

**This project update covers the period
of January 2025**

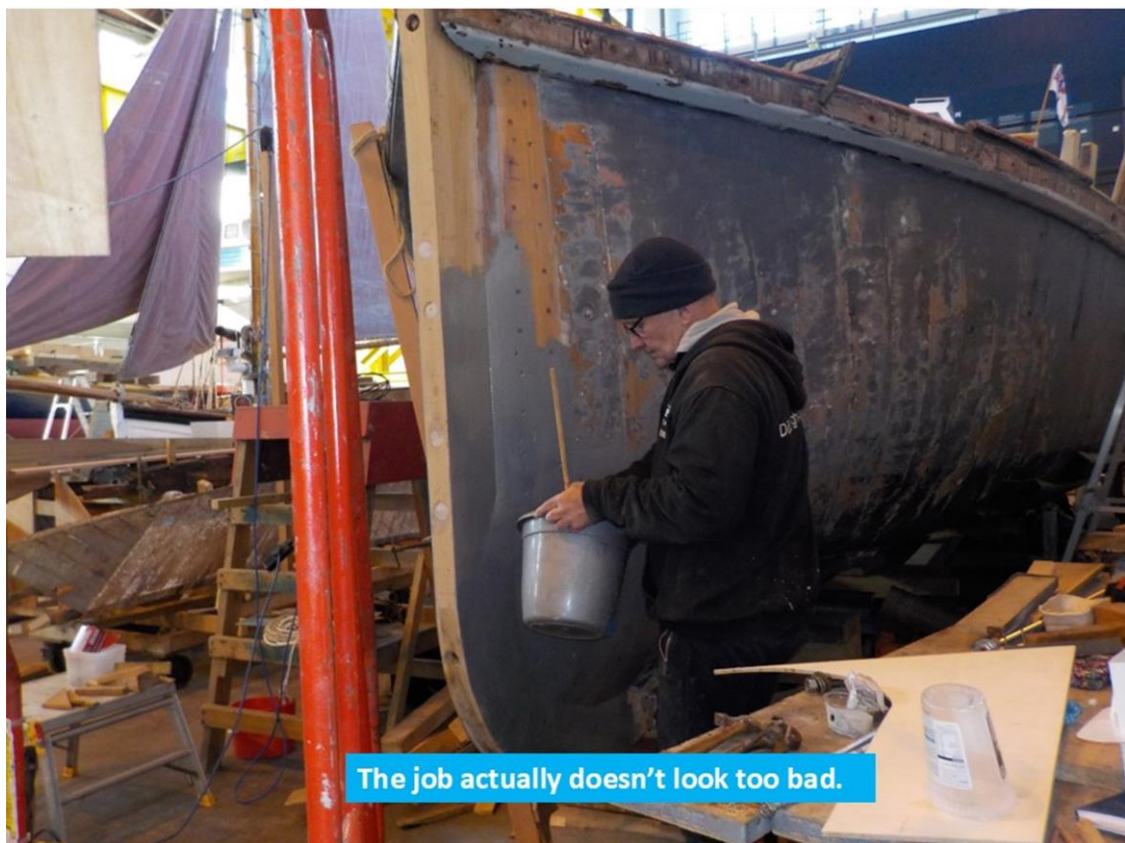
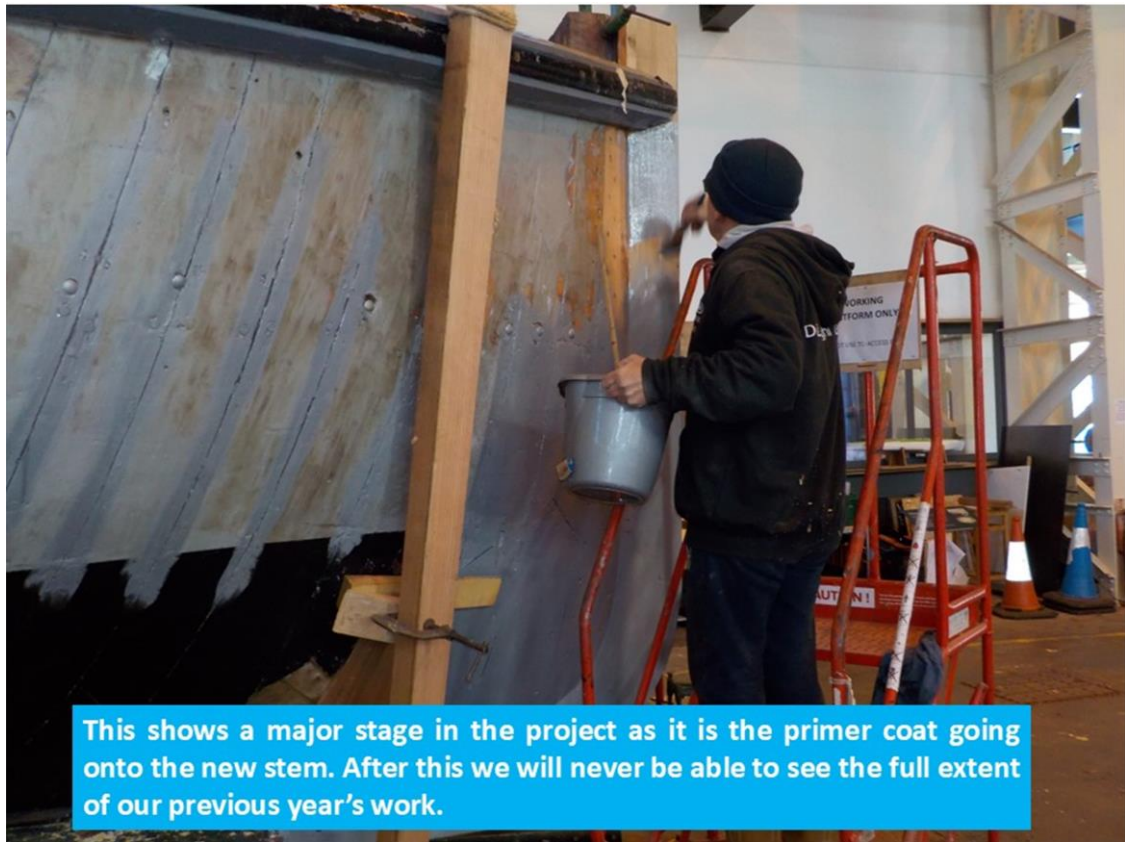
A summary of the work carried out in the Month of January

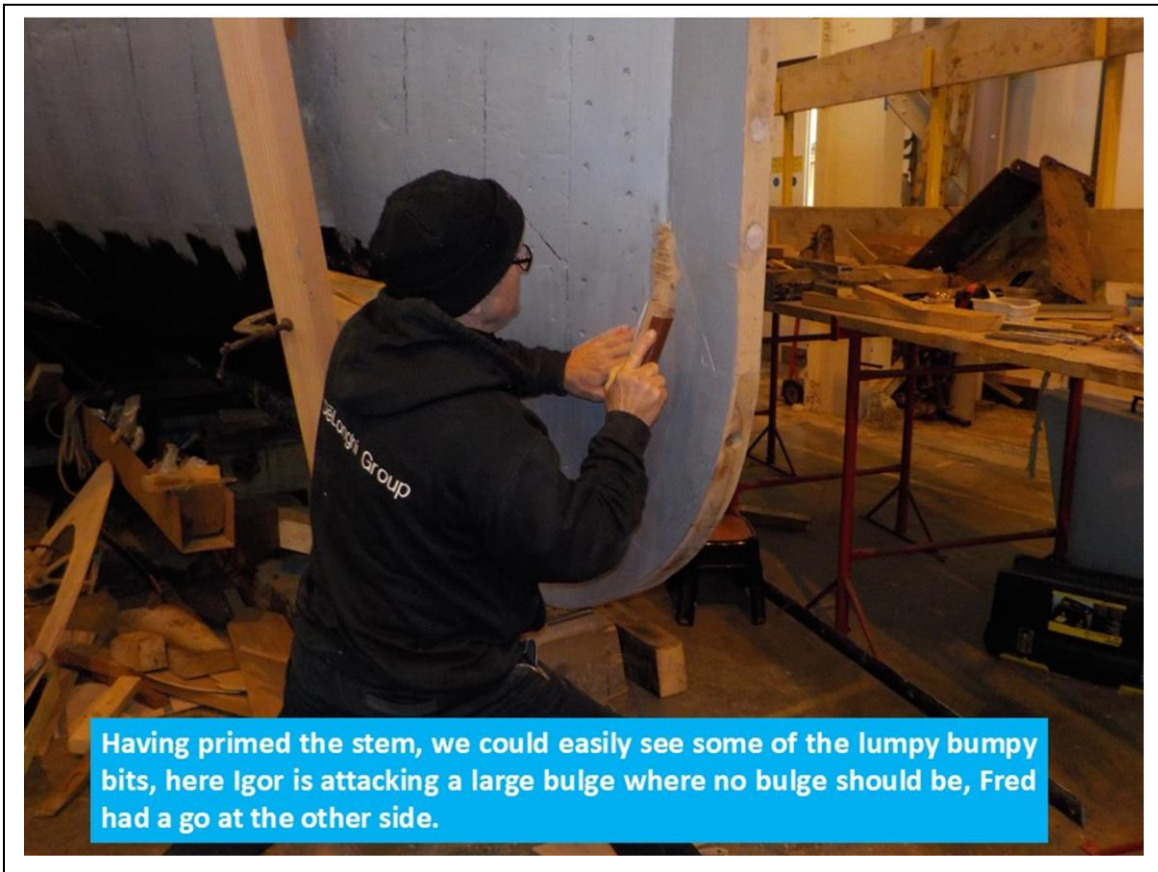
John and Keith continued with the stern sheets making good progress. Trish was out for some of the month, so Micky M picked up on her mast step to progress the job and replace the floor that Trish had removed to fit the step. Fred and Igor finished building the new stem and started to paint and prep it for the final coats which will be coming up in the next couple of months or so. Keiron and Fred finally fitted Keiron's mini plank end, this leaves just one small mini section which Keiron has made a start on, hopefully keeping the count down below two

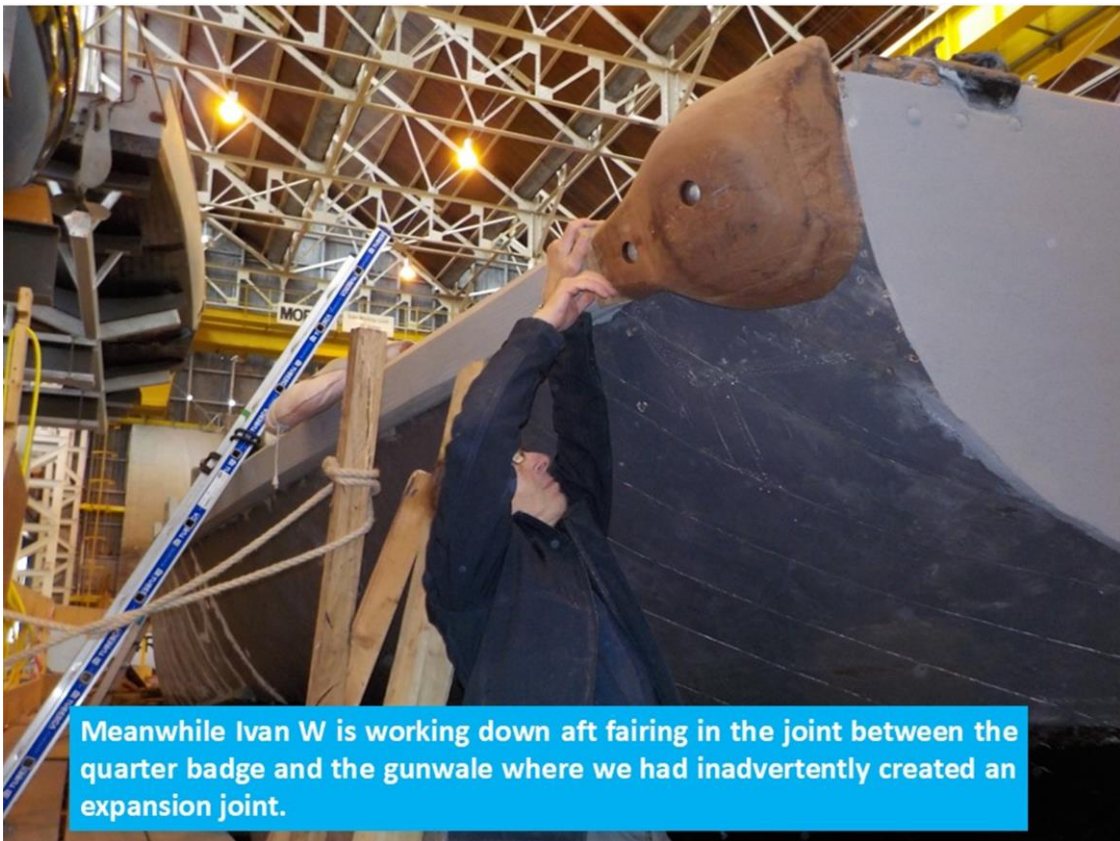
John B started making a wooden pattern for a mast gate to enable us to get the correct design and dimensions for having a steel version fabricated and David D made up a mast template so that we could adjust the mast rake without using the full -sized mast. John B fitted the wooden pattern of the mast gate by rebating the faces by 6mm, Micky M has been fitting the outstanding floors ready for him to trial fit the closing boards. Ivan W has made a start making the forward wash board mini knees. Fred has made an initial pattern for the starboard gunwale capping piece now that Igor has glued and screwed the forward rubbing strakes into the stem. Trish G , Igor K and Fred have started making patterns for the forward sections of the gunwale capping onto which the wash boards will be located.

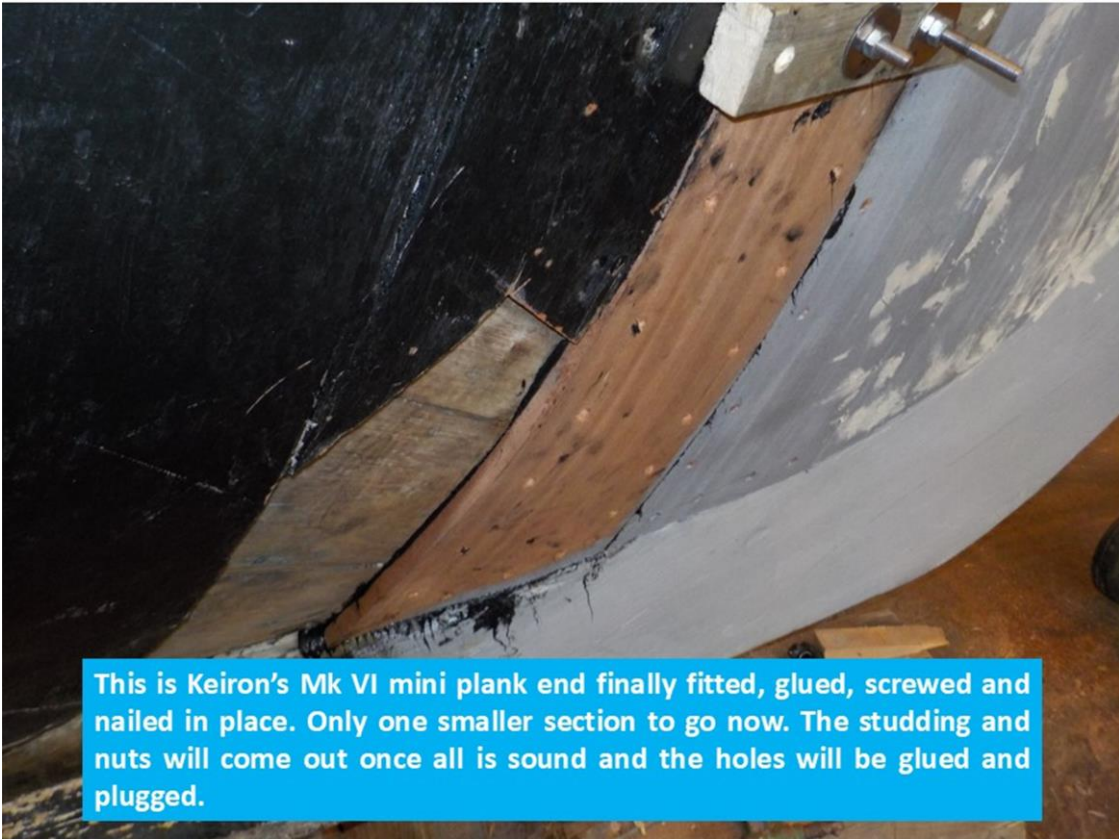


Igor is sanding the stem to remove some of the planer marks before we can give it a coat of underwater primer.





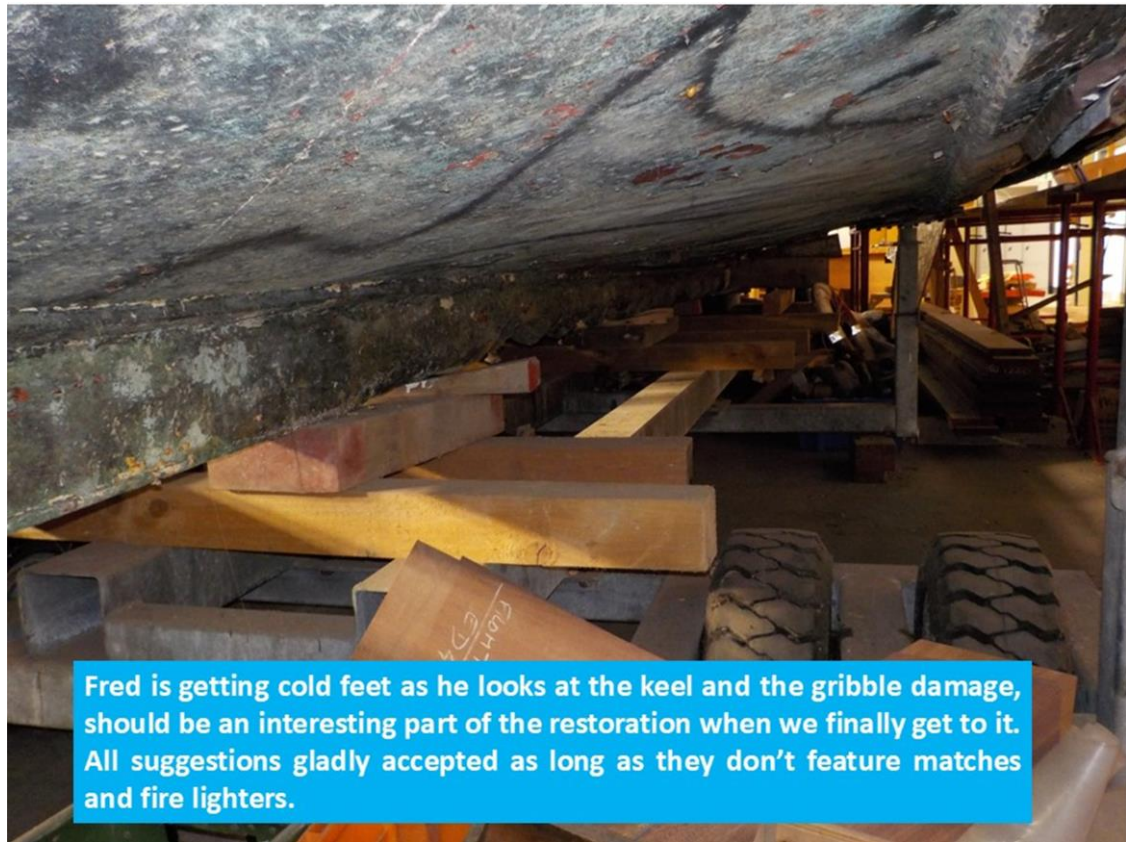




This is Keiron's Mk VI mini plank end finally fitted, glued, screwed and nailed in place. Only one smaller section to go now. The studding and nuts will come out once all is sound and the holes will be glued and plugged.



Well done that man, this is Keiron O looking suitably pleased with himself having cracked the art of planking.

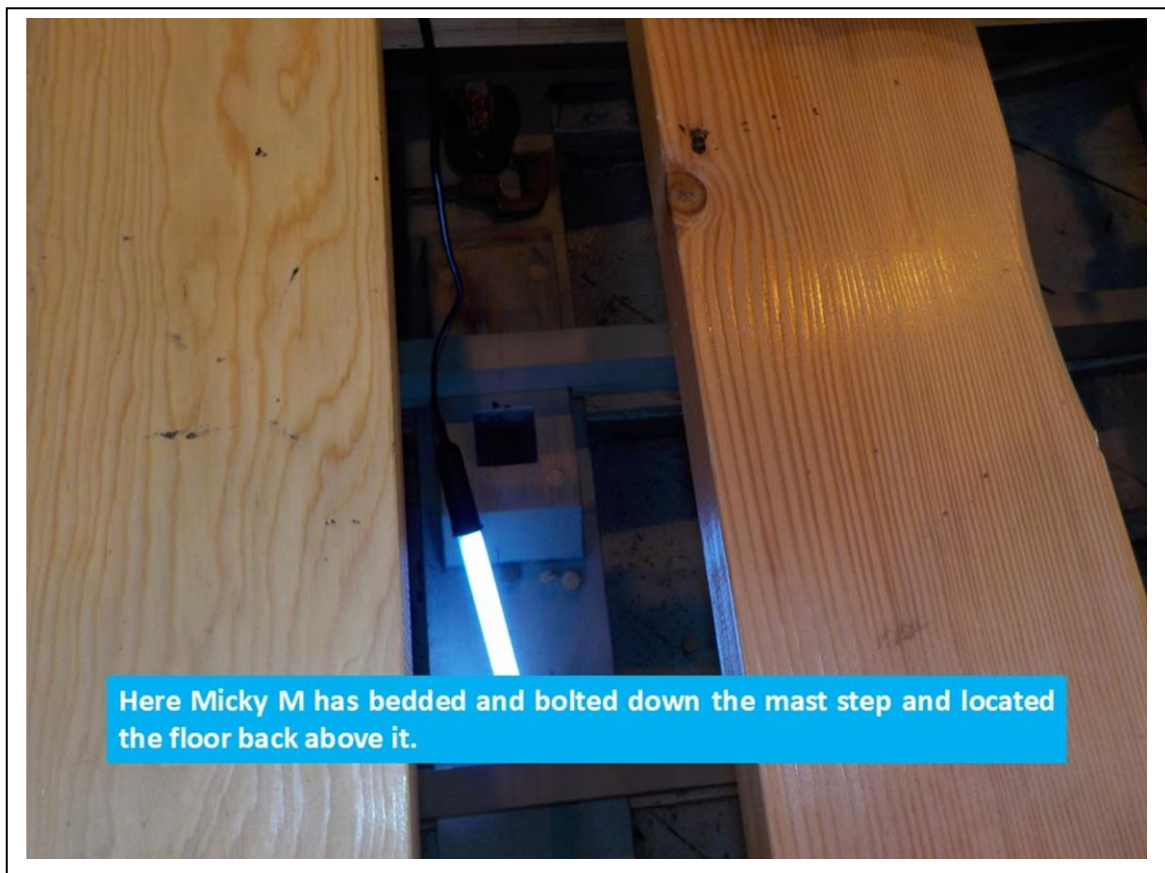


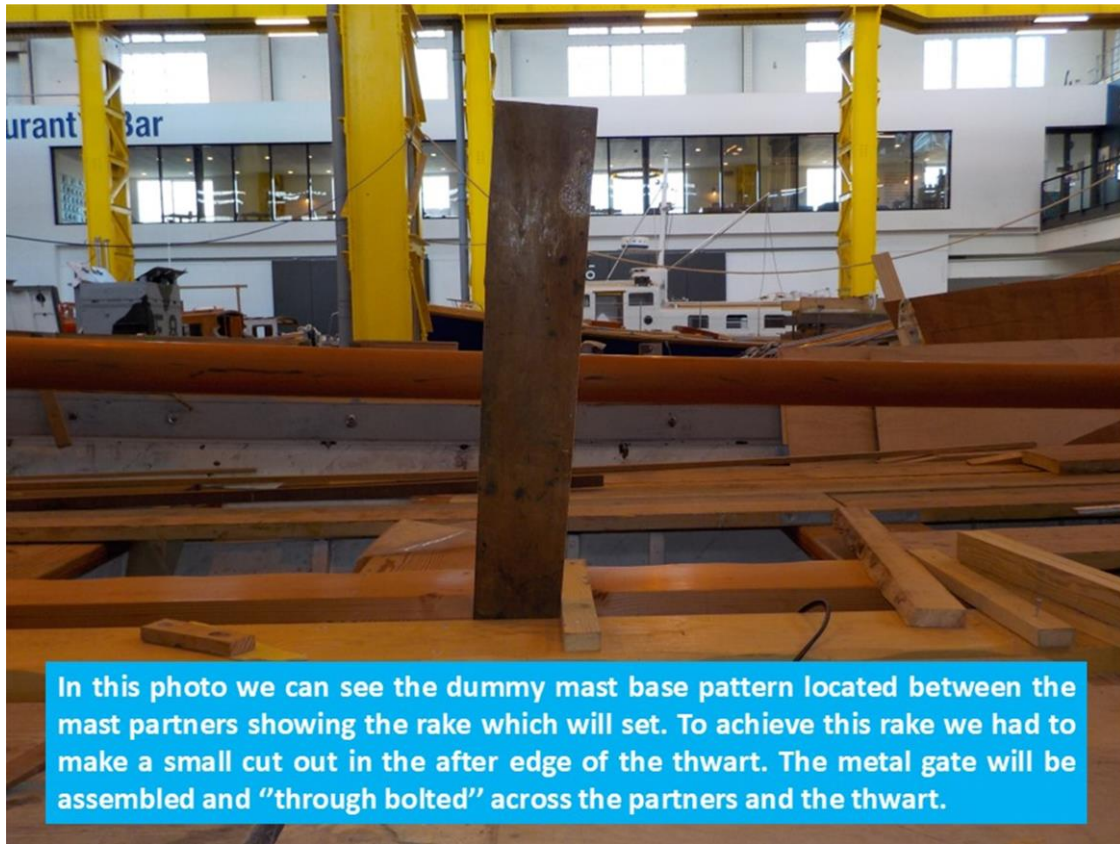


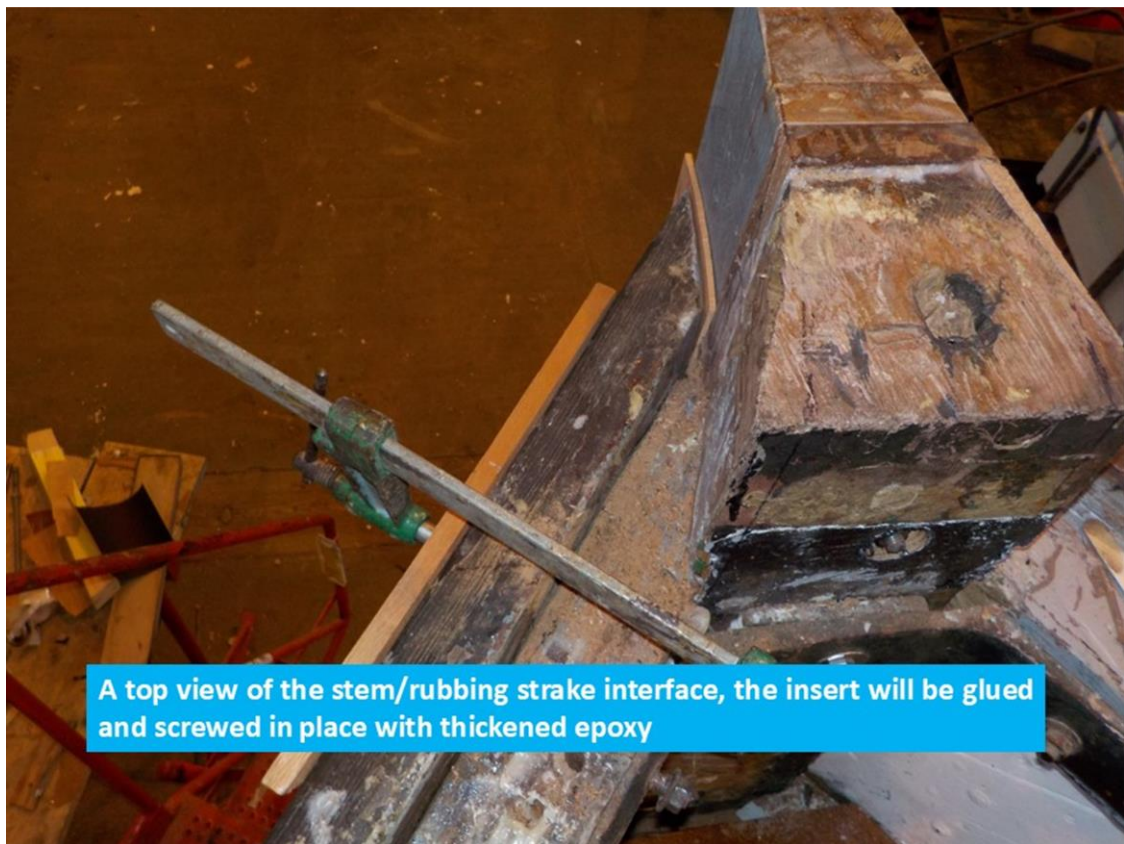
Here Igor has fitted a hardwood wedge in place as part of a gap filler.



Micky M looks suitably comfortable squatting below the thwarts as he fits Trish's mast step







A top view of the stem/rubbing strake interface, the insert will be glued and screwed in place with thickened epoxy



Keiron O is steaming up the last mini plank end ready for fixing

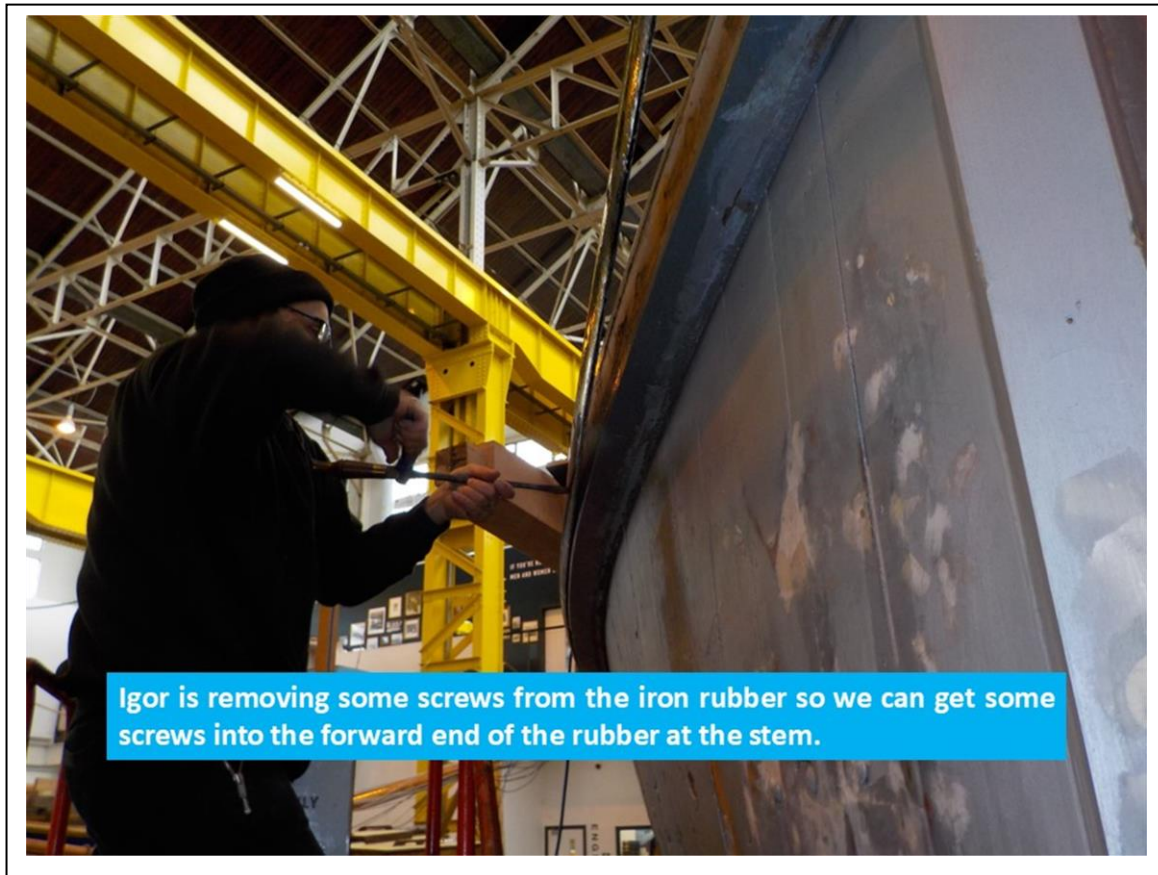


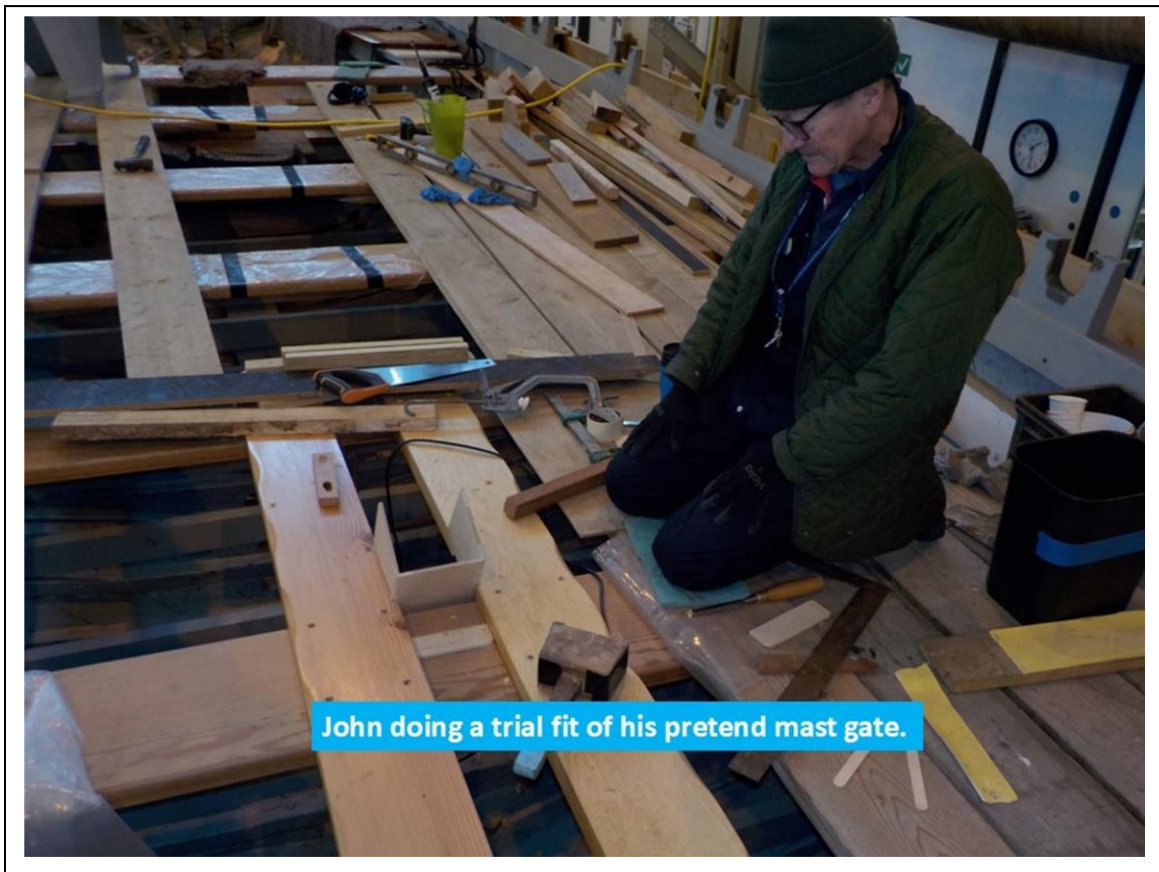
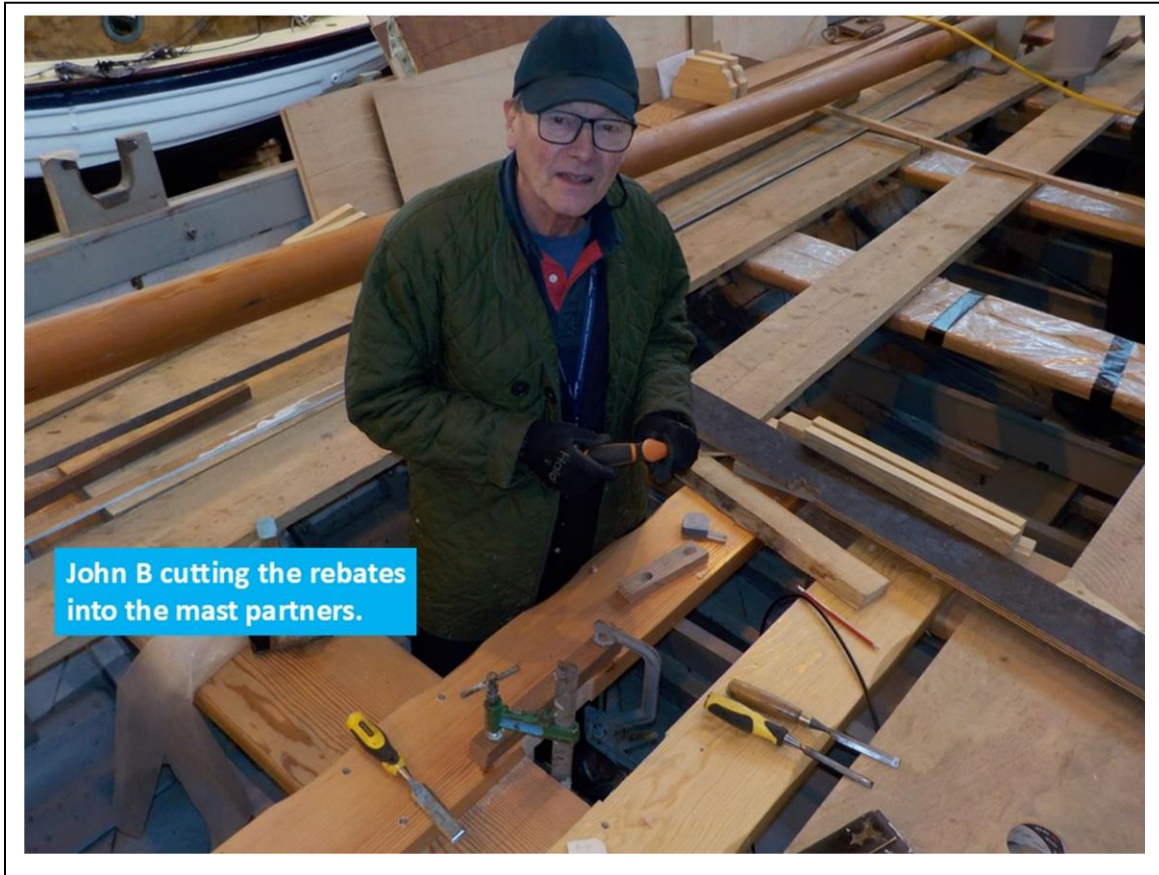


Micky M is in the bilges locating three outstanding floors ready to fit them.

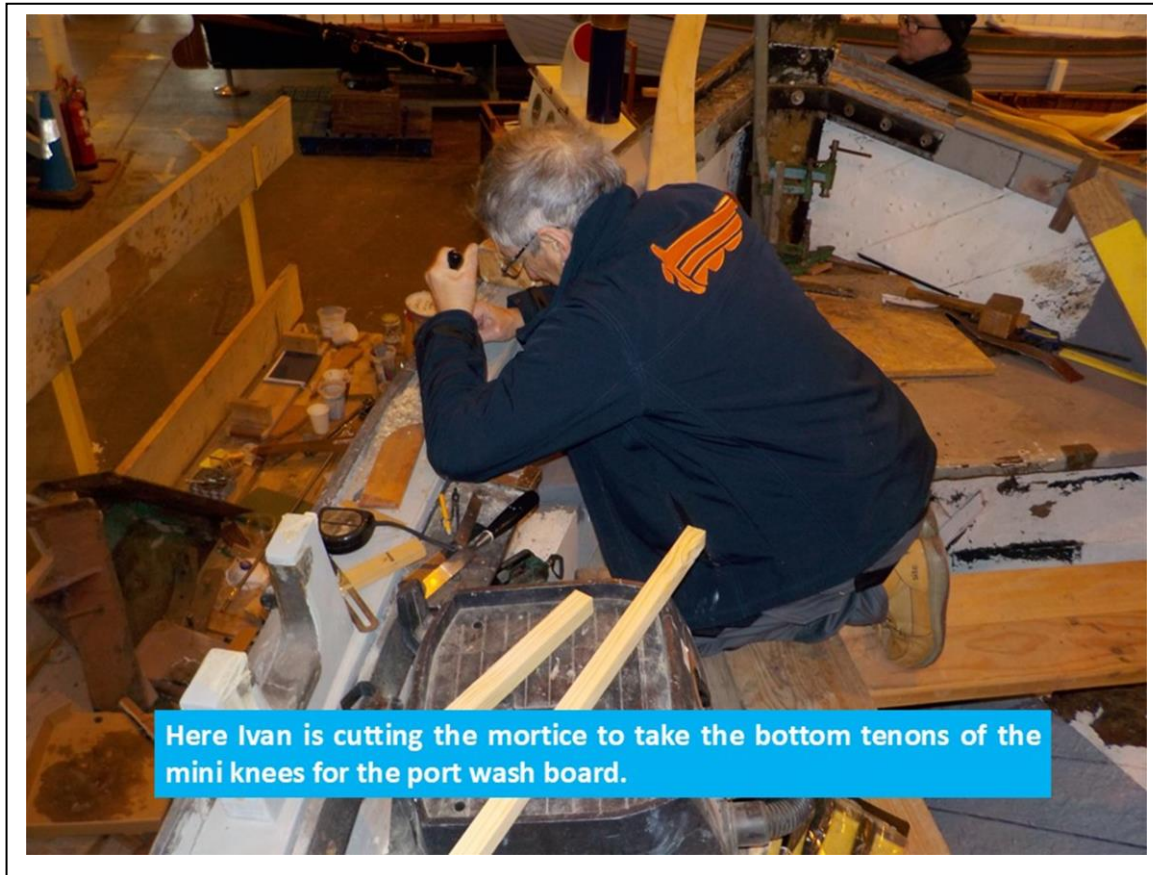


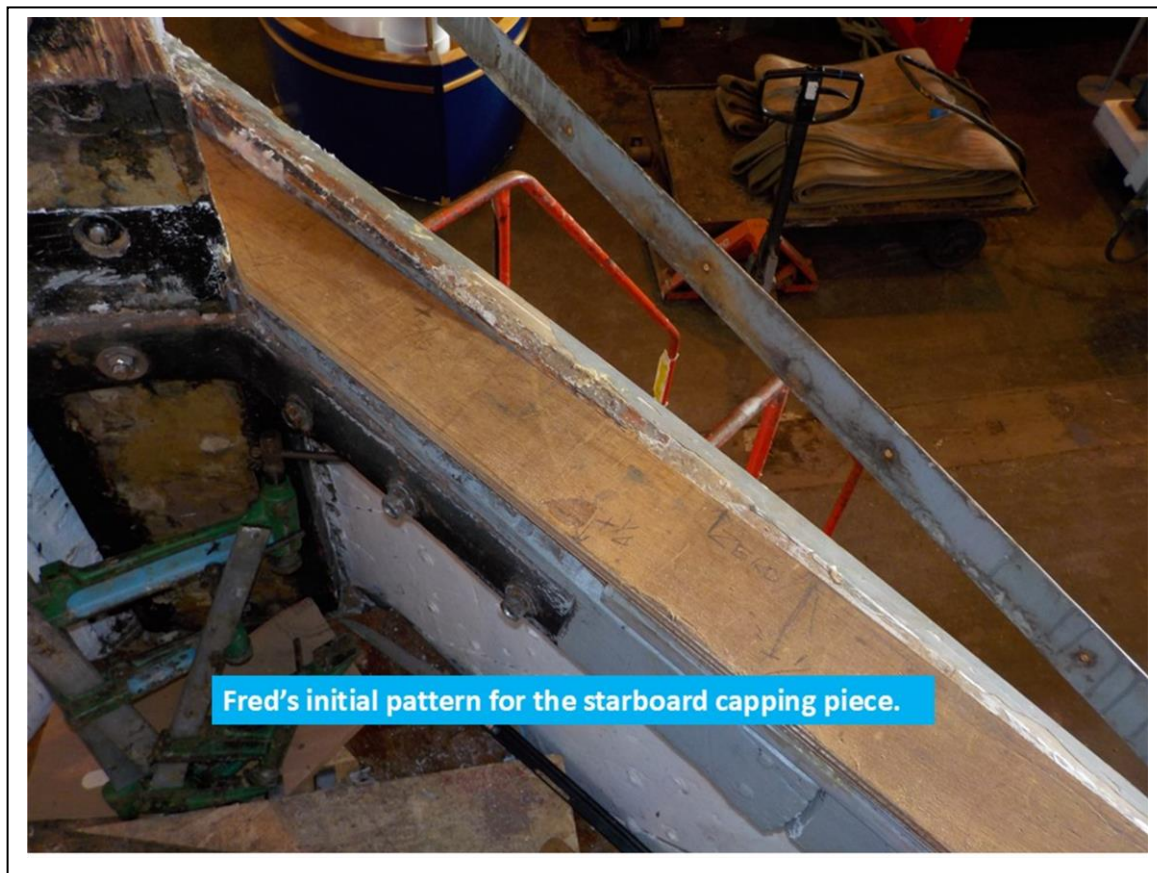
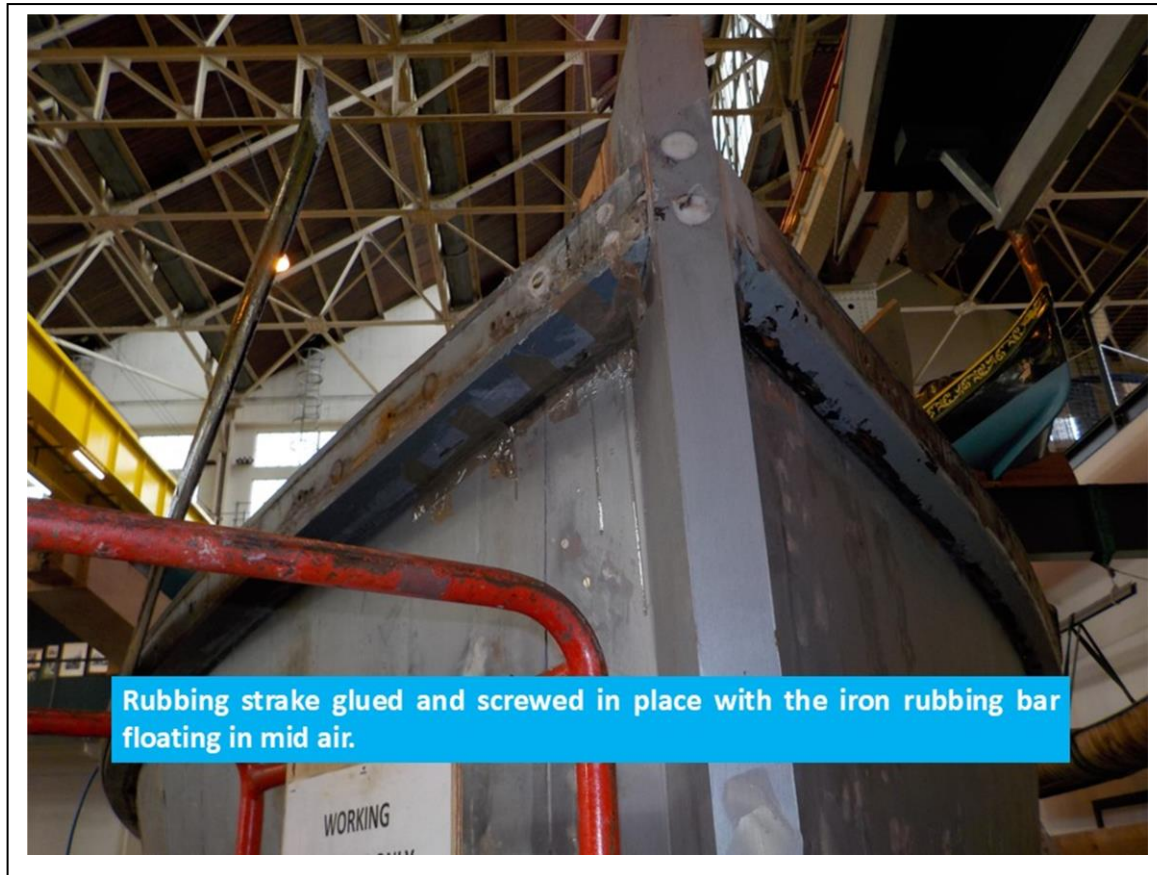
The hand of Micky hovers around the spirit level, it is such a lovely place to work with all of the sticky up and sticky out bits making contact with all of your bits that you can do without things sticking into.

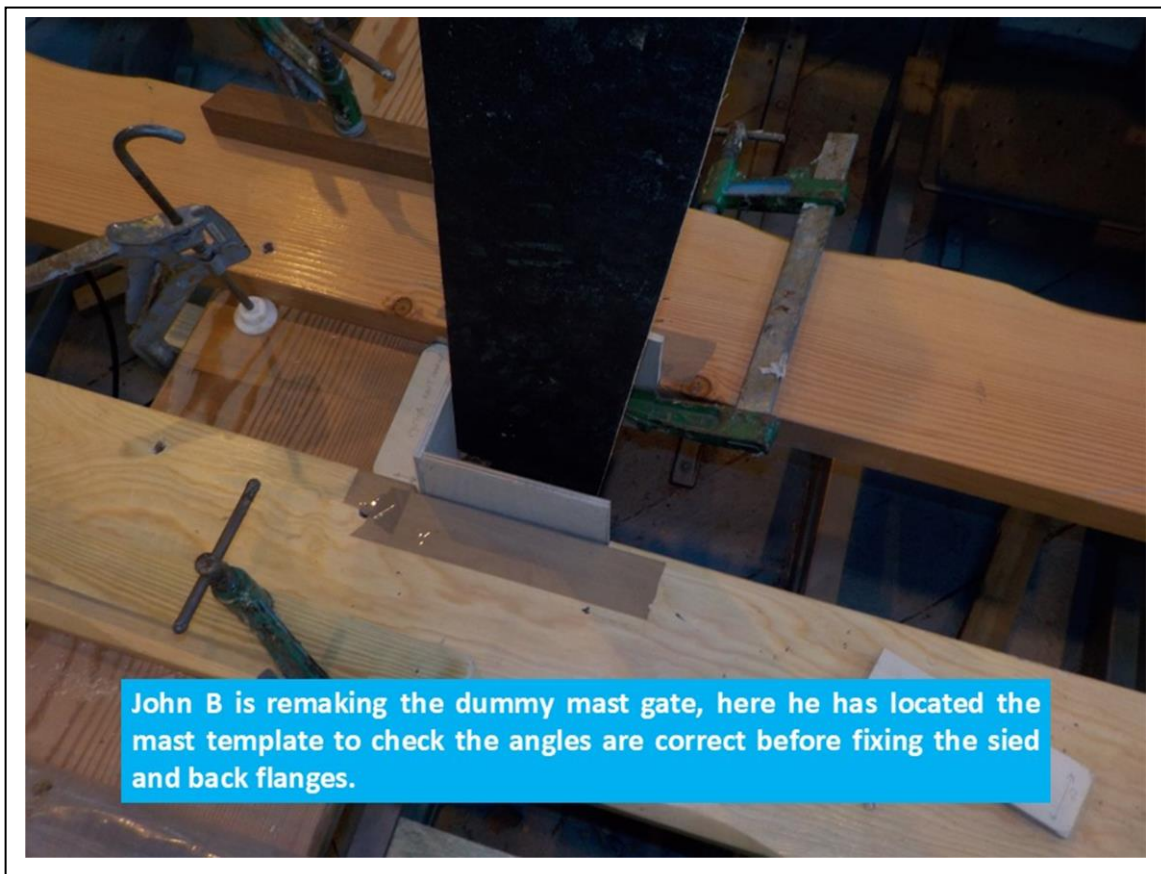
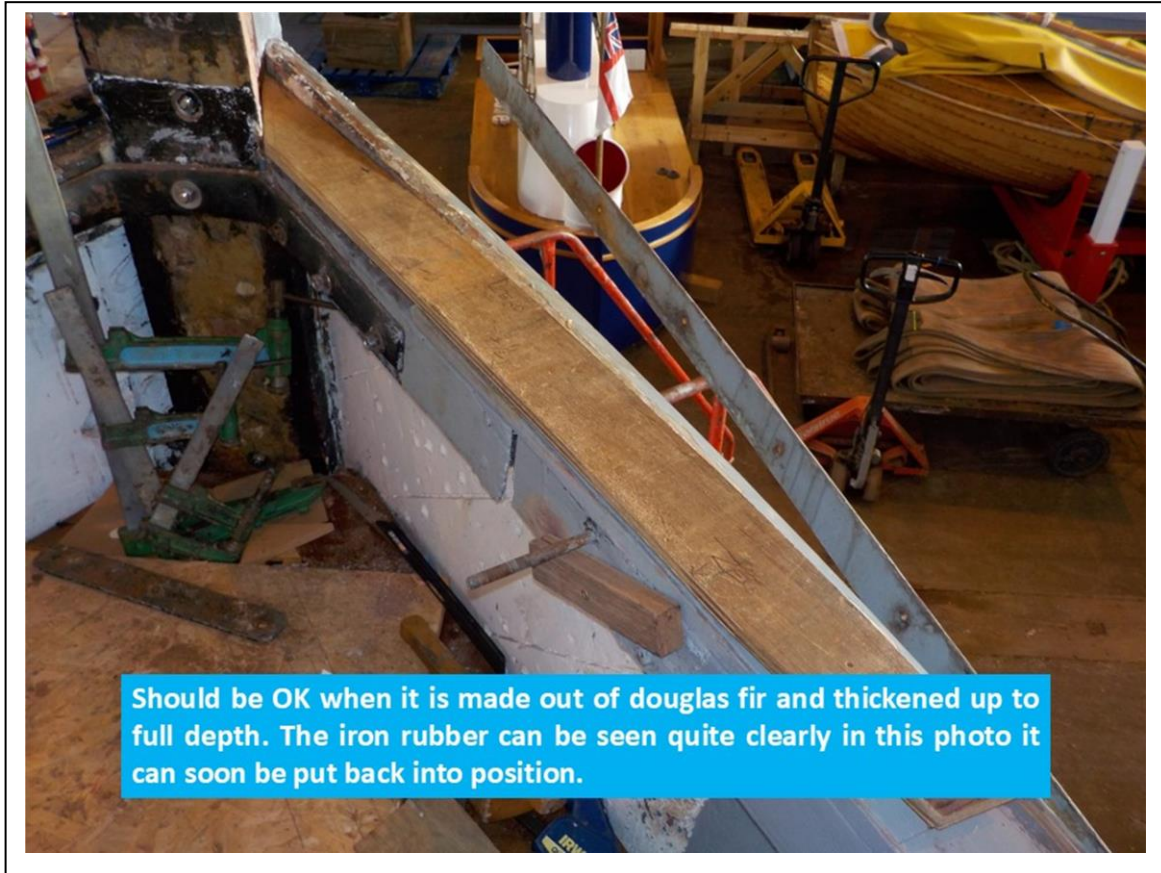






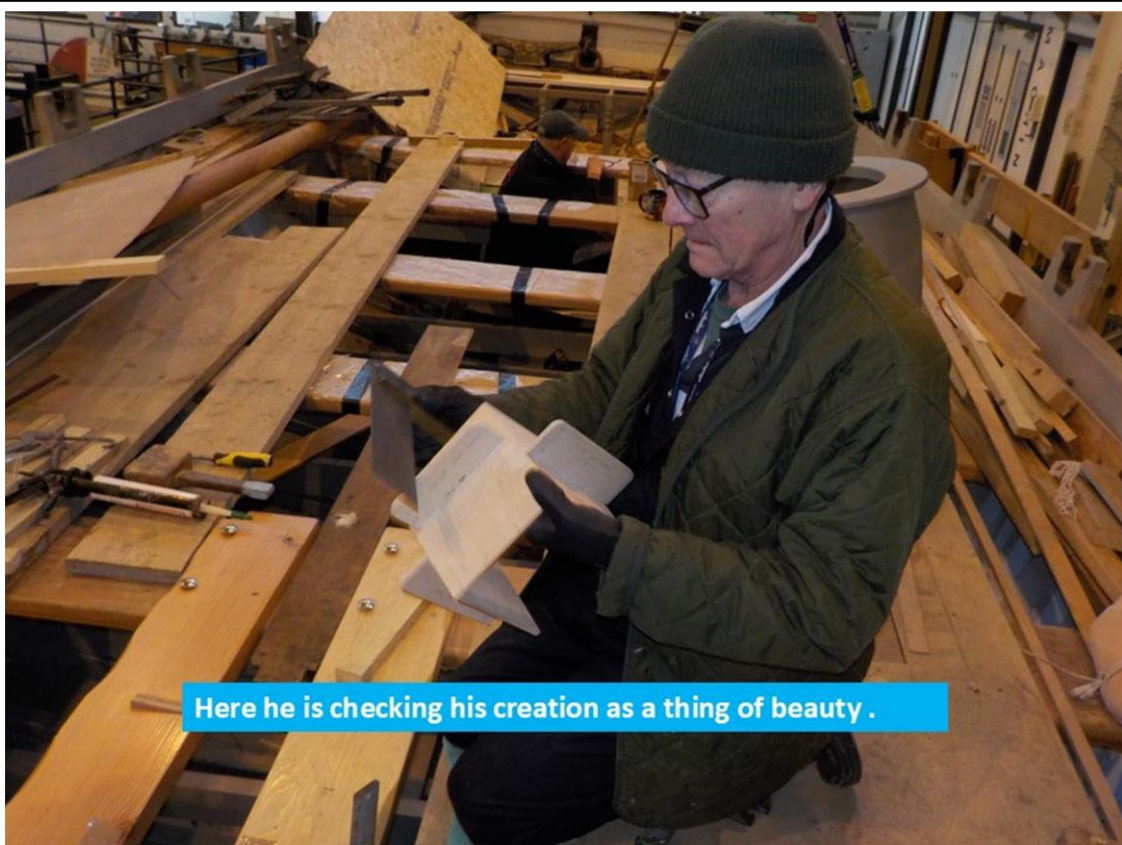








John B is making doubly sure that he has all of the offset angles perfect as it is this pattern which we will be sending off to the metal fabricators.



Here he is checking his creation as a thing of beauty .

