

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

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

The main task started off this month was fitting the second laminate to the forward keel section. Igor prepped the board and pre-drilled all the holes and counterbored them to take the nuts and washers. He then glued the section in place with shores and wedges. John B carried on with the fore-peak painting and fitting the new frame. Micky M and Ros R pushed on with the splining and fairing the Stbd hull side. Before moving back into the bilges Micky M and Roz R with David D had a clear out of all of our spare timber. Ian F and Peter F started to look at the Stbd quarter badge but before they could get started Fred diverted them to transfer some reference points from the external keel onto the internal keelson so that we could accurately drill some new through bolt holes ready for the after section of the gribble repair. Igor planed off the surplus timber from the forward keel laminations and Keiron O sanded all the repaired section ready for priming, which Mike S carried out. Val and Roz finished off the splining and filling / fairing.

Micky M turned up an example of a belaying pin and David D started to make six belaying pin racks for the boat. Trish G removed the tatty protective sheets from the thwarts and started to clean them prior to varnishing. Micky M started to fit the thwart stanchion sockets on the sole board closing boards and did a dry fit of one stanchion just to prove the process.

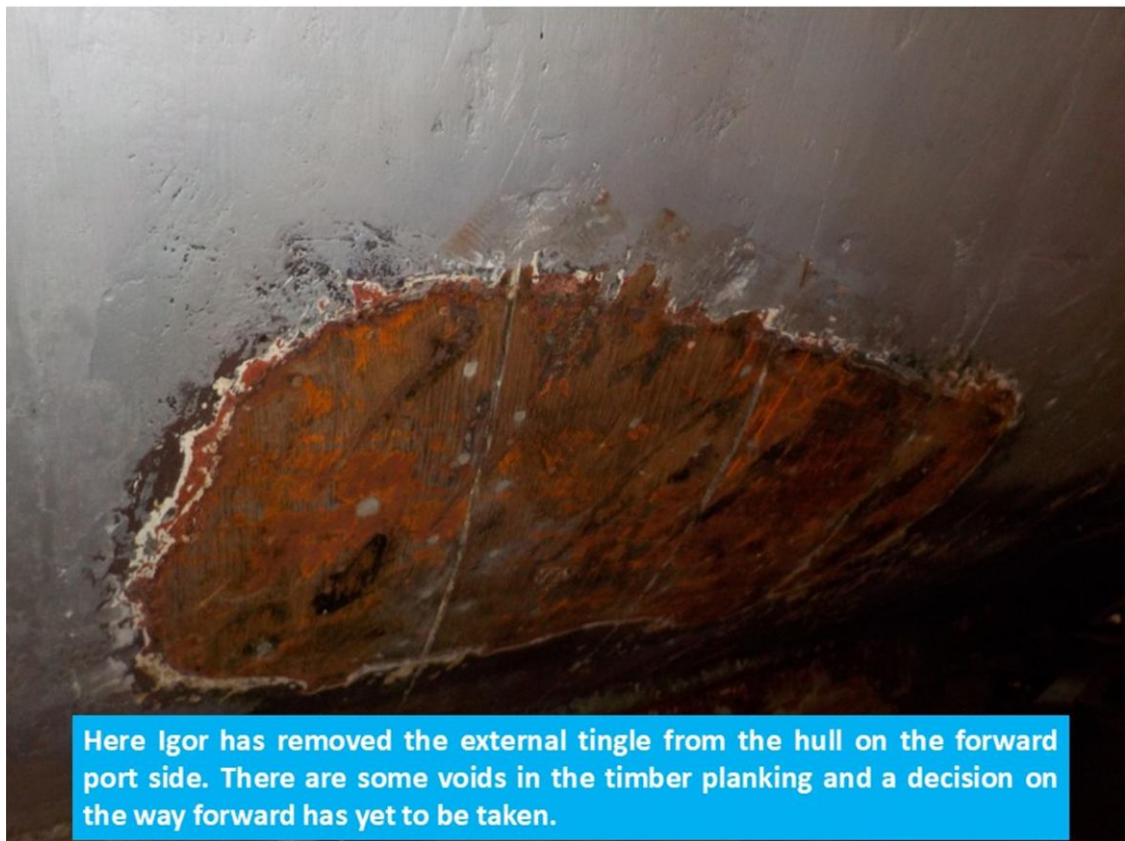
Having reached a late stage in the keel process proving we had a look at the after end of the boat starting by removing all the copper tangles from the joints in the skeep.



This is the joint just aft of the fore-foot. The plate is only temporary at this stage and will be removed later.



Although the section is glued and bolted Igor has left the temporary shores in place at present.



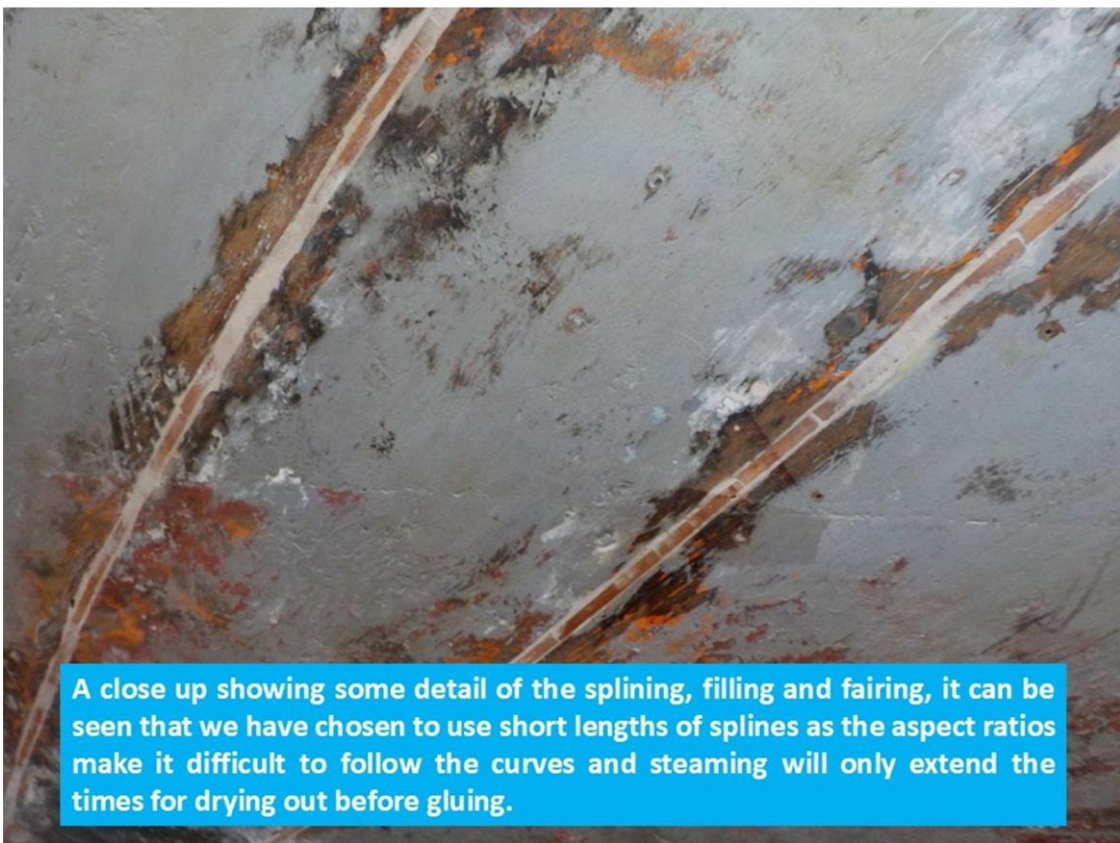
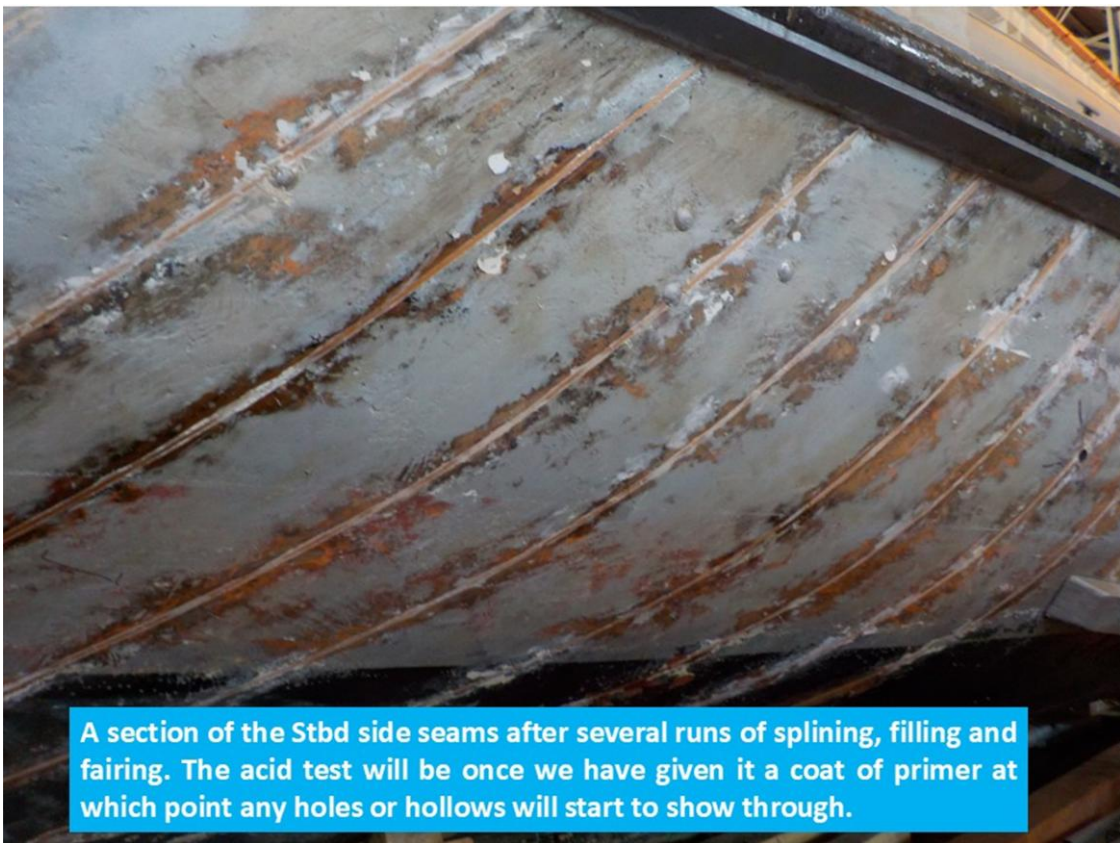
Here Igor has removed the external tingle from the hull on the forward port side. There are some voids in the timber planking and a decision on the way forward has yet to be taken.

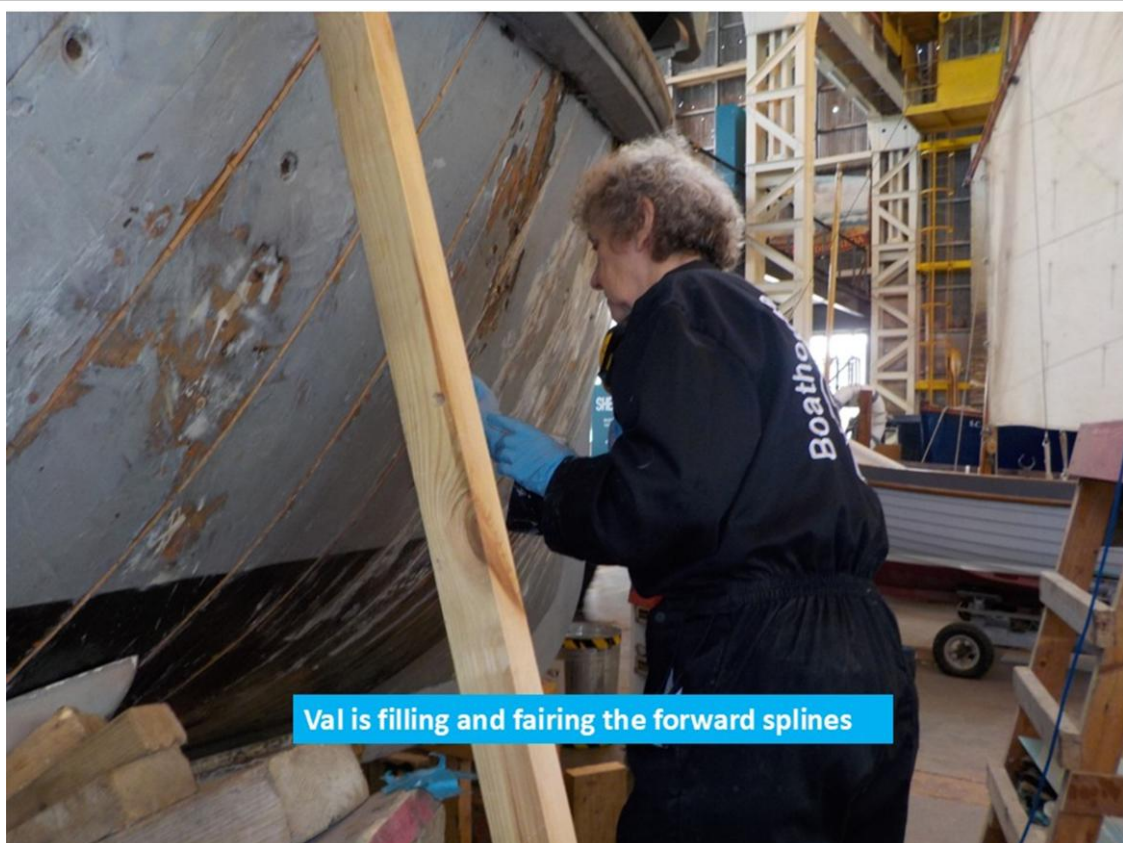
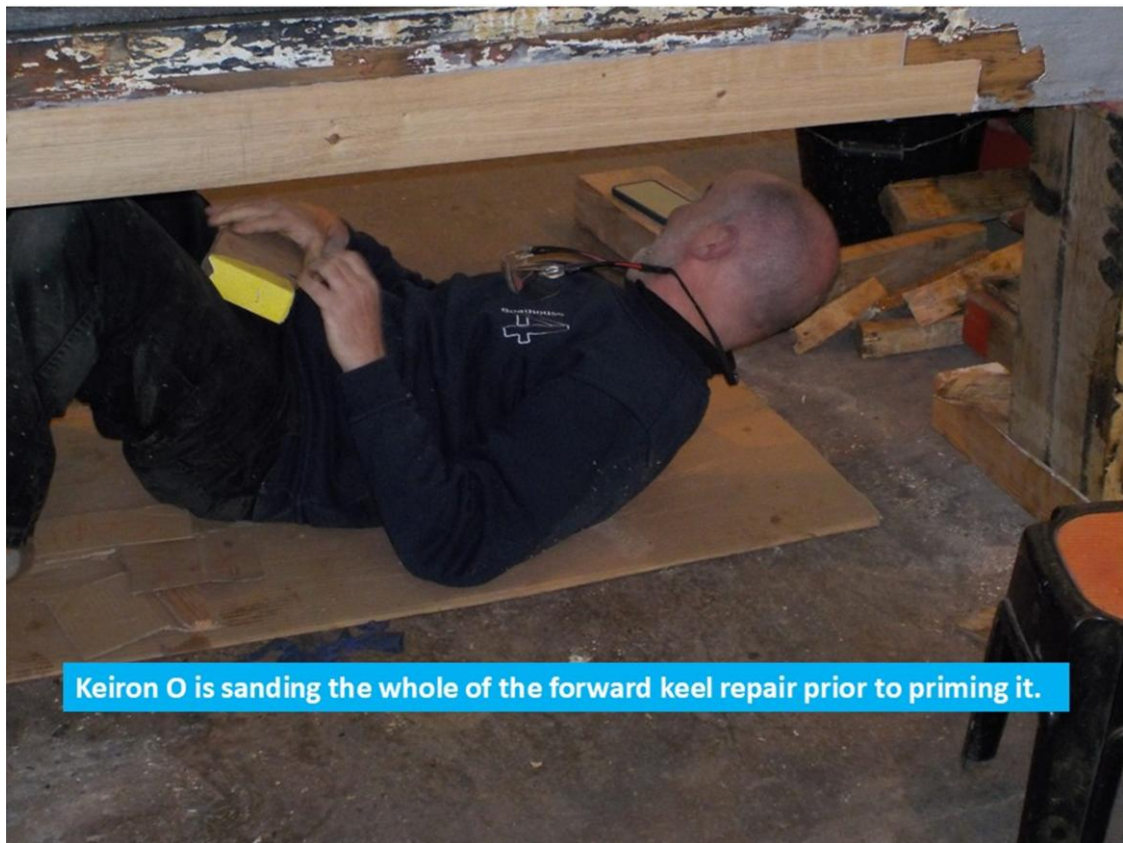


Here Trish G has made a template for the thwart paint design, she is just doing a trial fit to check for size and aesthetics.

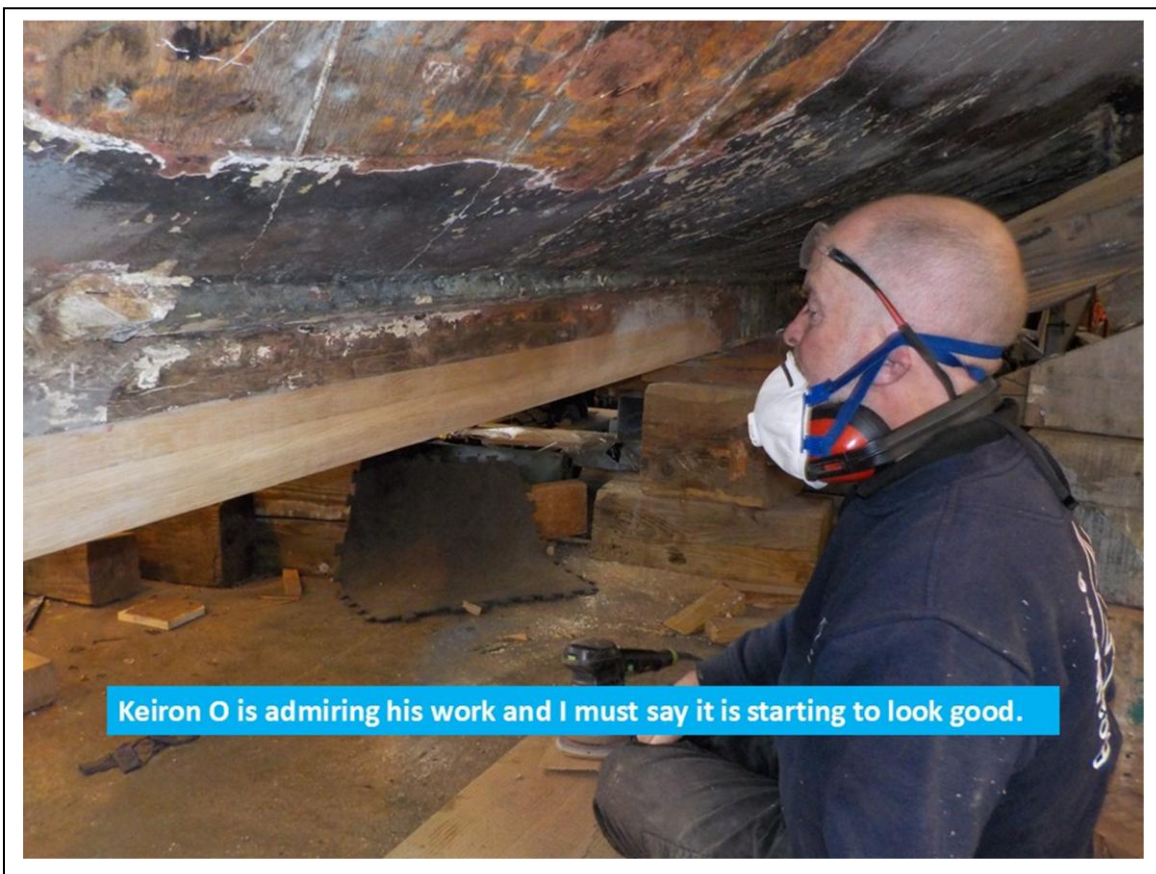
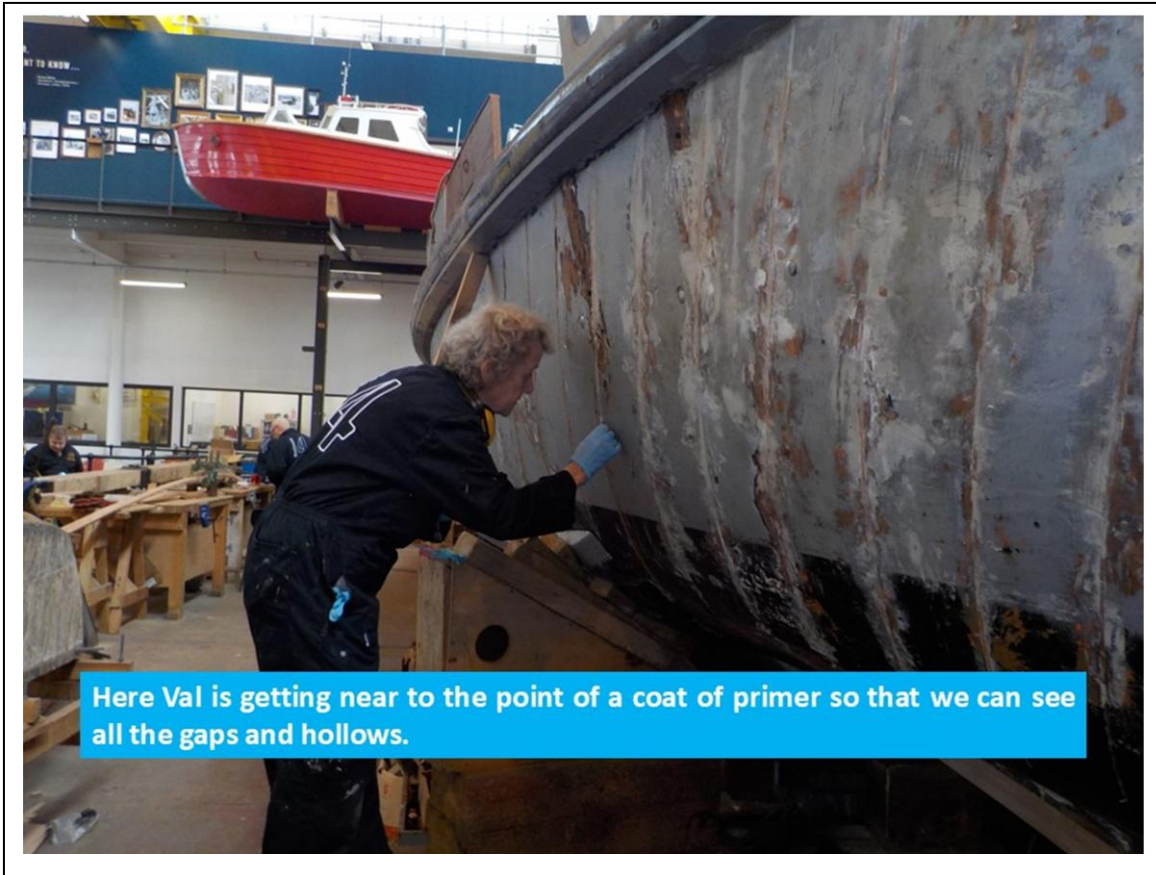


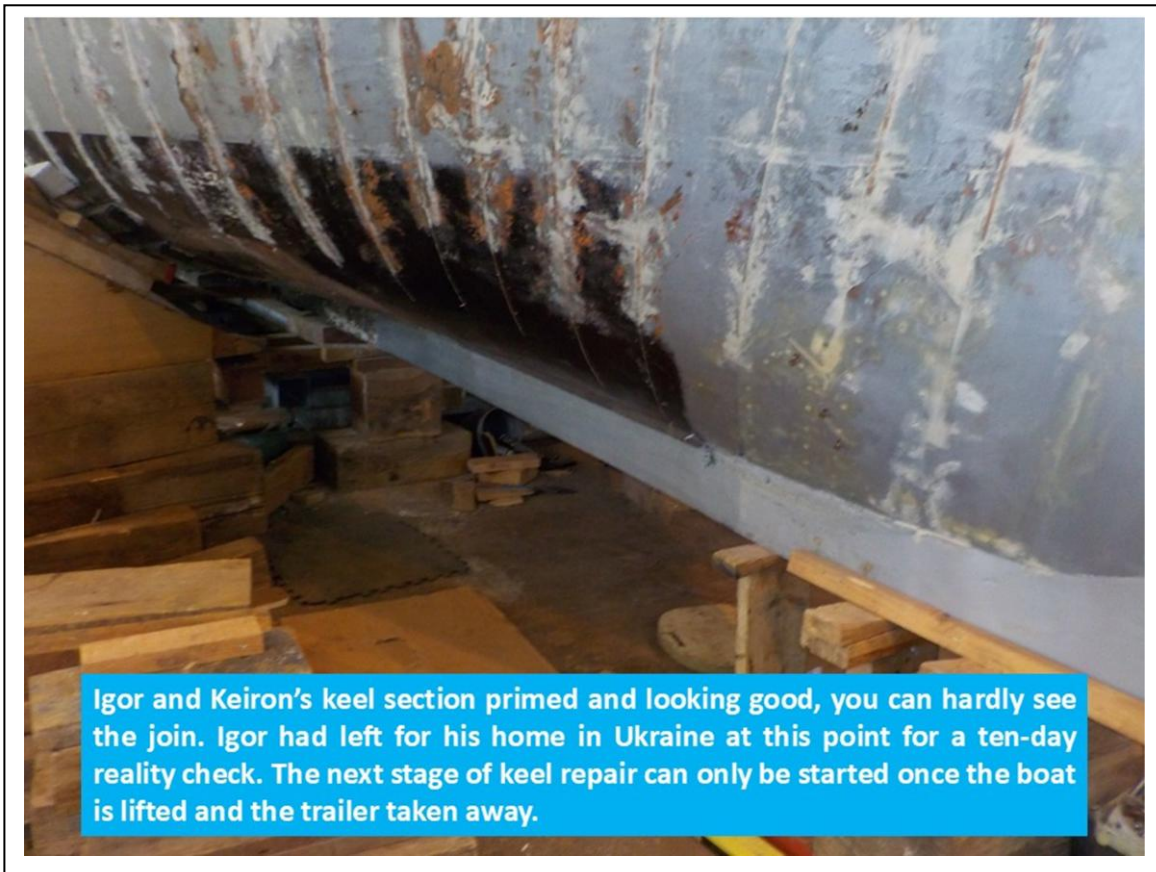
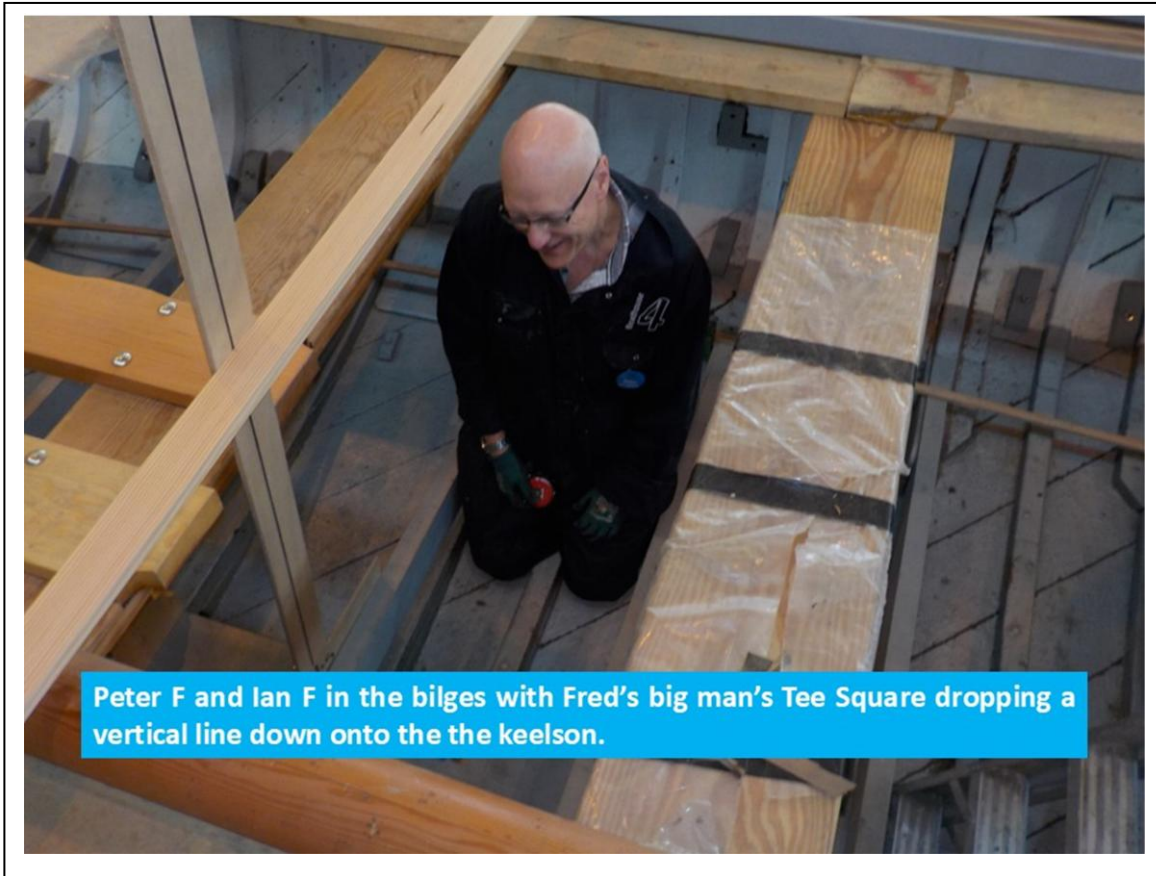
Micky M is fairing off the after port quarter



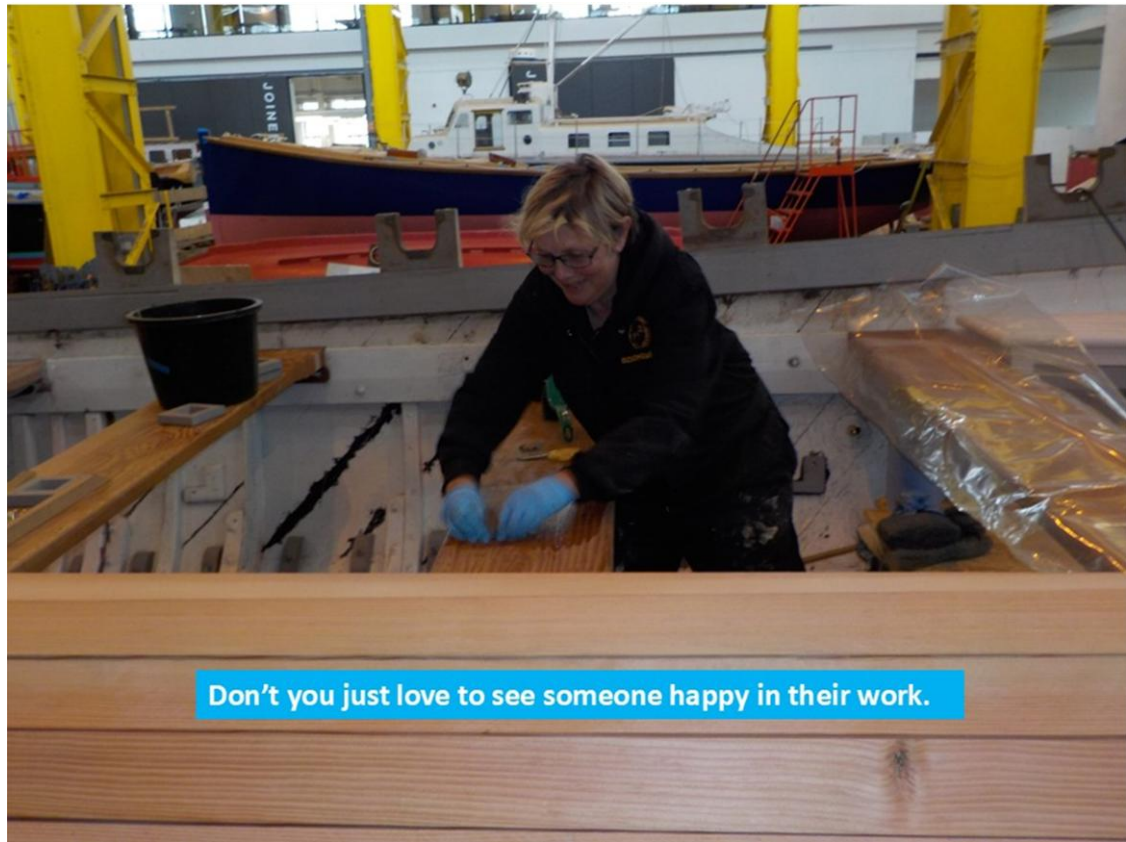


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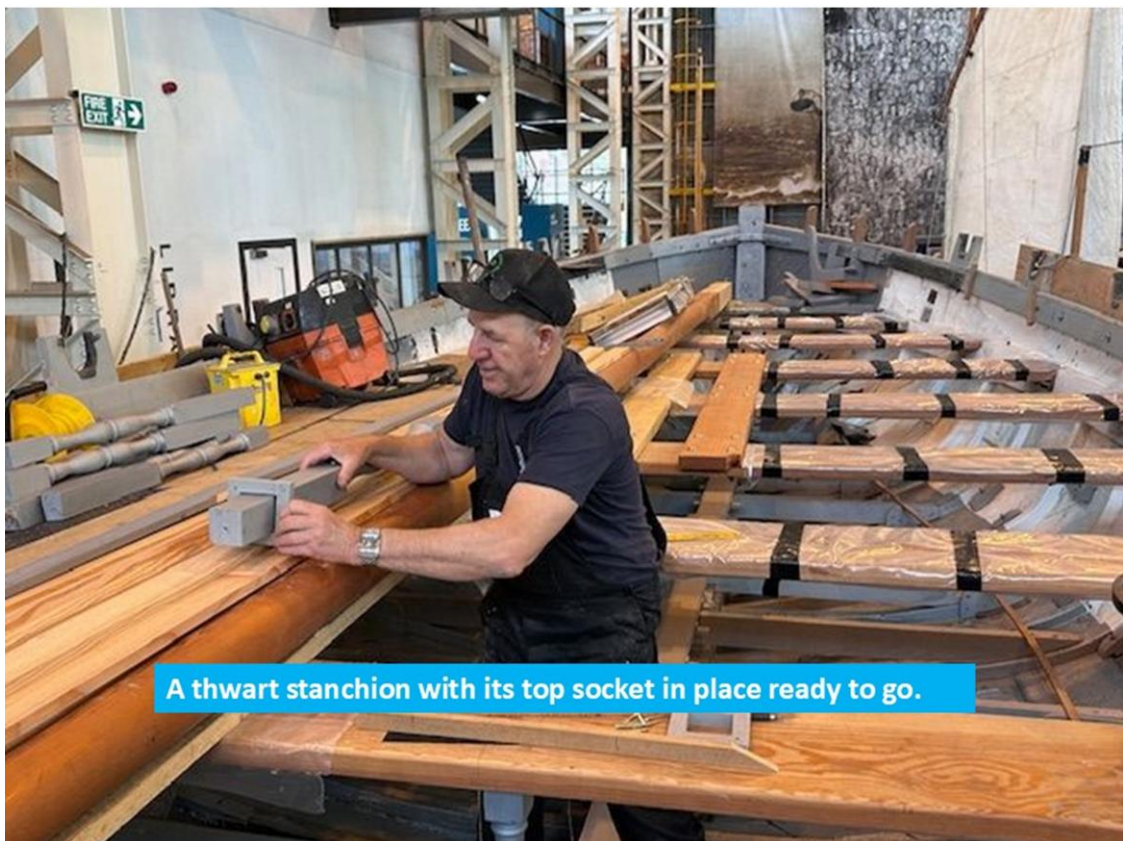








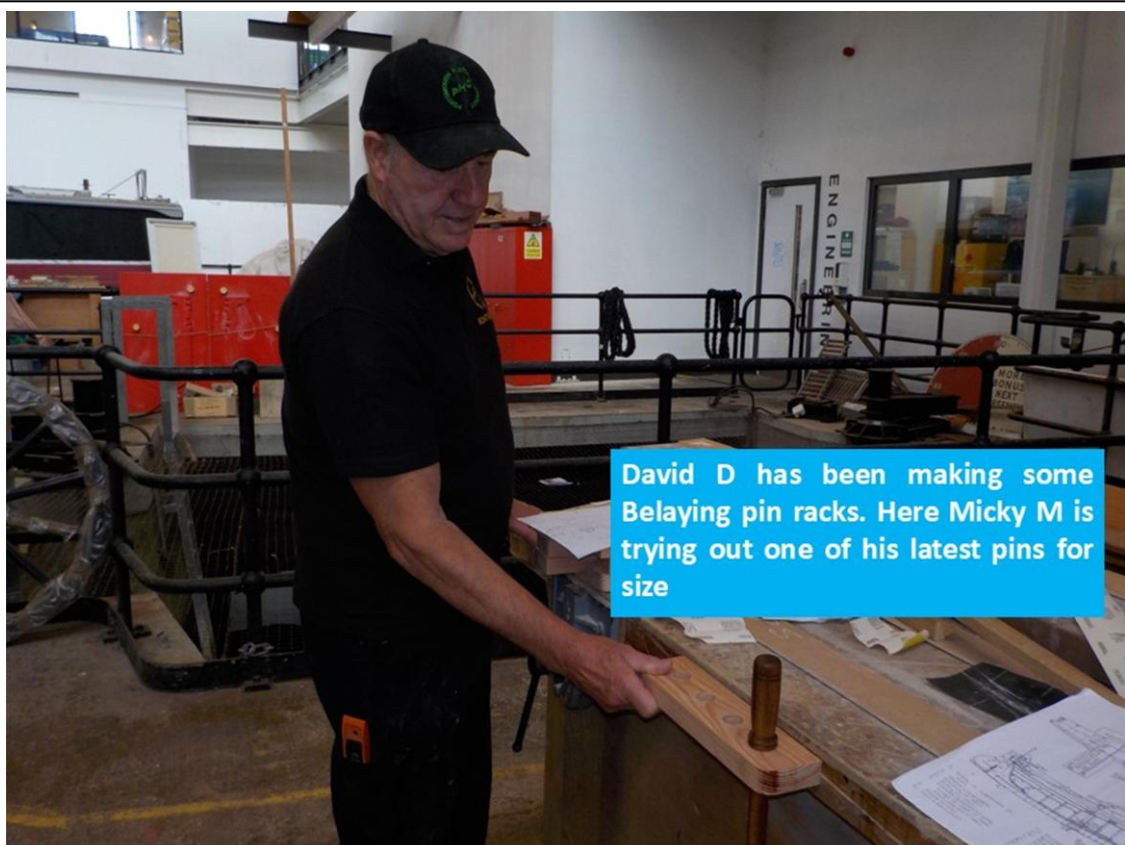
Micky M is well underway fitting his Thwart stanchions here he is marking off the position of the bottom socket.



A thwart stanchion with its top socket in place ready to go.



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Igor has cleared out most of the loose debris from the port side skag



Fred has given the starboard section of the skag a good soaking with wood preservative



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