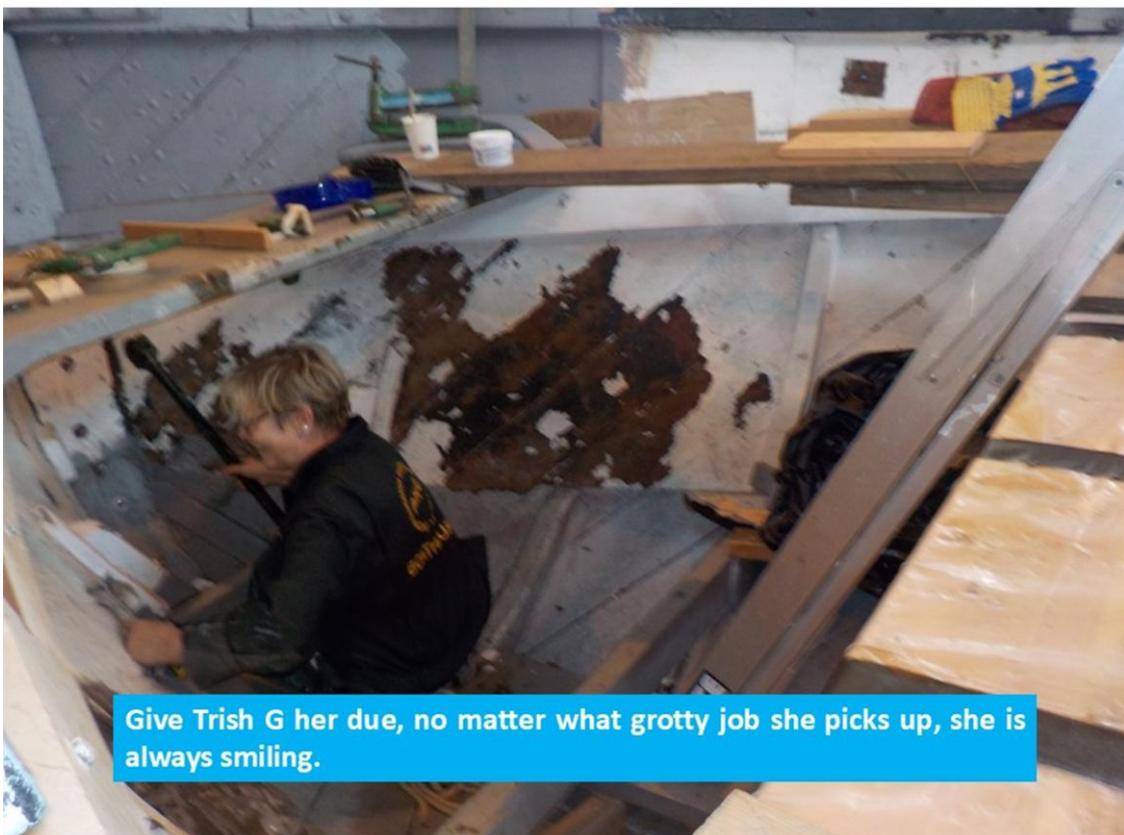


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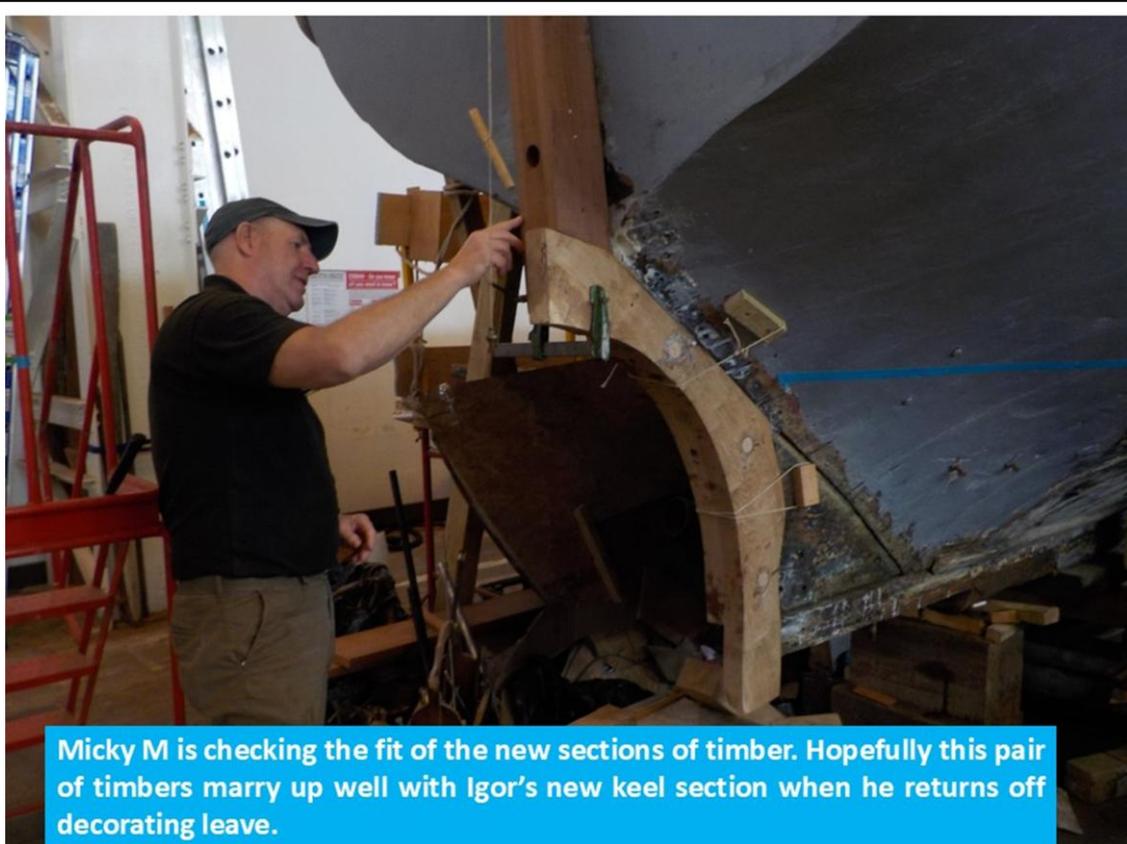
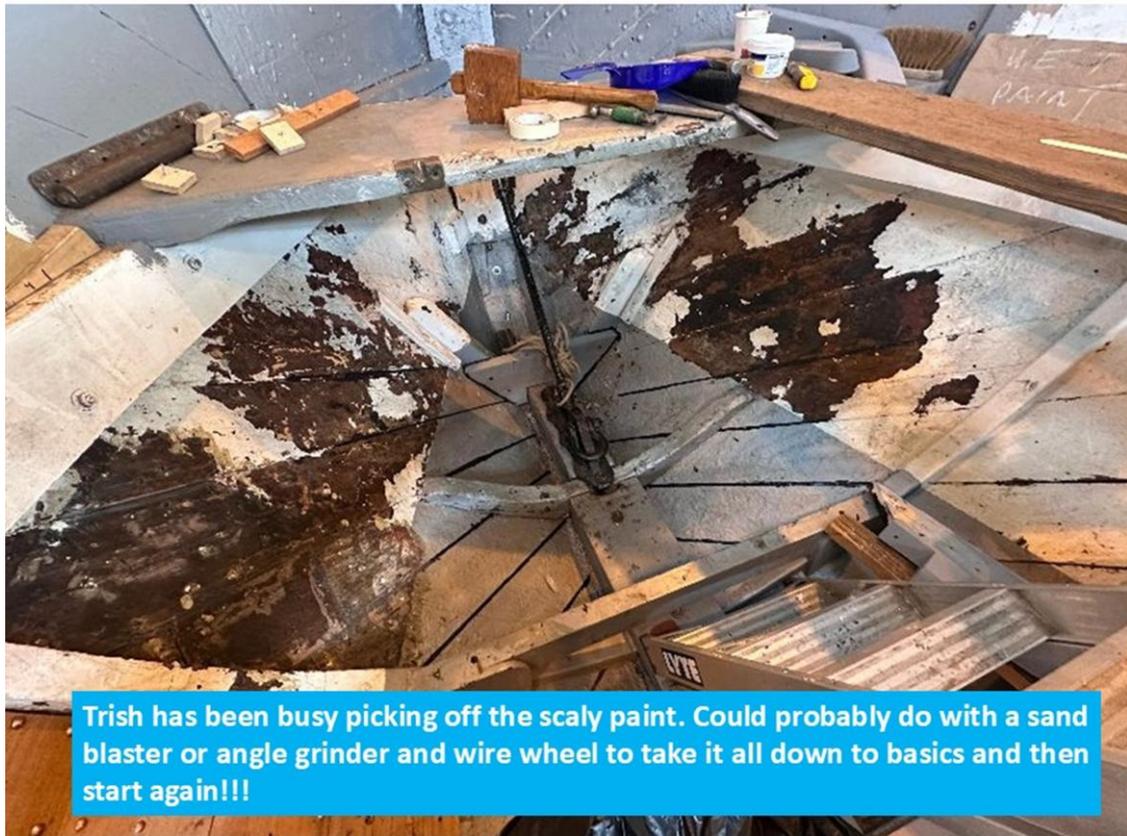
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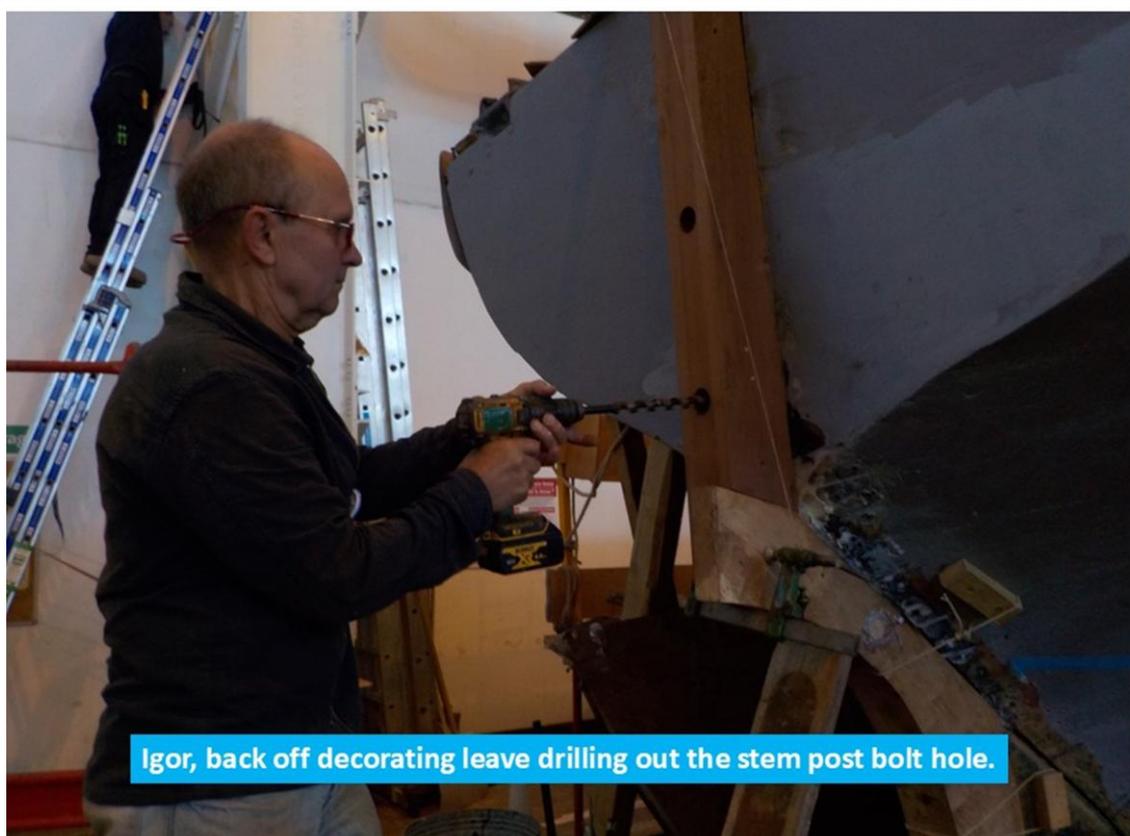
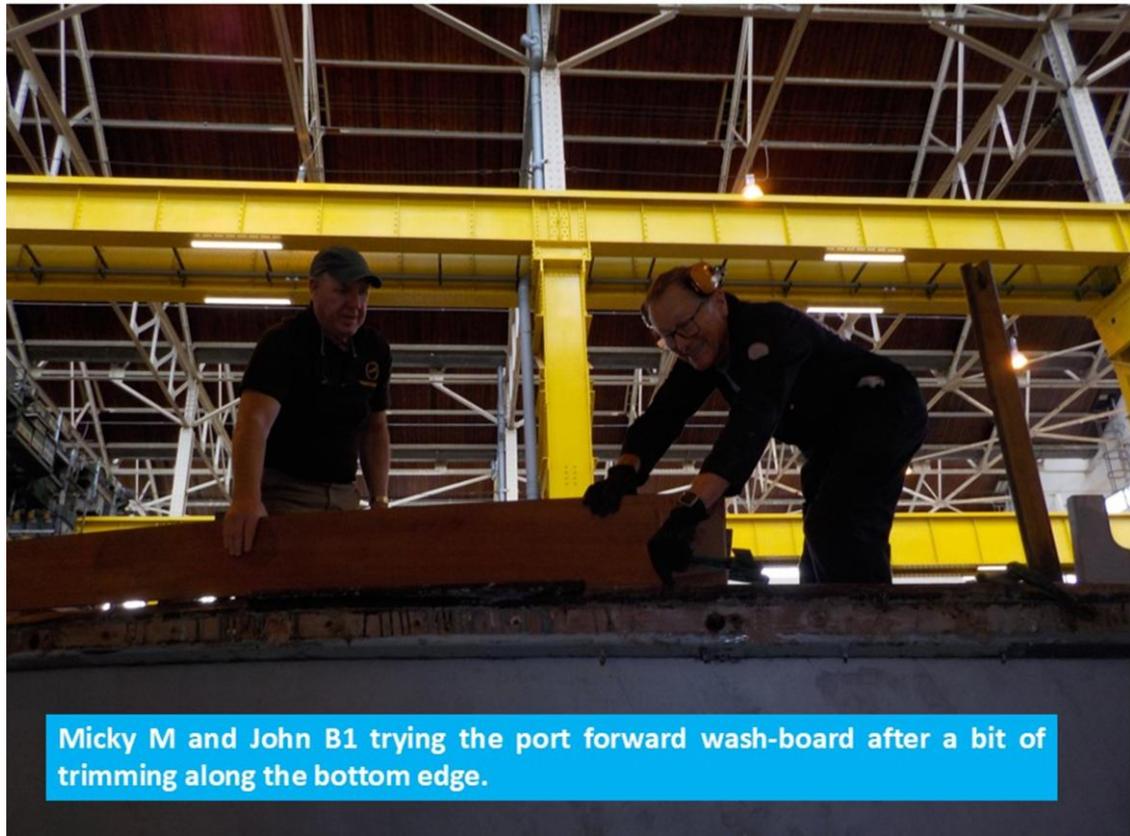


Here we have got Trish G sitting comfortably on a coil of rope scraping off the loose and flaking paint, and she thought she was just going to paint it!!



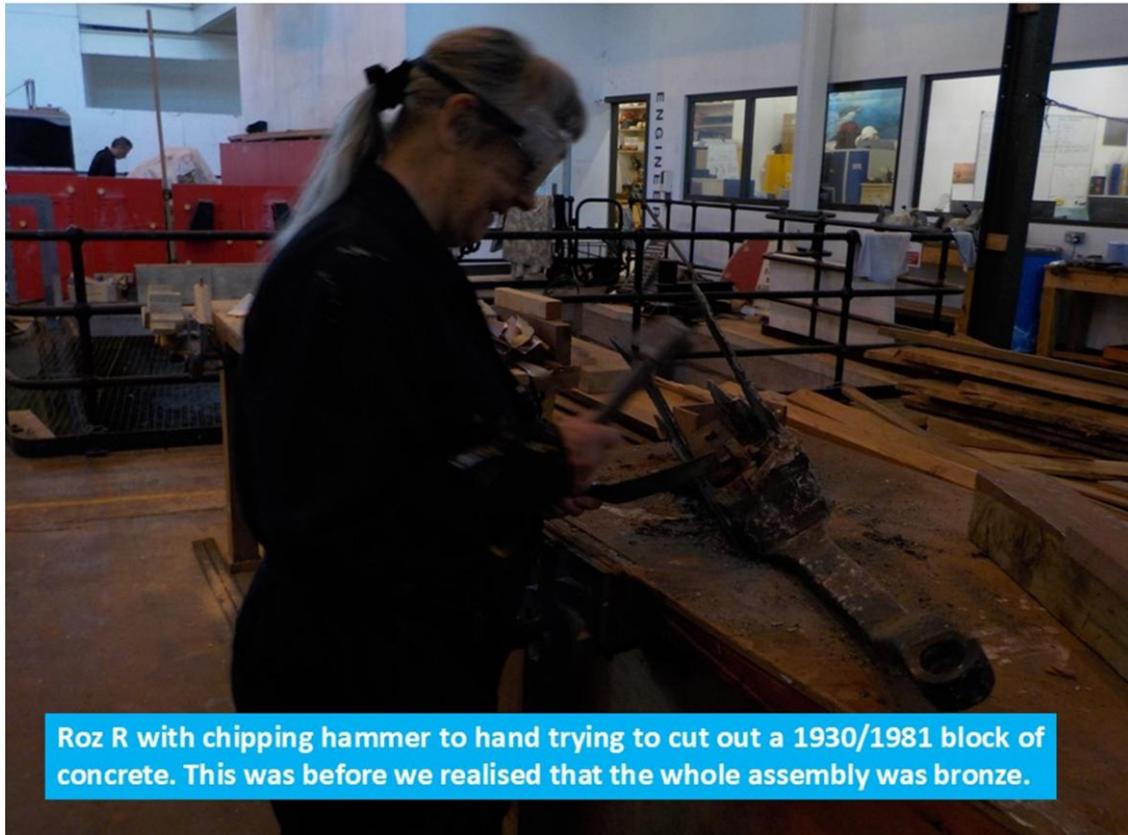
Give Trish G her due, no matter what grotty job she picks up, she is always smiling.



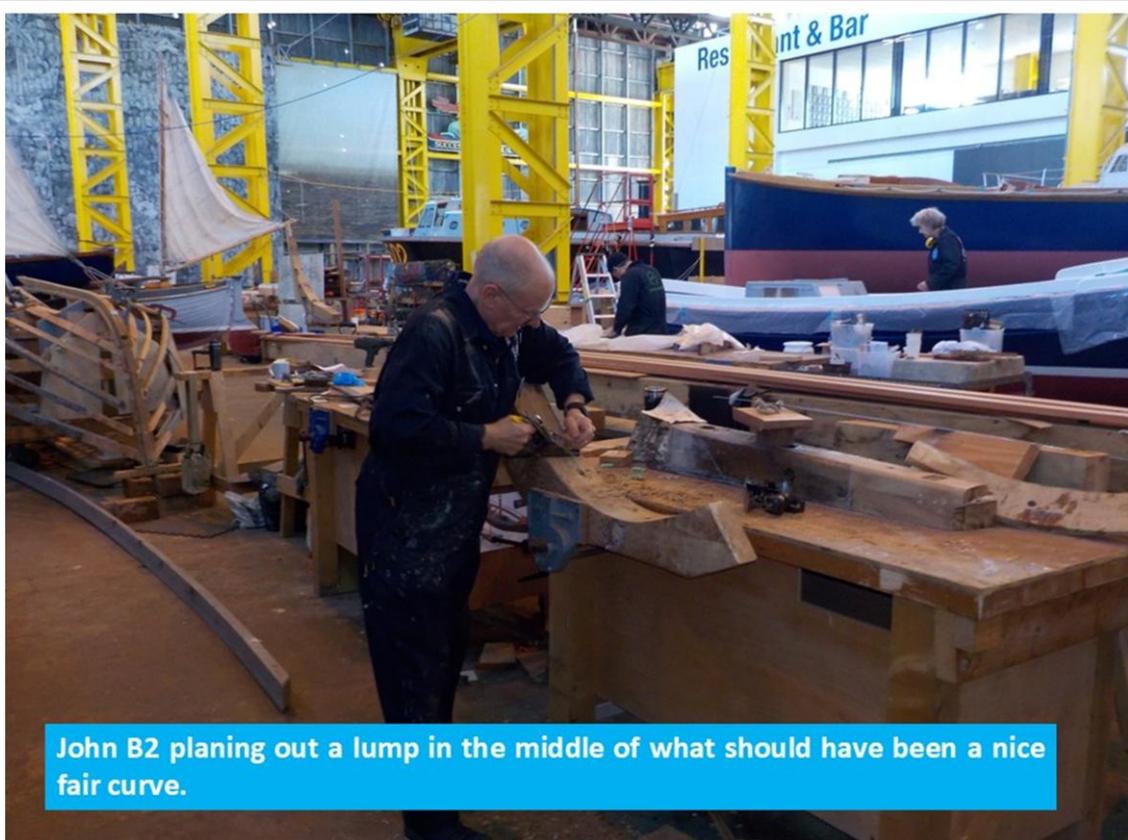


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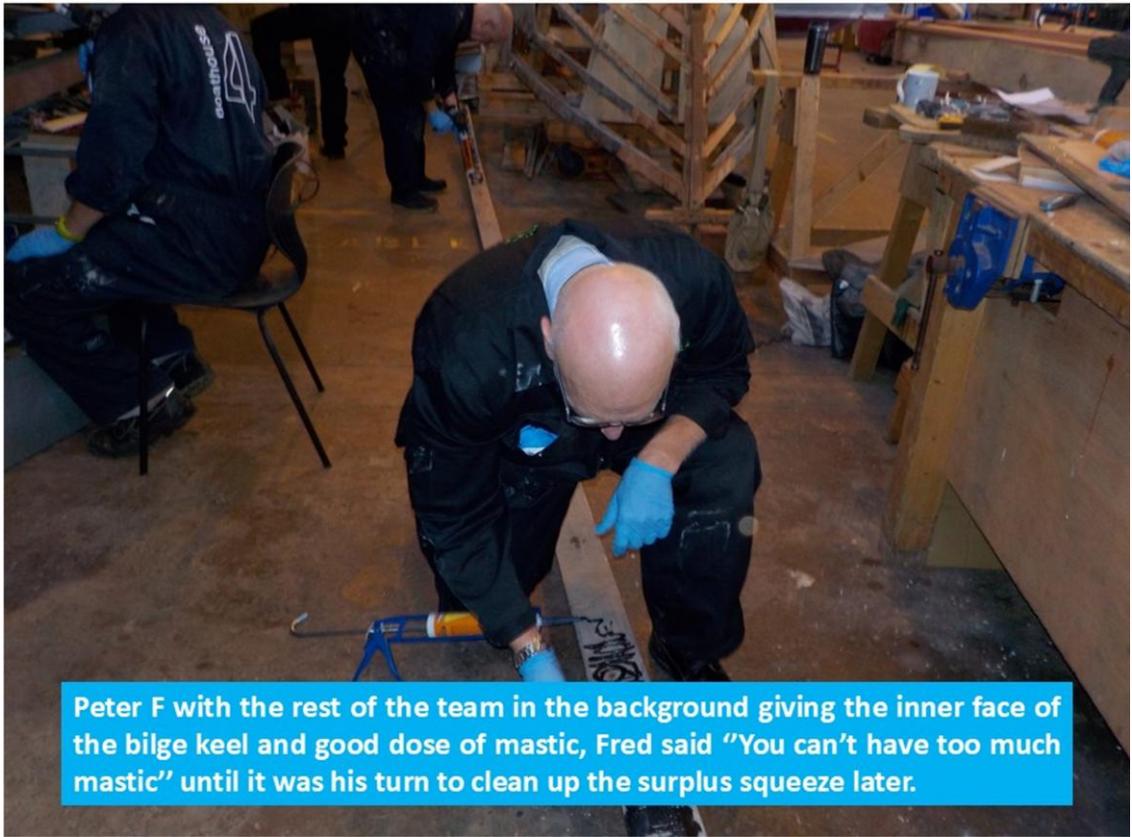
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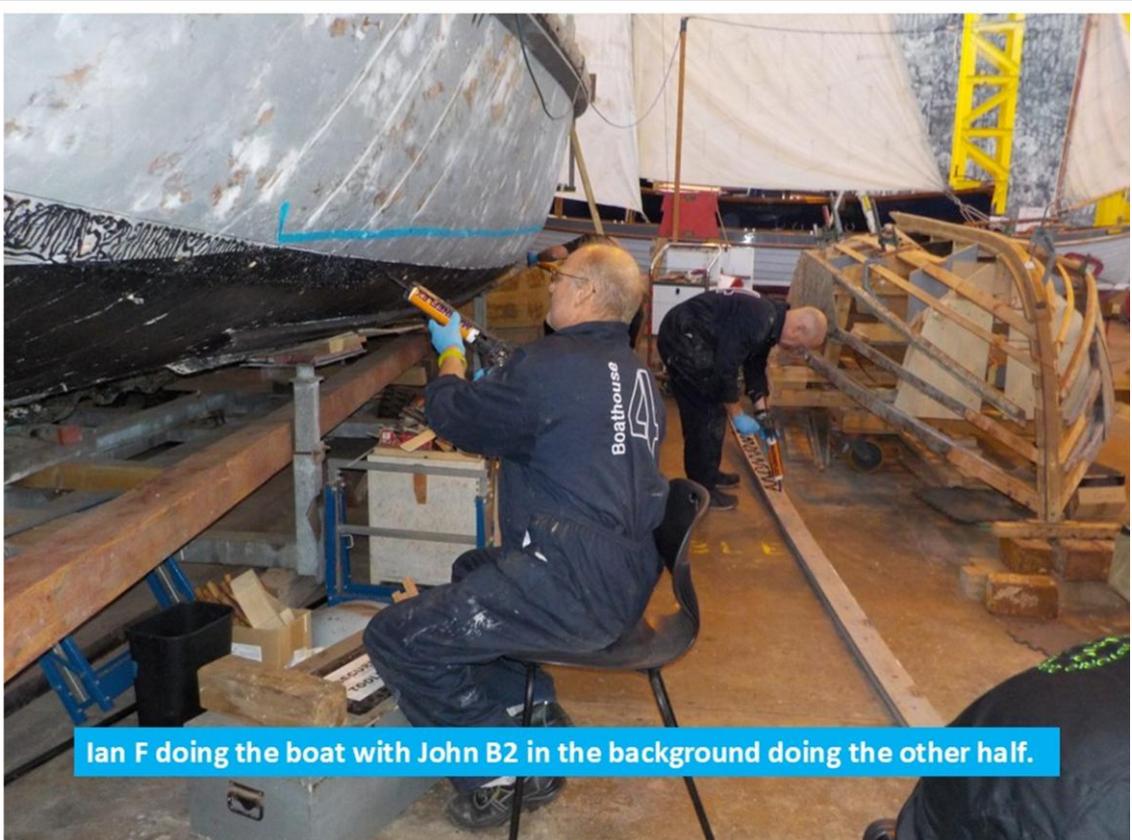
Roz R with chipping hammer to hand trying to cut out a 1930/1981 block of concrete. This was before we realised that the whole assembly was bronze.



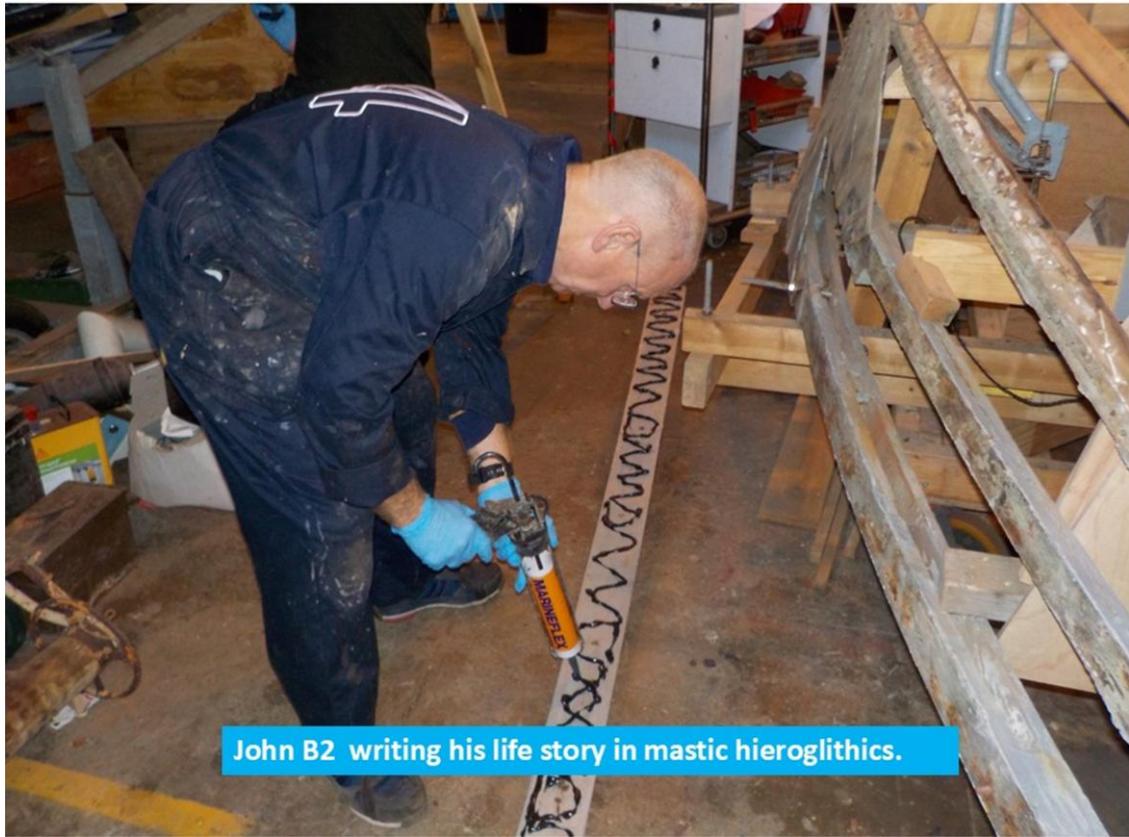
John B2 planing out a lump in the middle of what should have been a nice fair curve.



Peter F with the rest of the team in the background giving the inner face of the bilge keel and good dose of mastic, Fred said "You can't have too much mastic" until it was his turn to clean up the surplus squeeze later.



Ian F doing the boat with John B2 in the background doing the other half.



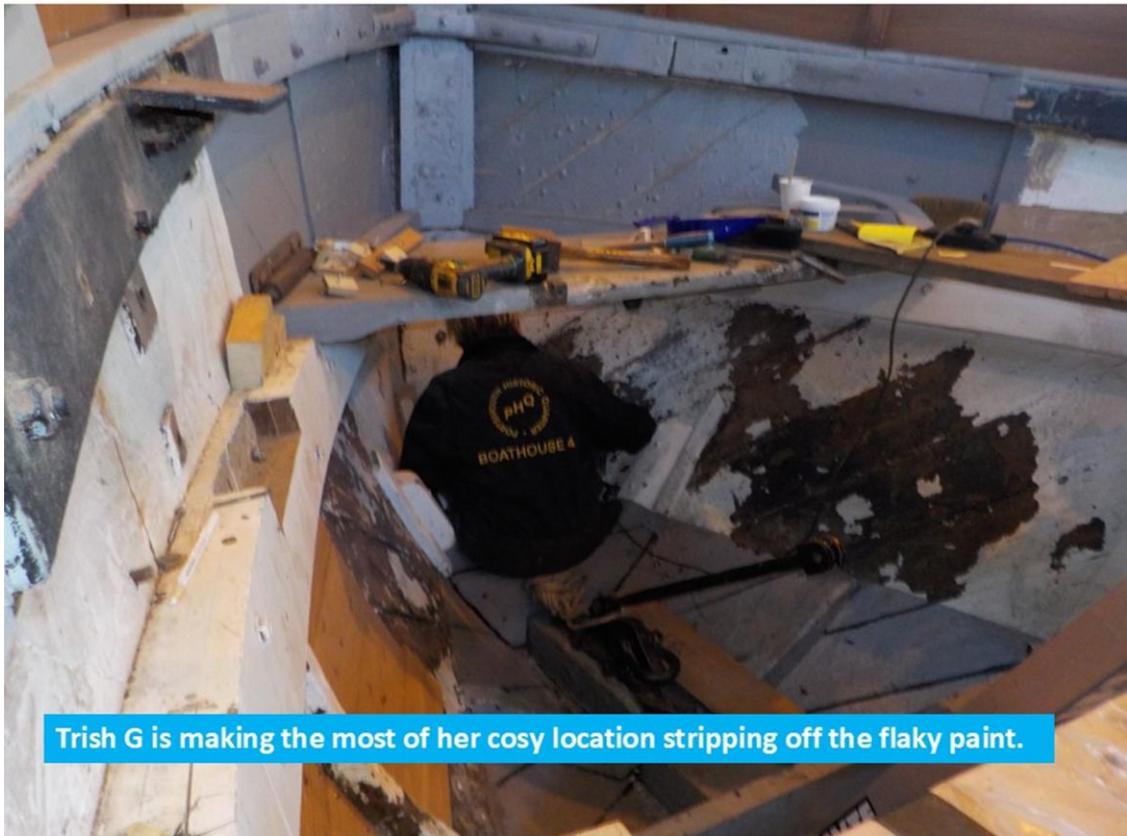
John B2 writing his life story in mastic hieroglyphics.



Igor is making a transom plug to take one of Fred's stern post bolts.

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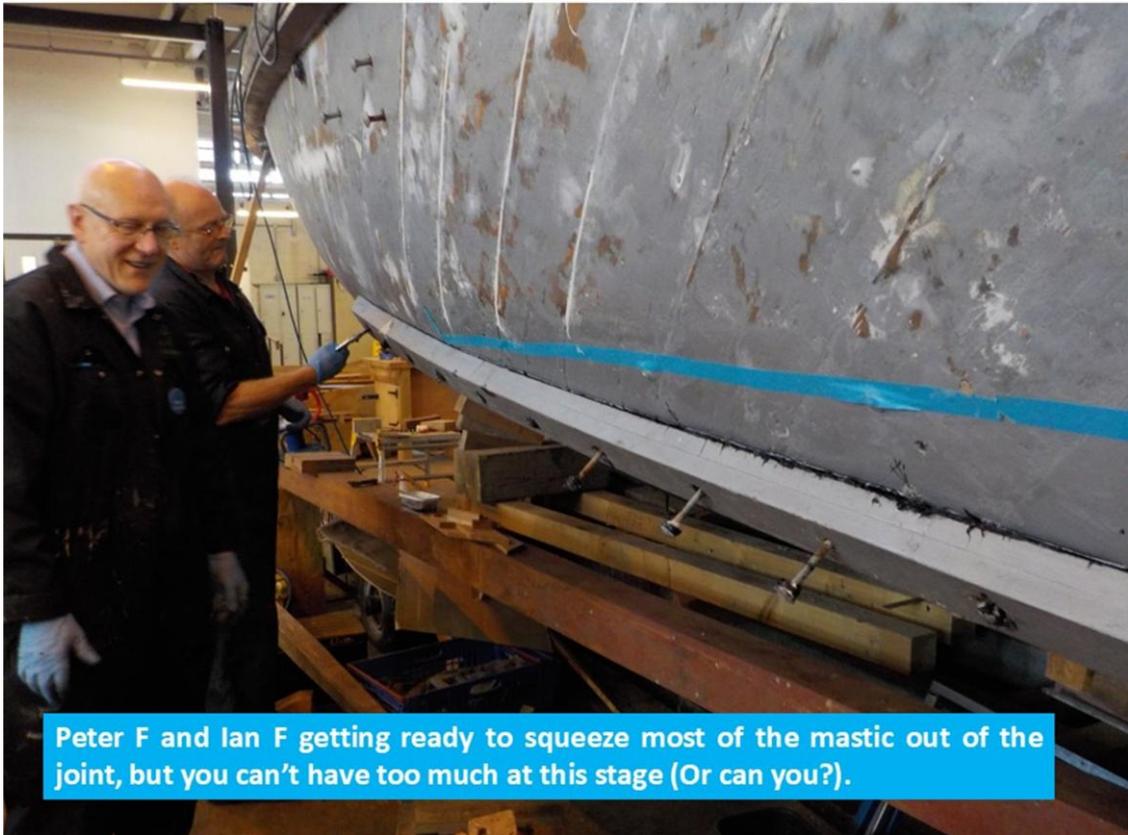
Trish G is making the most of her cosy location stripping off the flaky paint.



Ian F and John B2 getting ready with Keiron to put the sticky beast up onto the boat.

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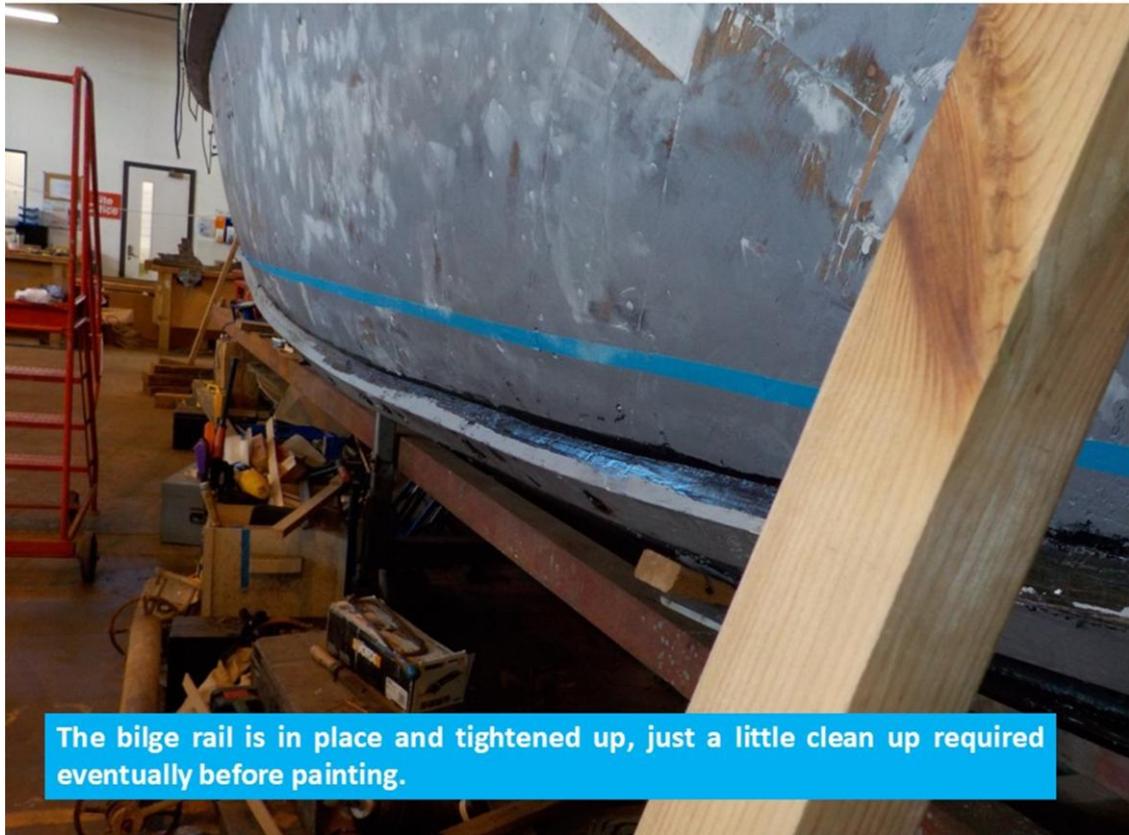
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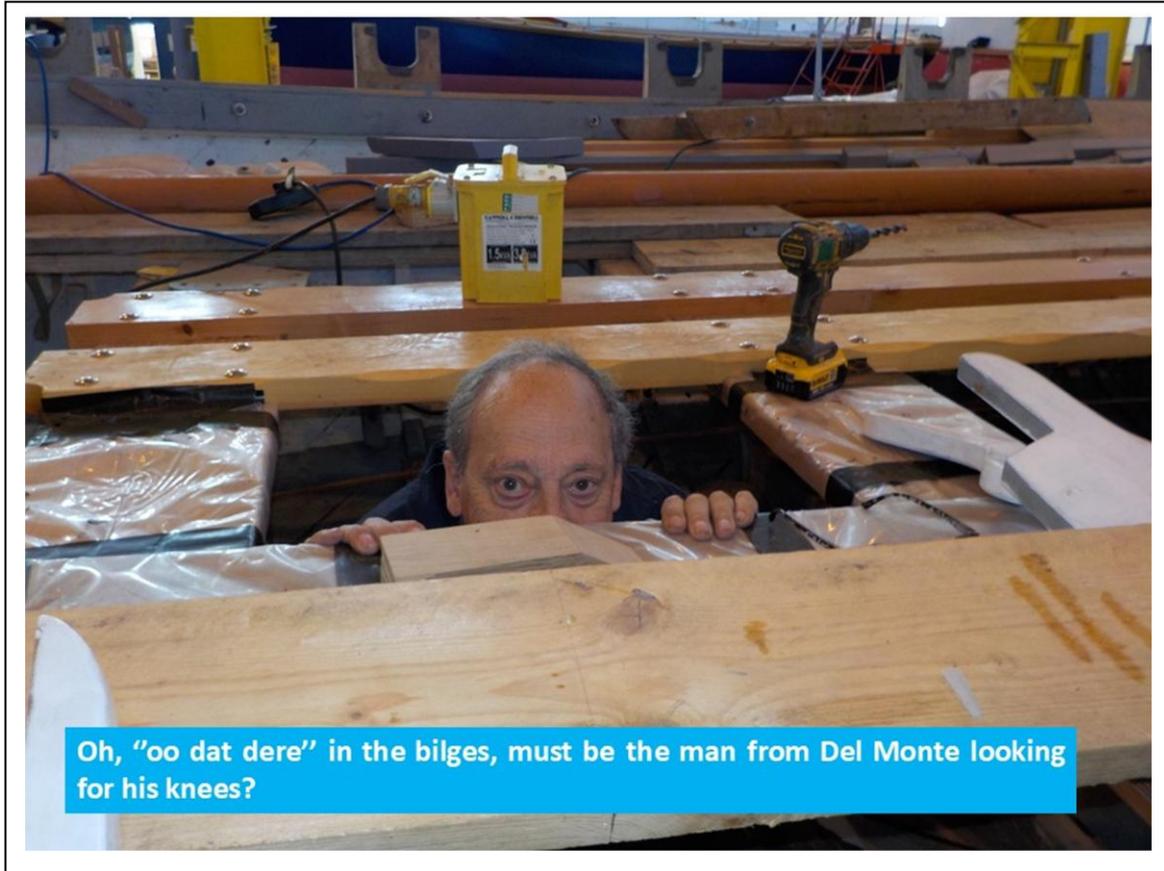


Peter F and Ian F getting ready to squeeze most of the mastic out of the joint, but you can't have too much at this stage (Or can you?).



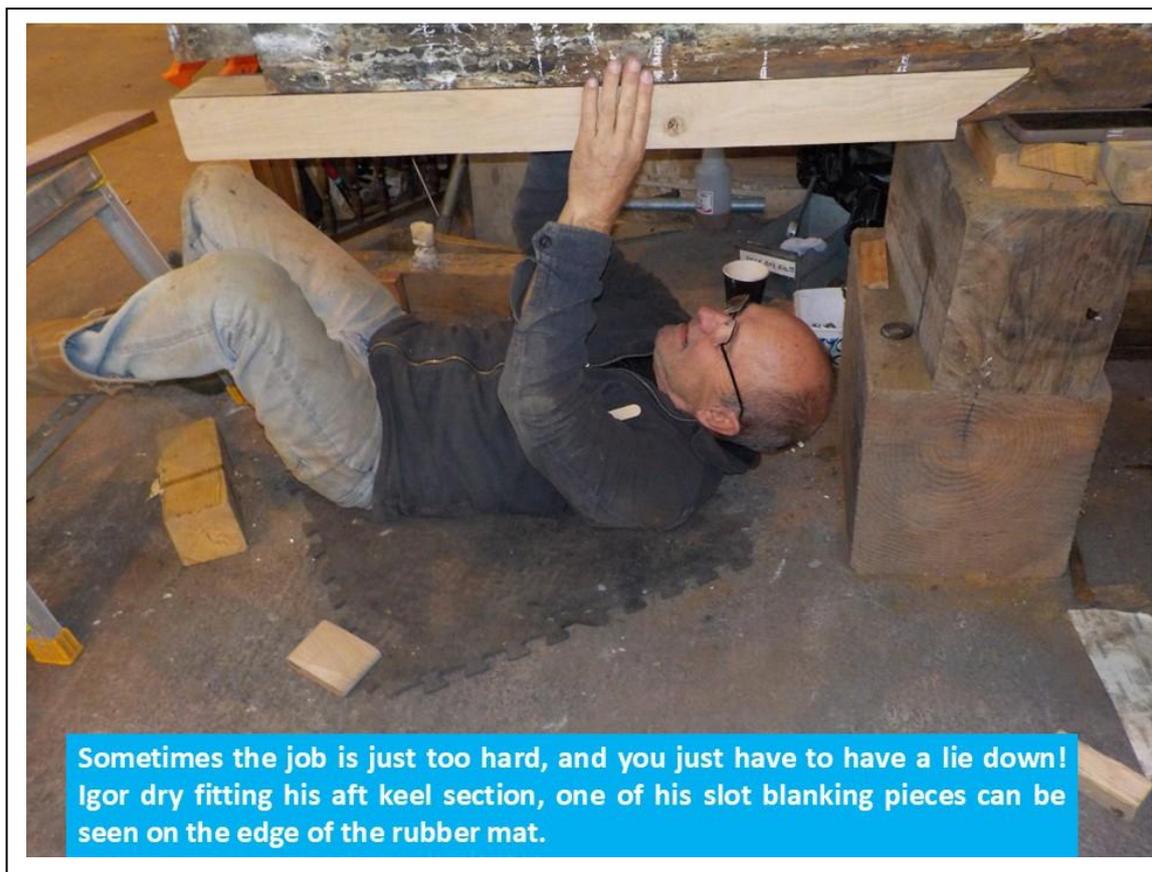
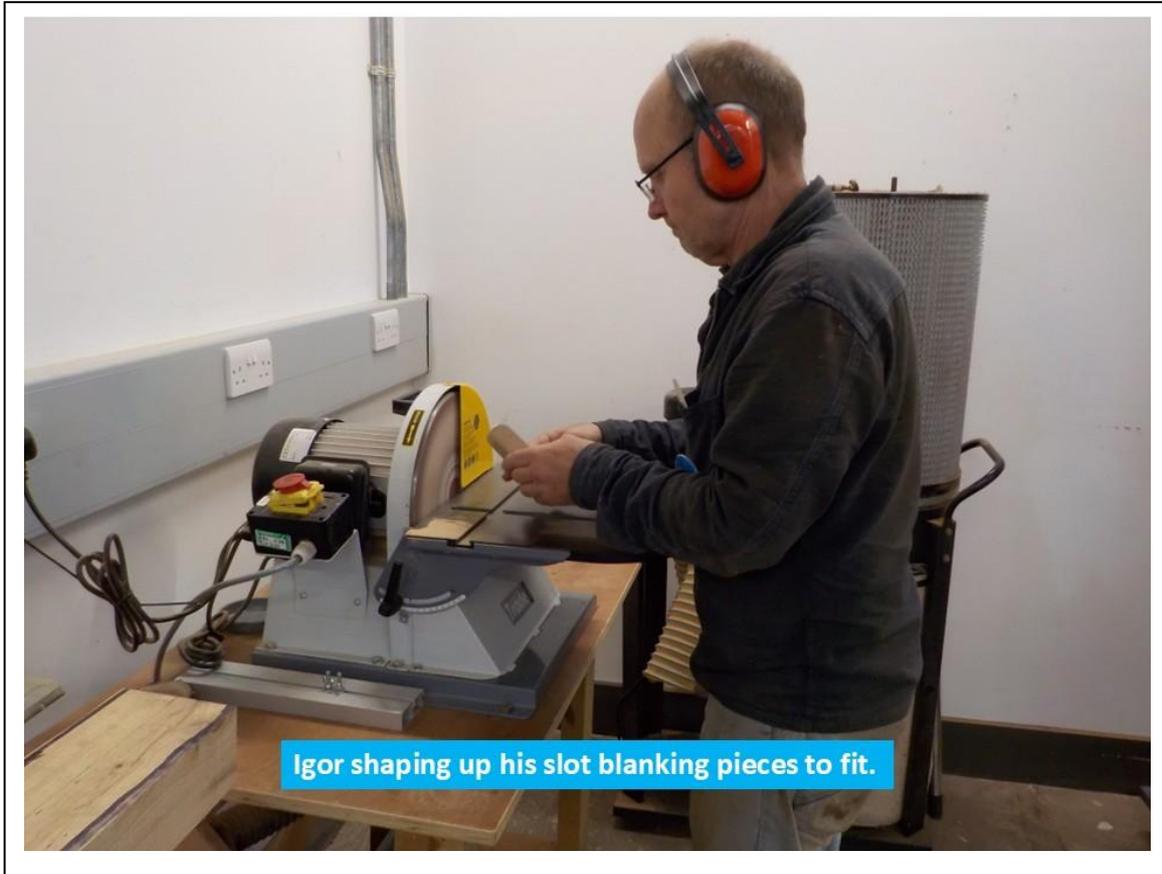
Roz R's bronze rudder support after the concrete has been sent packing.





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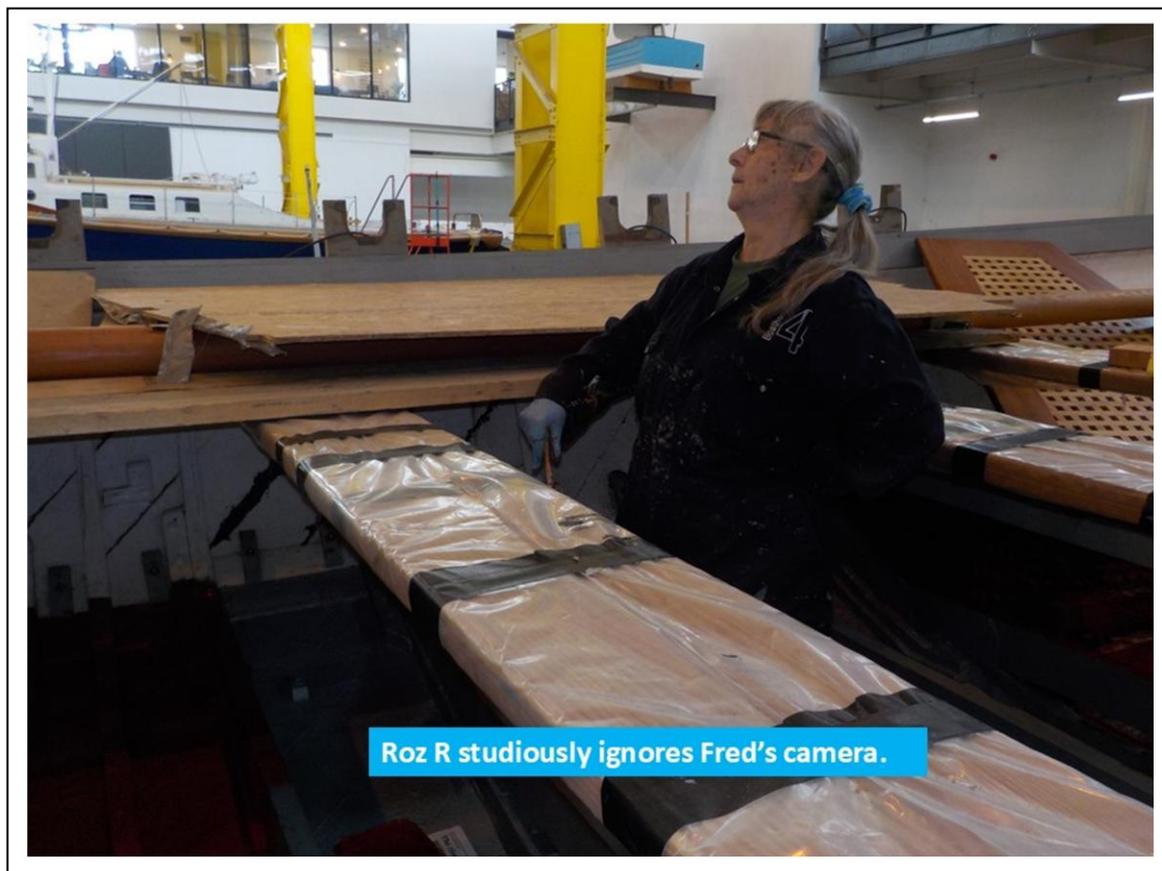
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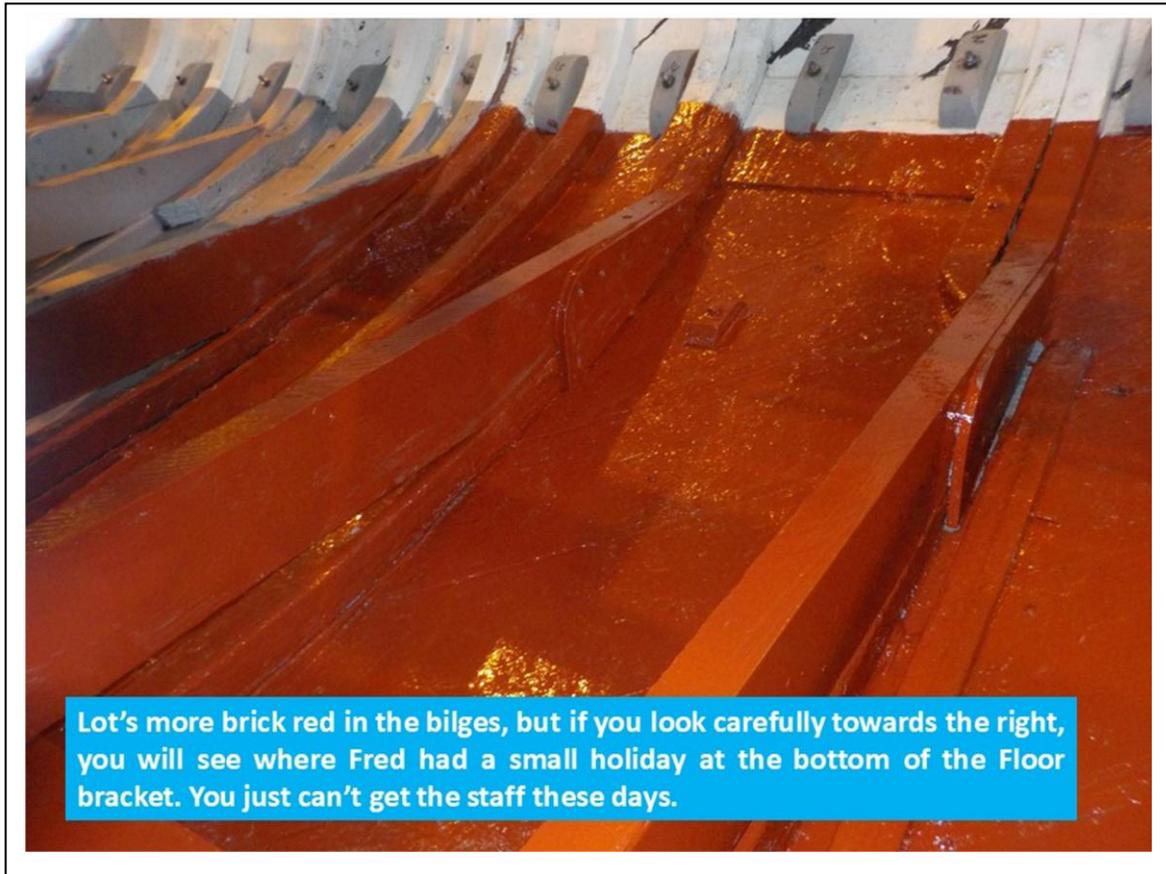
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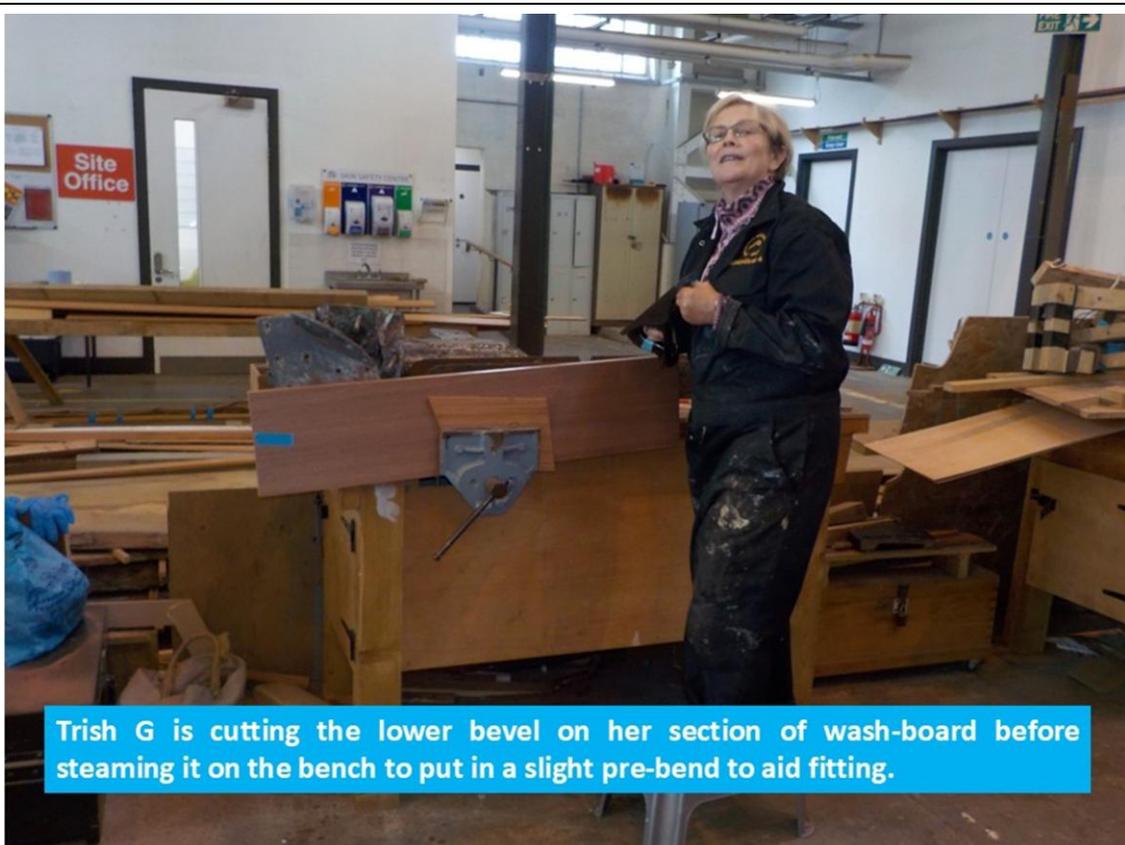
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Igor has now cleaned up the latest insert and is drilling the third hole for the keel bolt.



Trish G is cutting the lower bevel on her section of wash-board before steaming it on the bench to put in a slight pre-bend to aid fitting.

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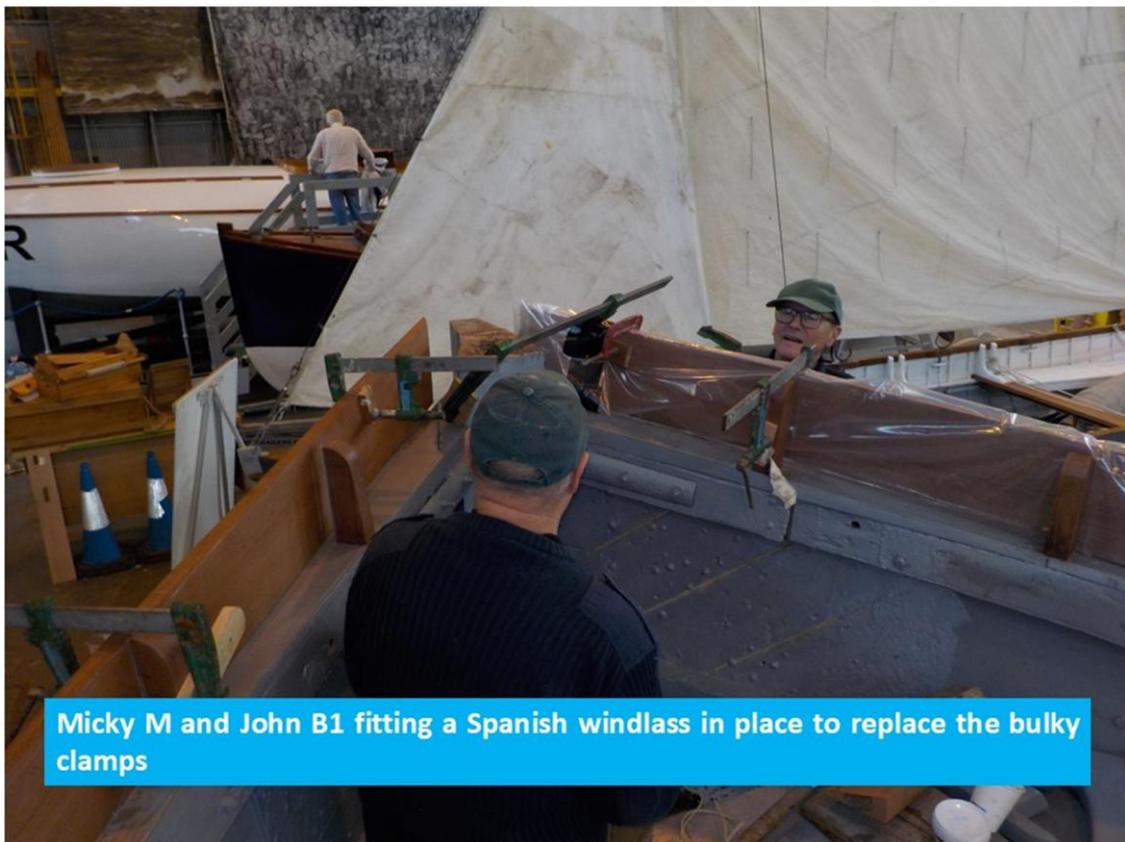
Here Trish G has bagged up the plank and raised each end ready to steam and clamp down the middle to give it a curve. The final offset is only about 6mm over the full length.



John B1 and Micky M having bagged up the forward wash-board ready to steam and curve into position.

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Micky M and John B1 fitting a Spanish windlass in place to replace the bulky clamps



David D putting some more holes into the hull so he can fit some glued dowels to fill the small clamping bolt holes.

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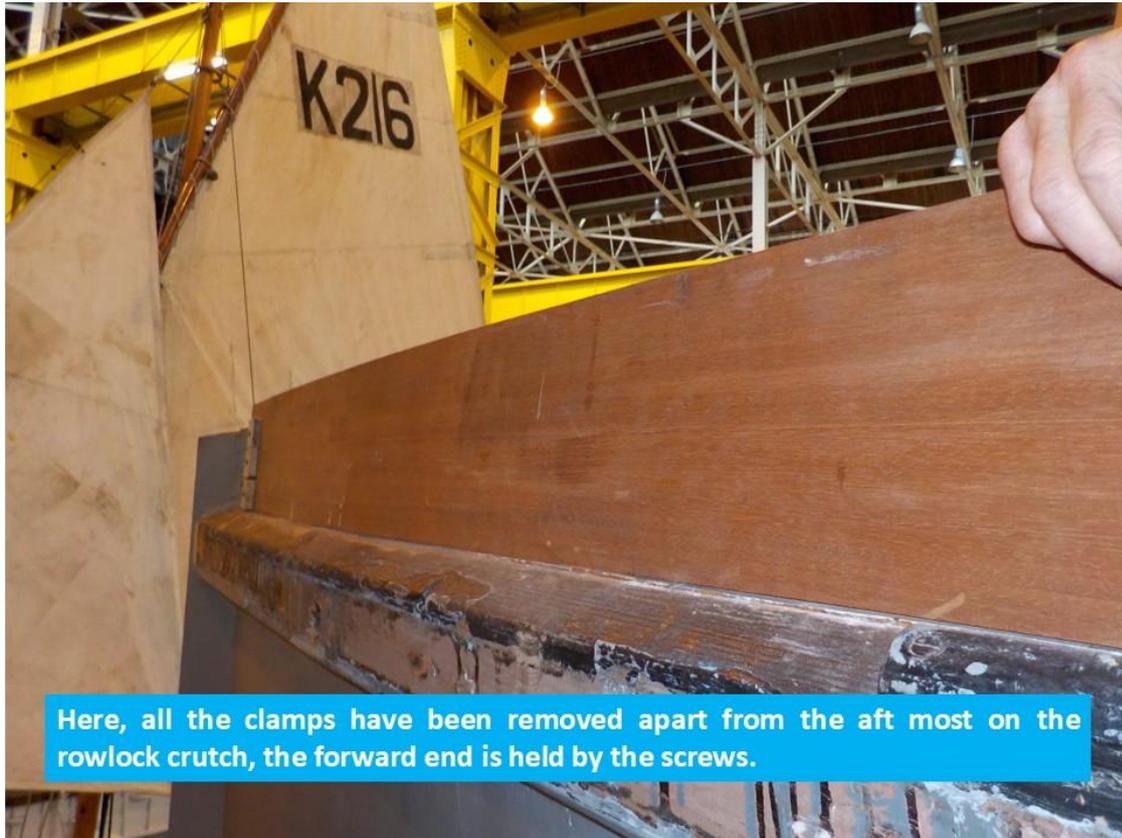
Down Aft we found that we needed another bolt in place to tighten up the new keel section. Here we have fitted a retained nut in the skeg with the bolthole drilled right through.



Up forward the port washboard is nearing the right place by using a Spanish windlass. Once this is in place we will drill pilot holes to take three temporary construction screws to hold it in place.

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Here, all the clamps have been removed apart from the aft most on the rowlock crutch, the forward end is held by the screws.



Ivan W checking the integrity of the fit by putting all his weight onto it, brave man who has absolute trust in his abilities.

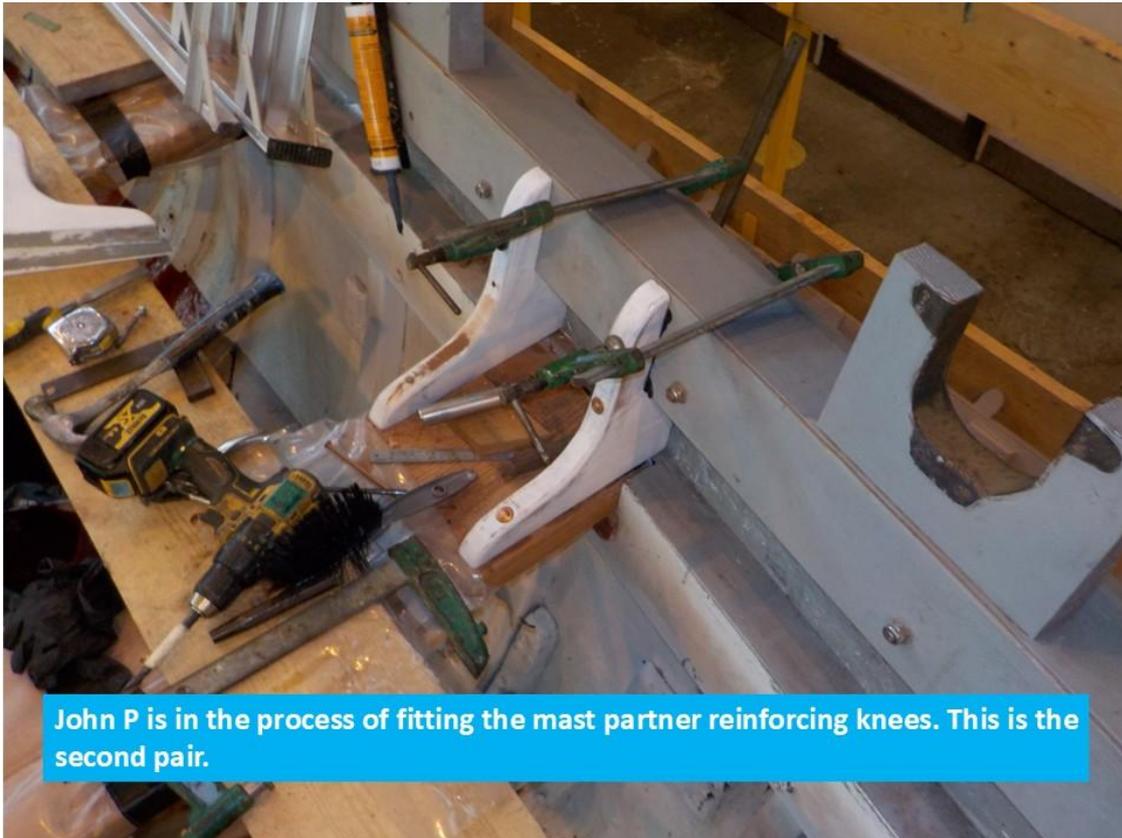
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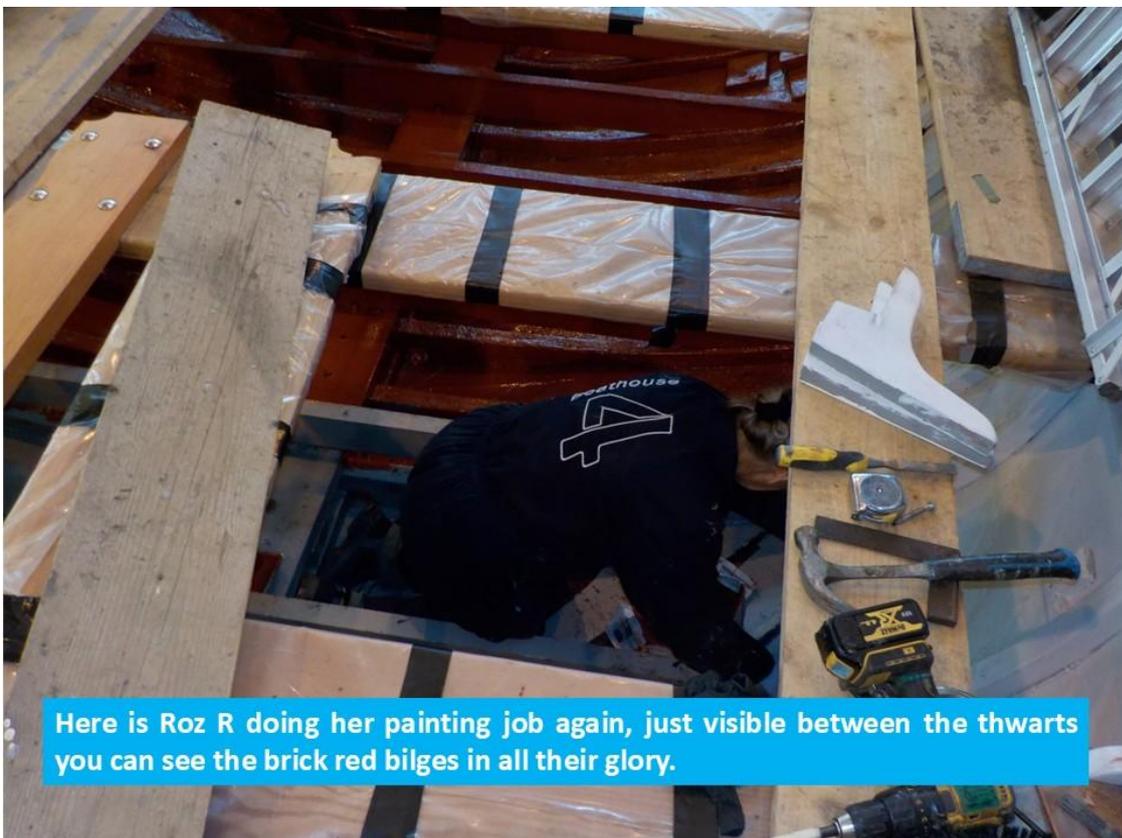


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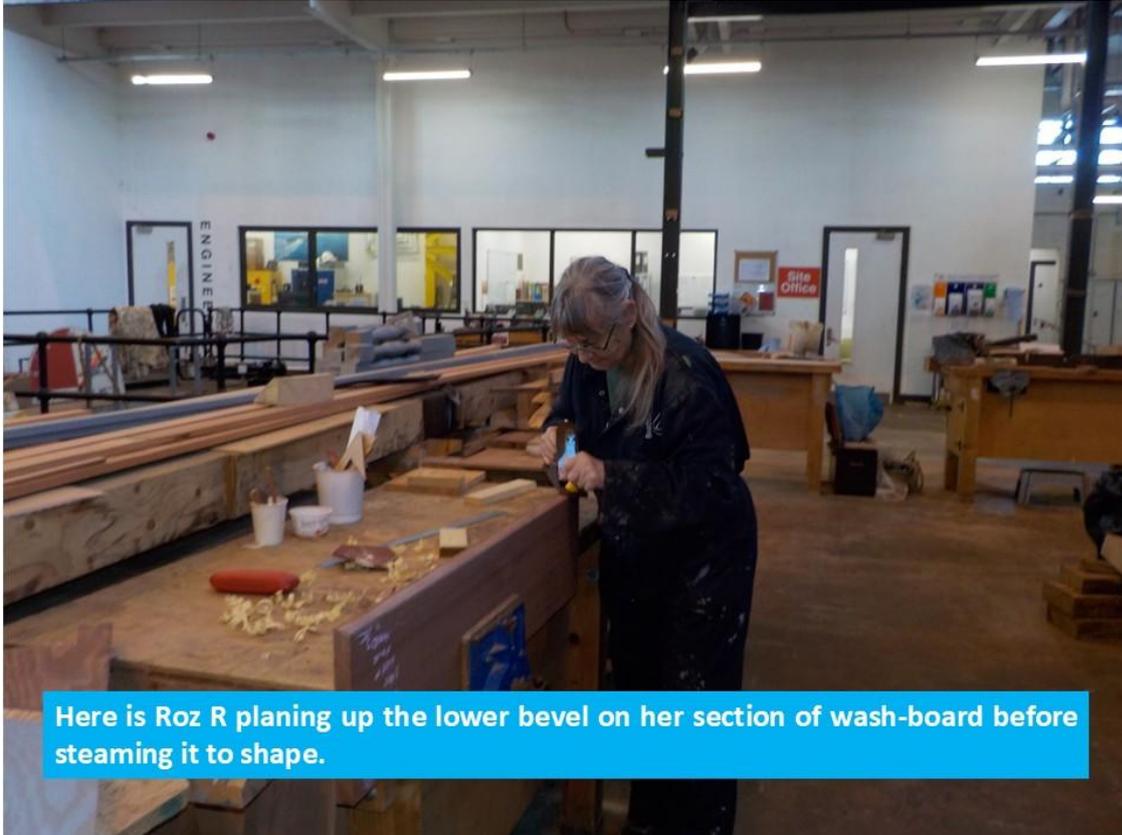
John P is in the process of fitting the mast partner reinforcing knees. This is the second pair.



Here is Roz R doing her painting job again, just visible between the thwarts you can see the brick red bilges in all their glory.

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Here is Roz R planing up the lower bevel on her section of wash-board before steaming it to shape.



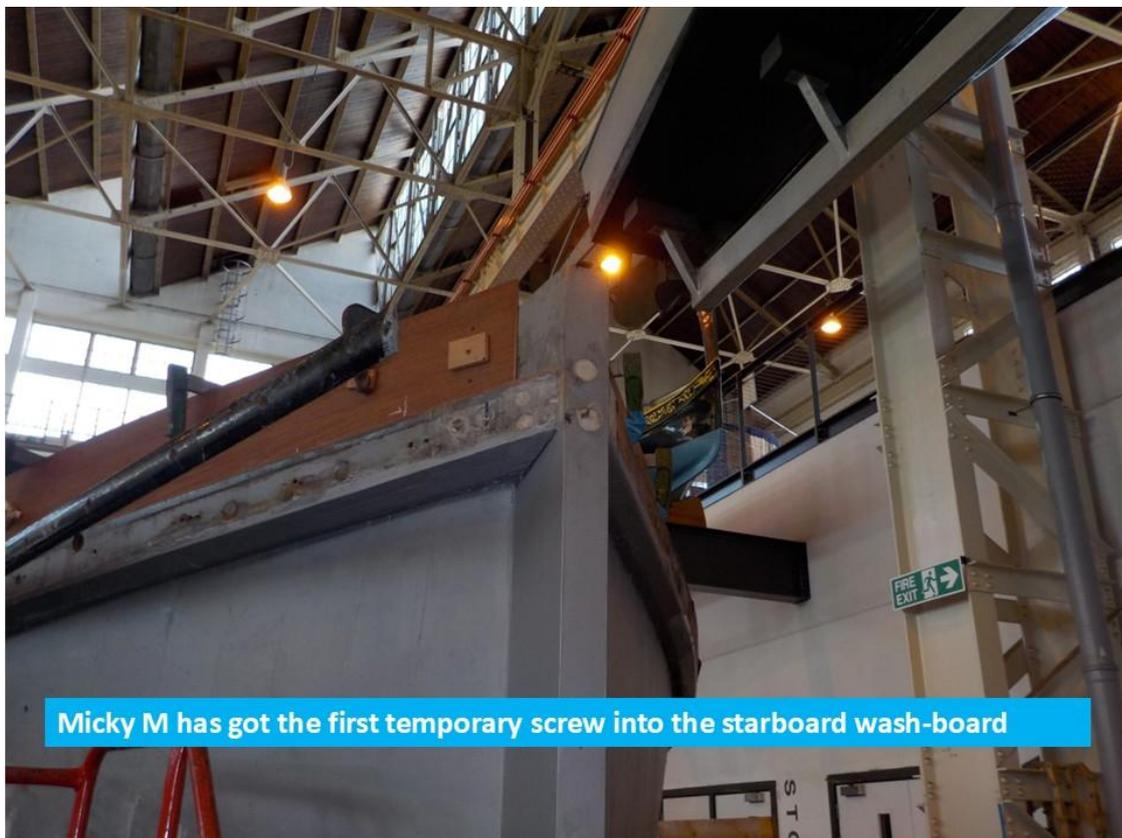
Igor is cleaning up the gap in the joint between the keel and the skag before gluing, we found that with three bolts the gap closed back enough not to need the filler piece.

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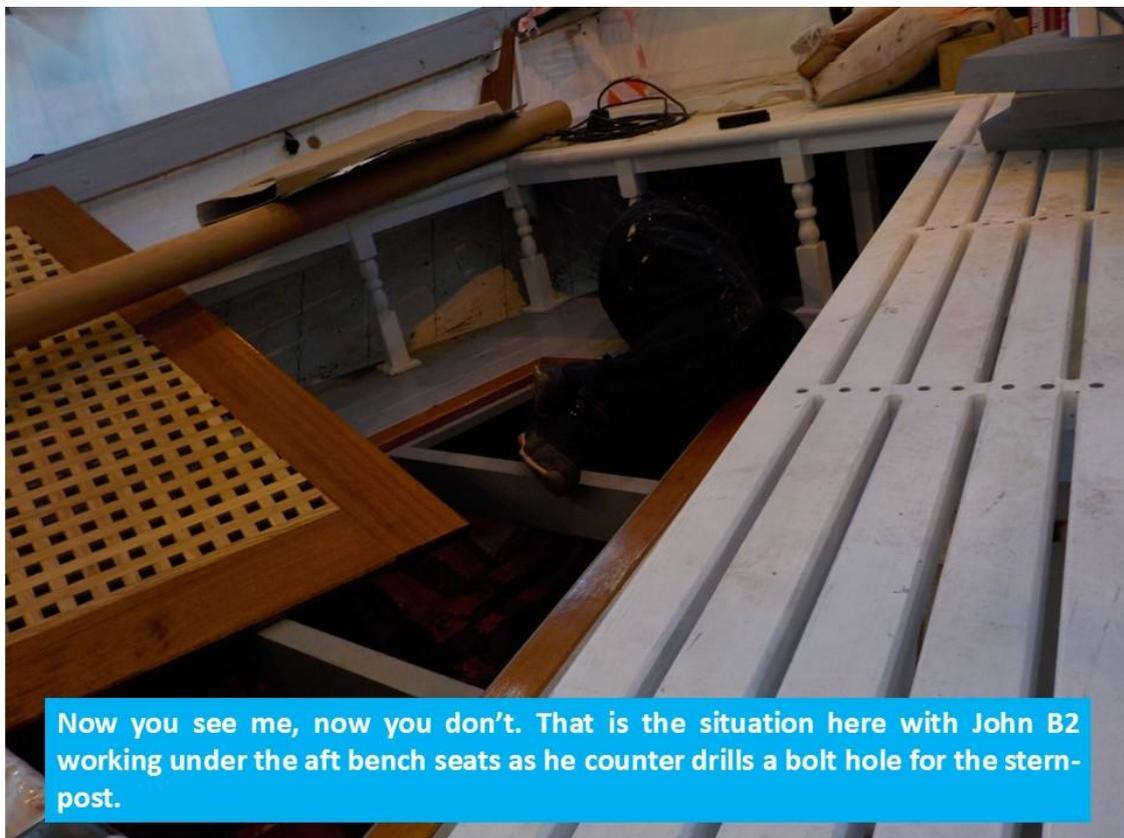
Here is Roz R getting ready to steam her wash-board section in a polythene bag.



Micky M has got the first temporary screw into the starboard wash-board

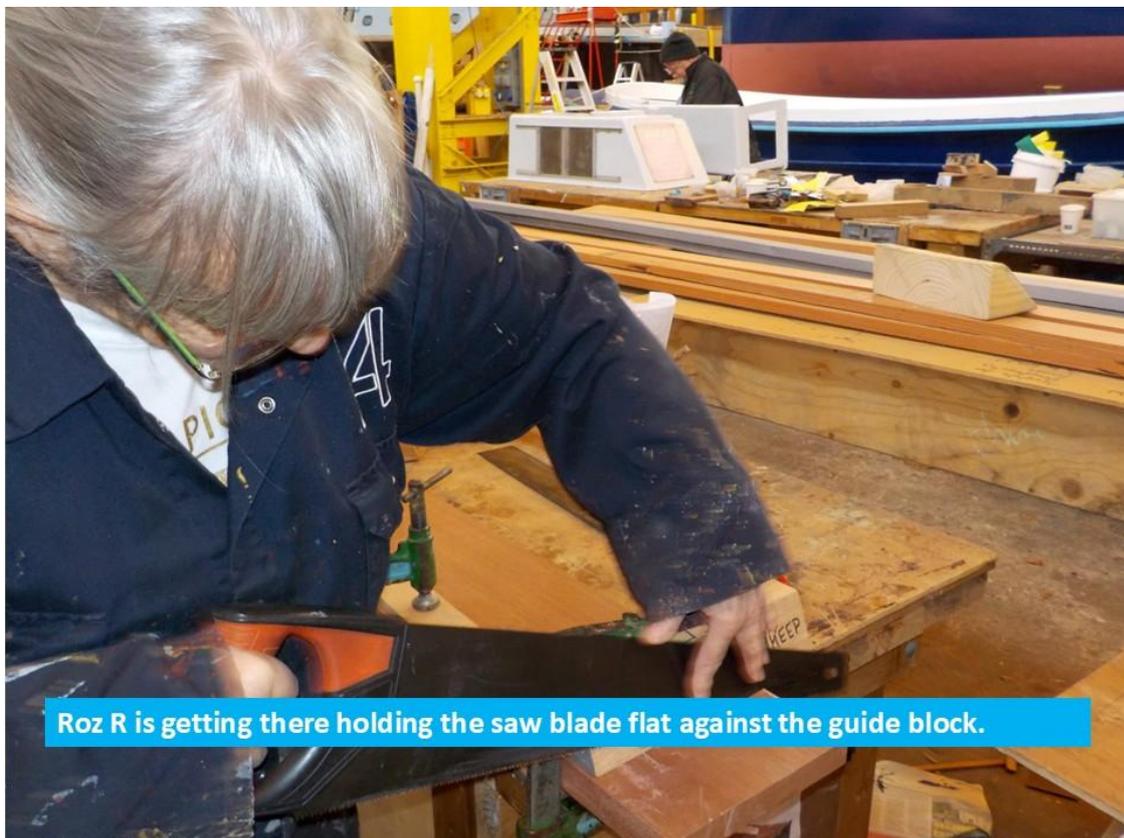
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Roz R is using a cutting guide to get the right bevel on her wash-board section as she is cutting half the recess for the rowlock poppets.



Roz R is getting there holding the saw blade flat against the guide block.



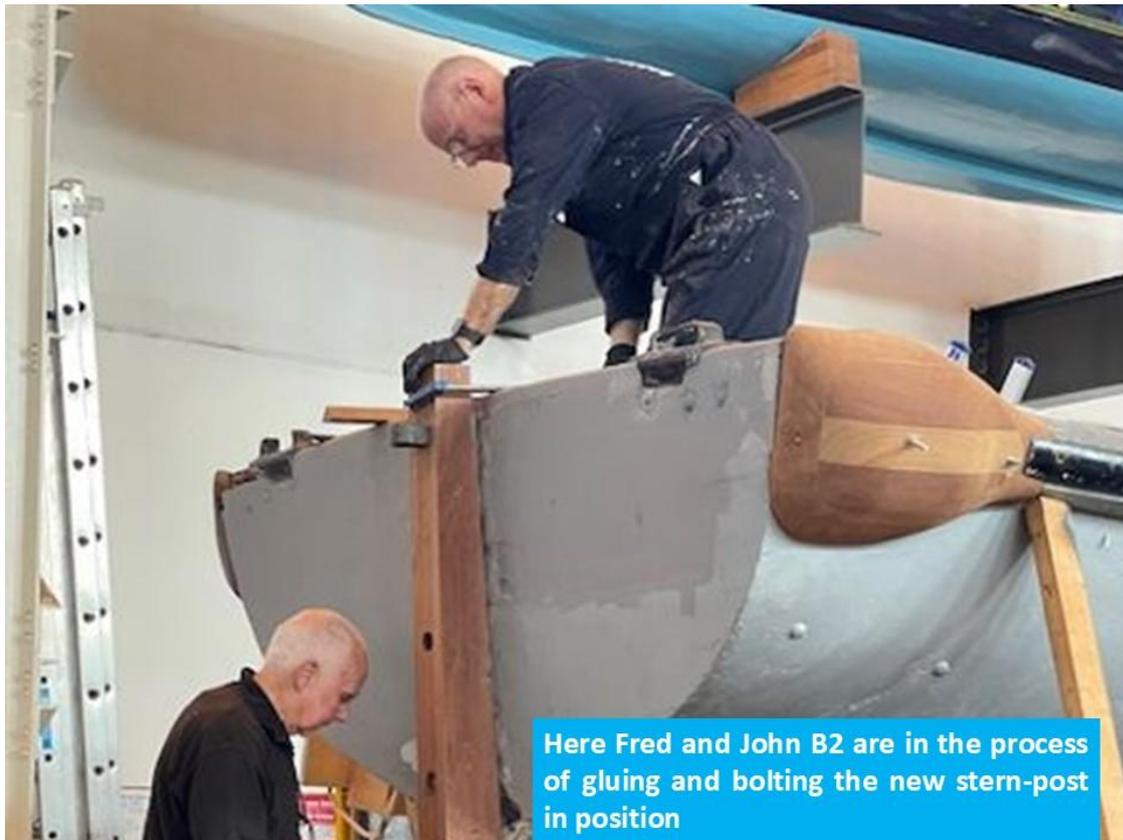
This shows the twin bevels on the poppet recess, the vertical is to hold the poppet in place and the bottom one is to provide a water sluice to drain any water intake.



The transom is cleared to show the stern-post vertical guidelines to help when gluing and bolting.

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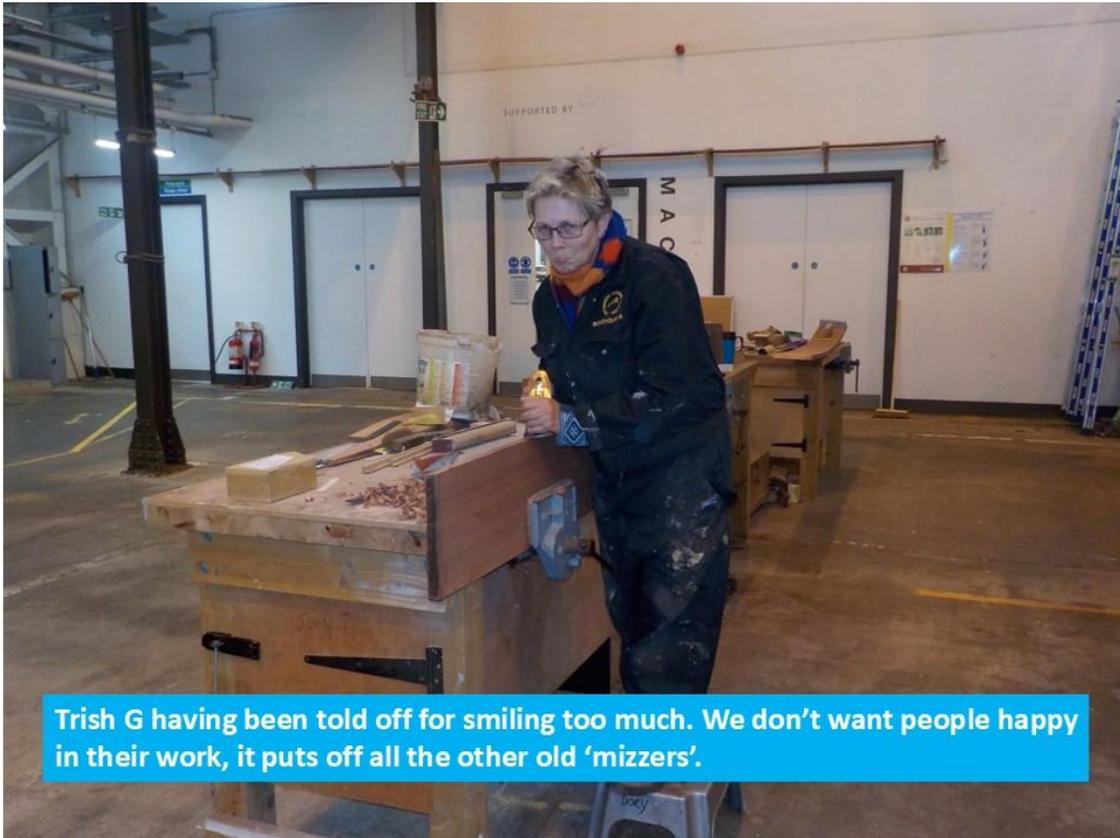
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Trish G having been told off for smiling too much. We don't want people happy in their work, it puts off all the other old 'mizzers'.



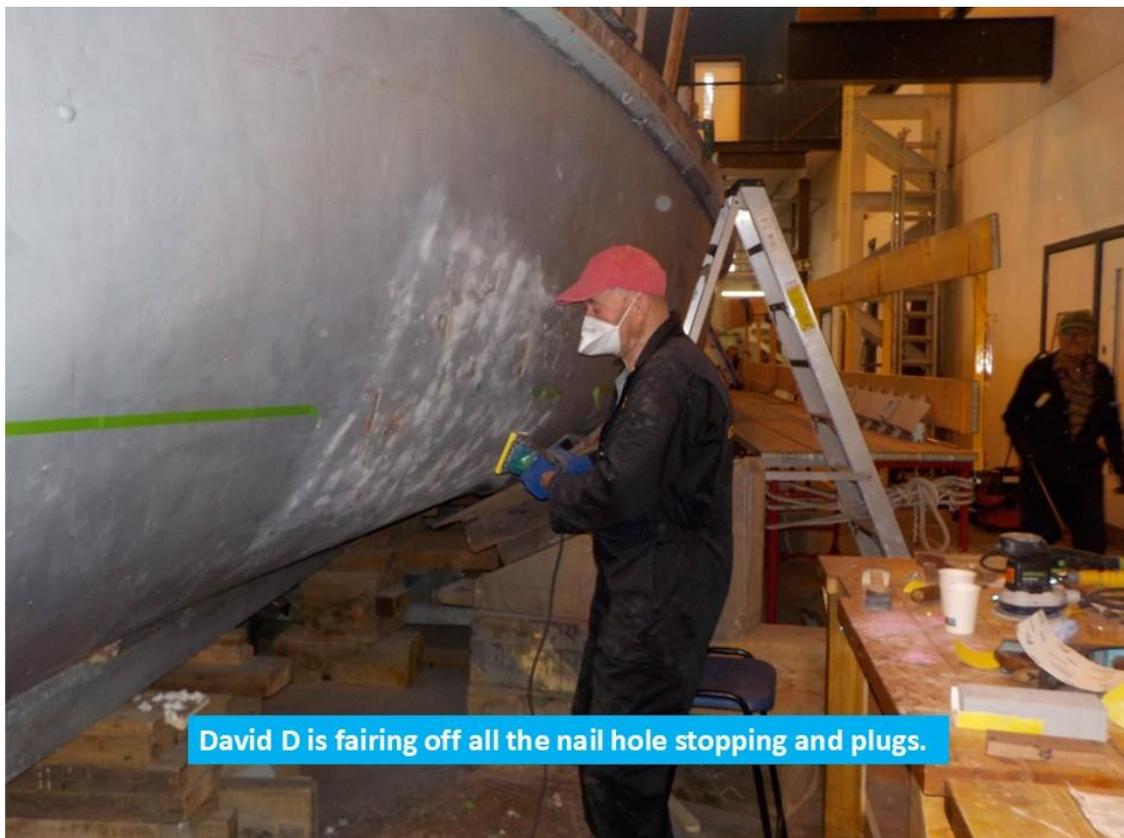
Talking of old Mizzers, here, Micky M is using the bevel guide blocks to cut out his section of the poppet recess for the forward wash-board.

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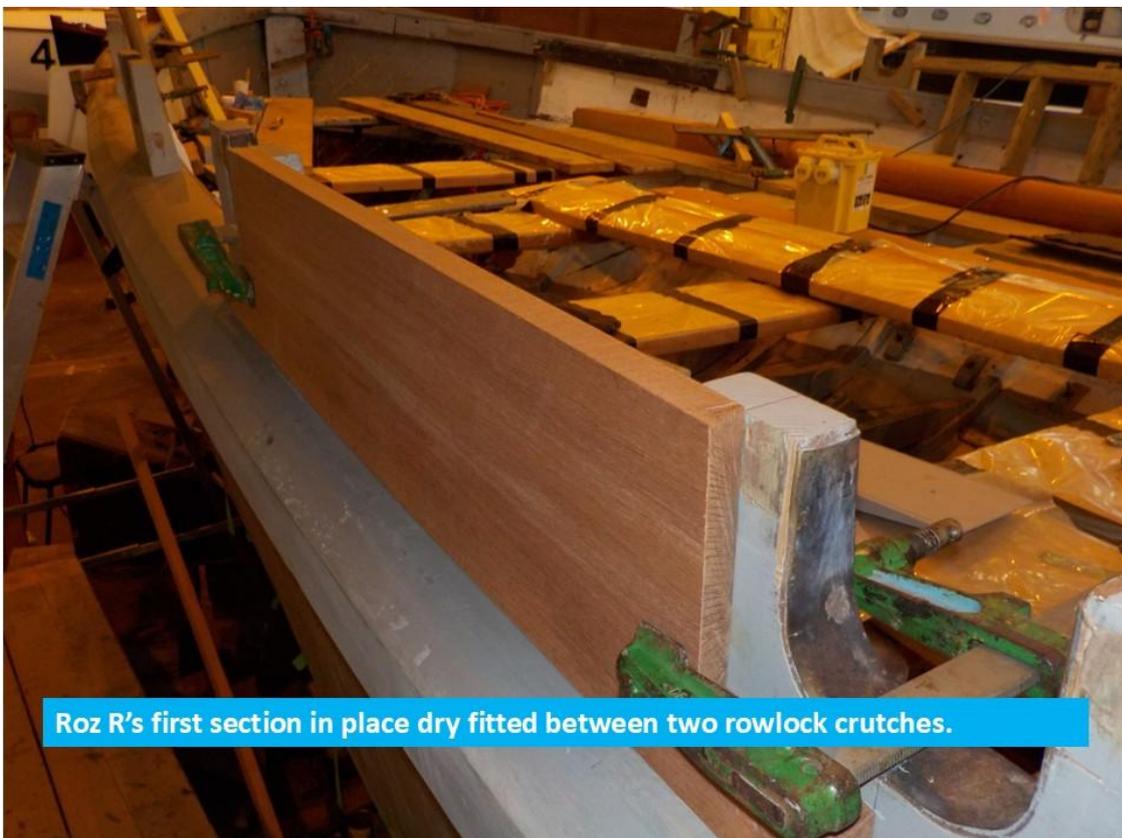
Here you can just see the bevel which Mick is cutting



David D is fairing off all the nail hole stopping and plugs.



Trish G using the bevel guide to cut the second poppet recess for her plank.



Roz R's first section in place dry fitted between two rowlock crutches.