

A summary of the work carried out in the Month of Nov. 2025

Igor glued and fitted his new keel section and bolted up tight. Fred did a small job on the Port washboard, plugging some surplus holes, drilling new with counter sinks and primed the internal curved face of the wash-board. Ivan carried on making the wedge sections for the stem. Fred experimented with a homemade Pocket screw drill jig before knocking the whole idea on the head. We will probably use dowels to locate the bottom edge of the washboards. David D has taken on the job of making a stubby mast to take navigation lights and fly a pennant from eventually. Micky M and Trish G fitted some of the closing boards in the after half of the boat to where the bilges had been painted, Micky M also dry fitted some of the thwart stanchions in the same area. John B1 carried on with letting in the heads of the coach bolts along the Starboard hull getting ready for when we screed the surface of the hull with a thickened resin fairing mix. David D has finalized his design for the stubby mast and has located some timber. Roz R picked up on the next two washboard sections, machining to thickness, cutting to length and steaming to get the initial shape. We had some special visitors, Mike Murray, Cyclops's previous owner, his friends and his wife, all of whom had known Cyclops in her earlier life. Very enjoyable albeit a trifle emotional. Micky M made a twin featured dowel drilling jig for the intermediate joints on the washboards. Fred and Roz R marked out and cut the next section and started the one after that. Micky M and Fred practiced on the doweling jig and fitted three sections with dowels. John B1 was letting in all the coach bolt heads from previous builds so we can easily screed the hull with a resin fairing paste. Roz R spiled the lower edge of number three washboard section to get a good fit along the gunwale. David D carried on with the base for his stubby mast. John B1 continued with recessing the starboard side coach-bolts. Trish G, Micky M, and Fred did a full dry fit of the port forward long section wash-board including fitting of the lower edge dowels glued in. During the full dry fit it became obvious that the dowels were going to be a major problem once the mastic was put on. We removed the section in total and cut off all dowels and also, plugged the capping holes. The full fit process went ahead fairly easily, without too much mastic over-run. Ros R steamed another section of short wash-board and Fred reworked an earlier version to correct a small error. John B2 dry fitted one of the starboard sections of the small washboards.. Ivan W and Mike S machined up a full length of mahogany for Ros R.

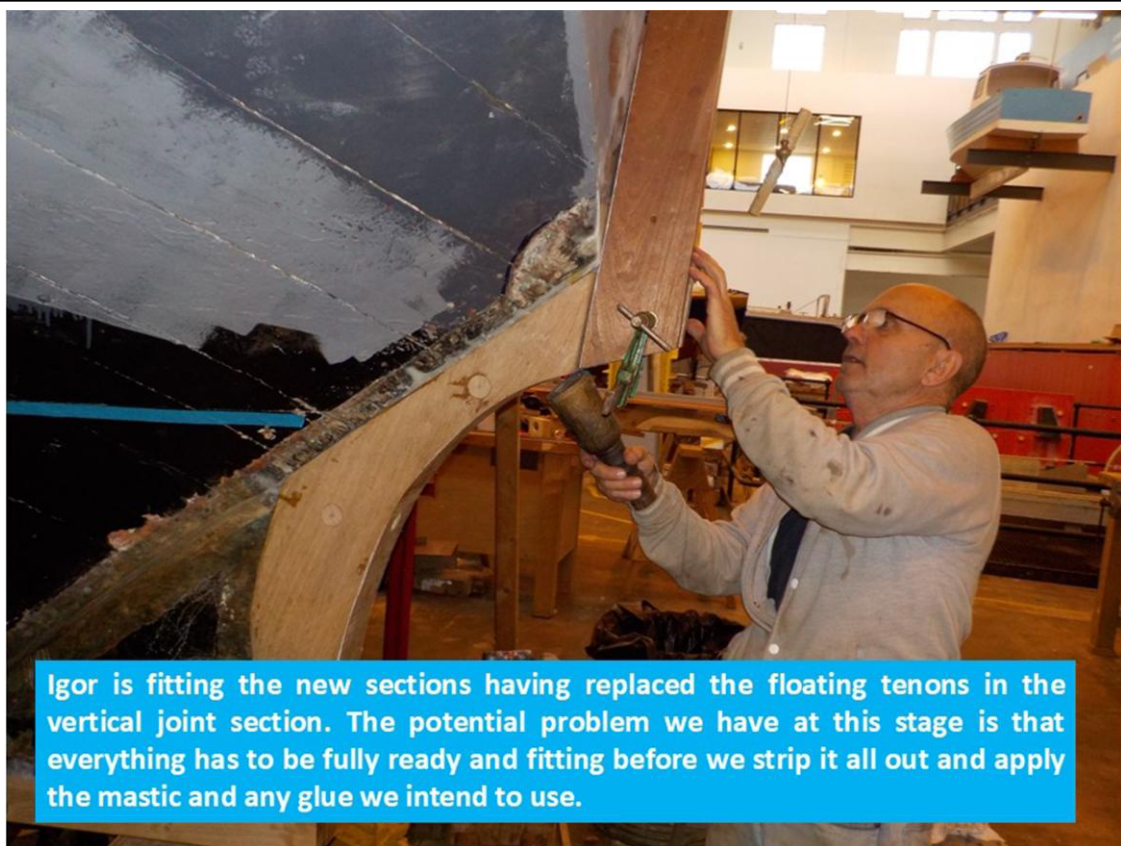


Igor gluing up his new after keel section



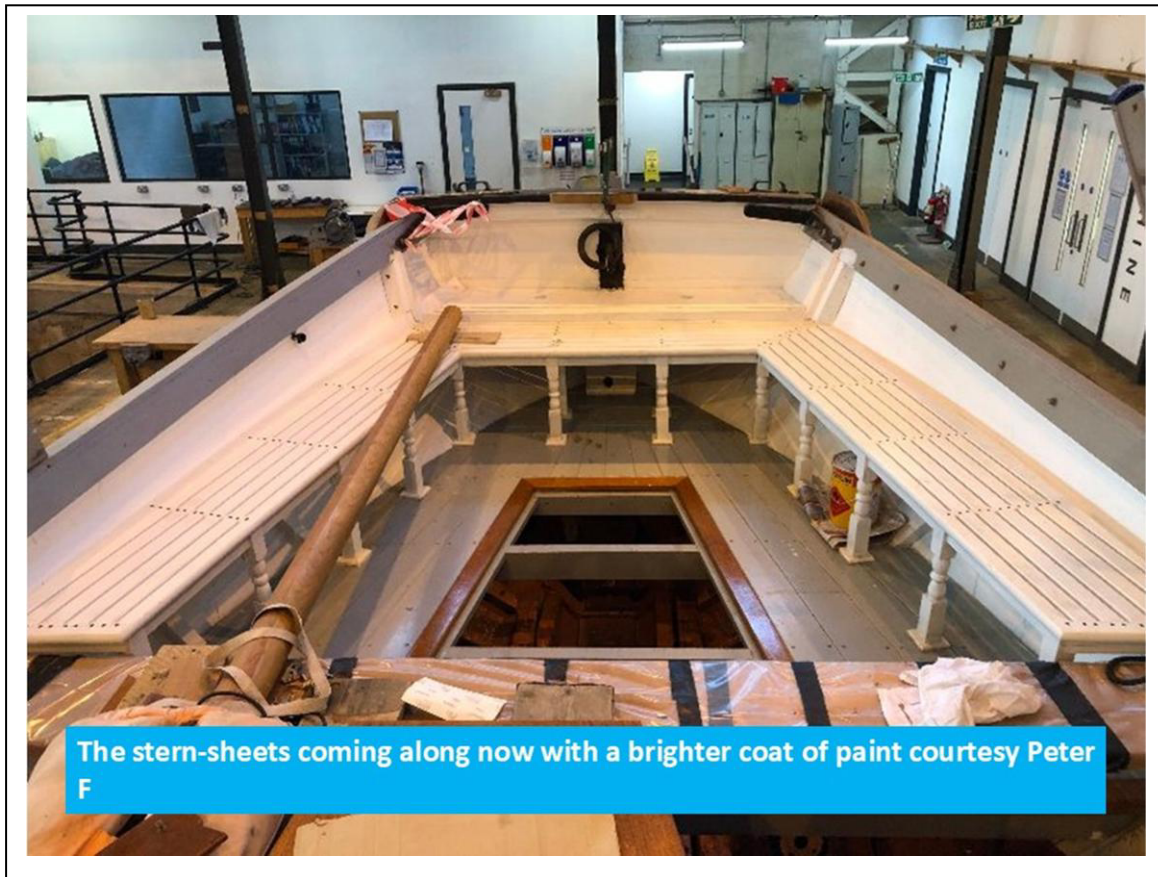


Fred and Igor have dry fitted the propeller cut-out section to check the interface with all the new pieces



Igor is fitting the new sections having replaced the floating tenons in the vertical joint section. The potential problem we have at this stage is that everything has to be fully ready and fitting before we strip it all out and apply the mastic and any glue we intend to use.

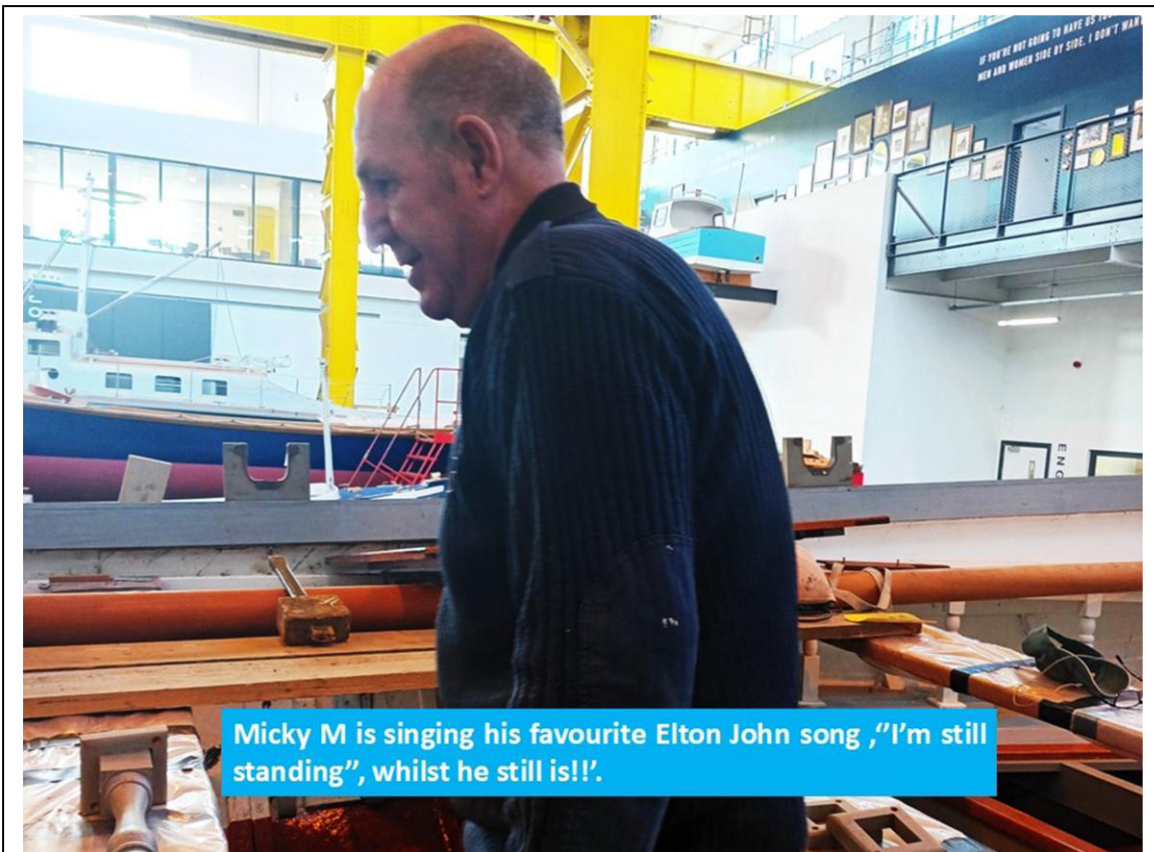
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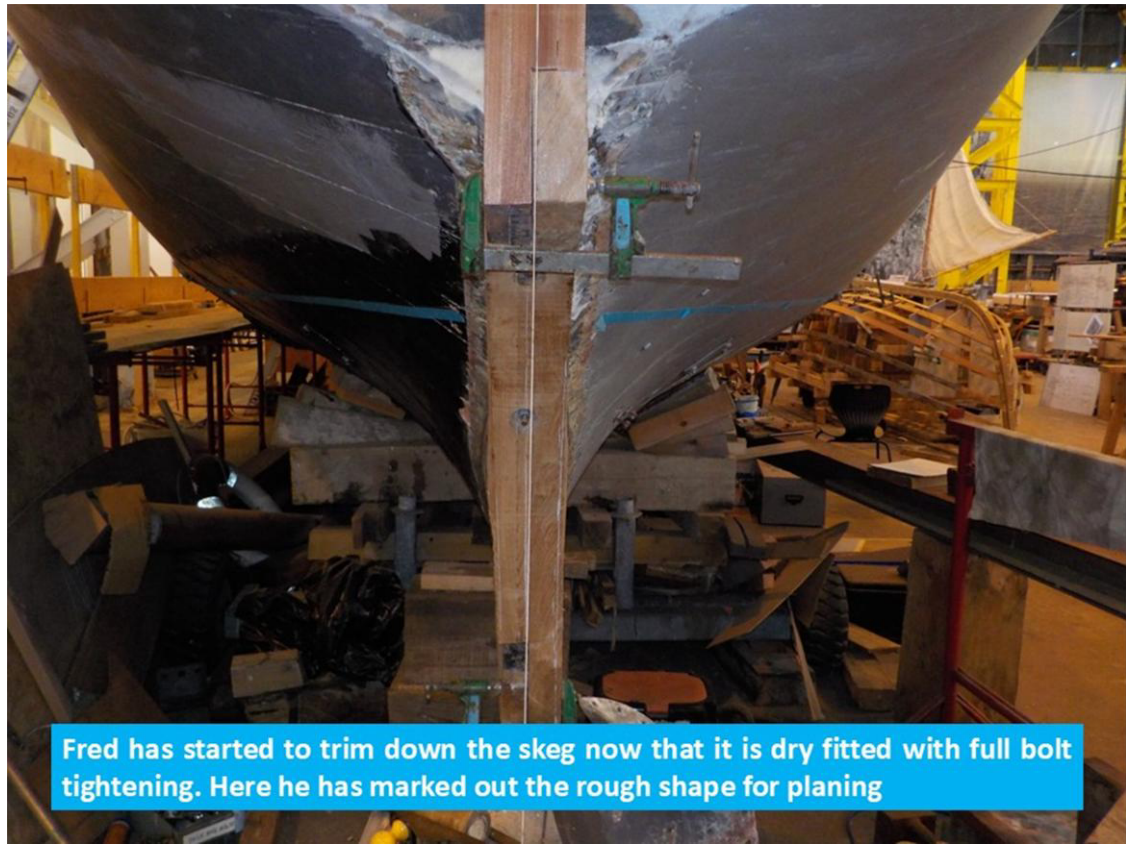
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Trish G is with Micky M fitting the closing boards in the bottom of the bilges along with David D who is making up a stumpy mast to take the Nav lights when we get that far.



Micky M is singing his favourite Elton John song, "I'm still standing", whilst he still is!!.

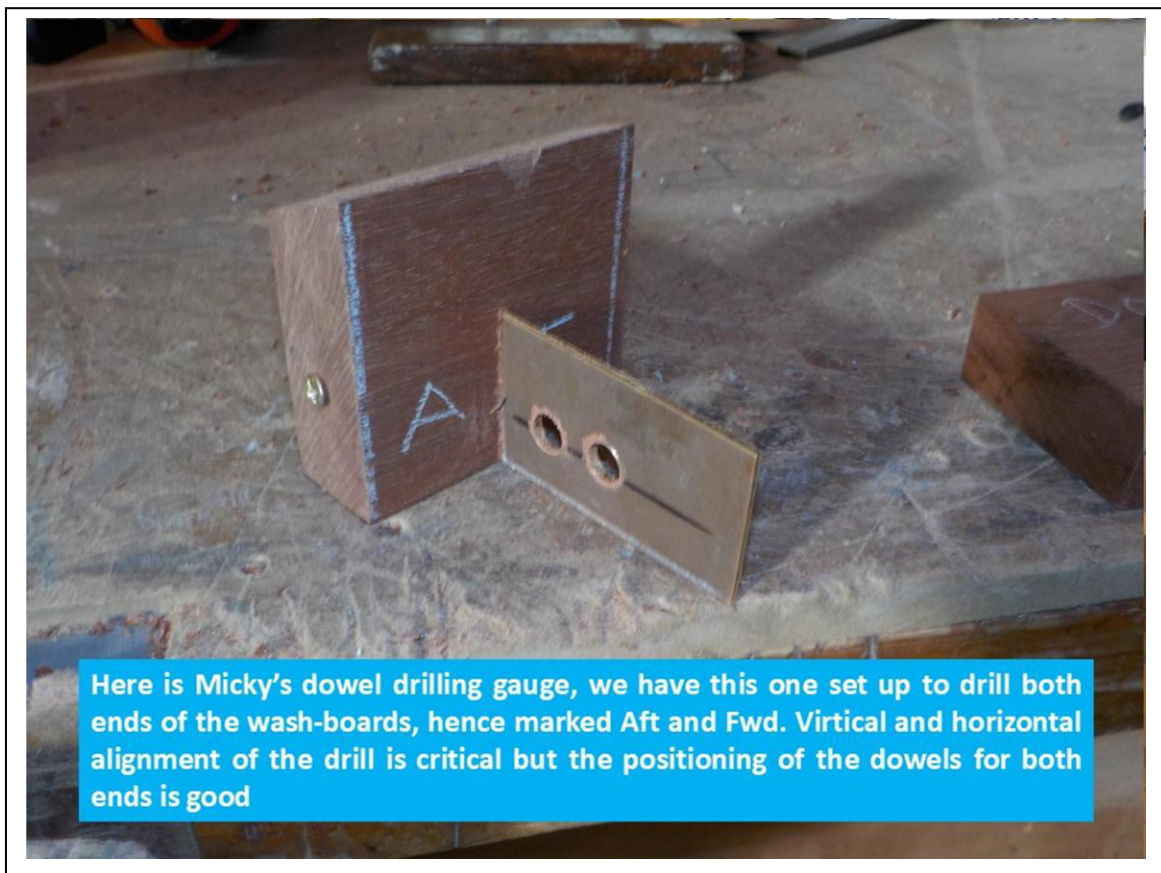




Here is Micky M with his home-made dowel drilling guide on the bench, he is marking off his drill bit to to 25mm to gauge the hole depth.

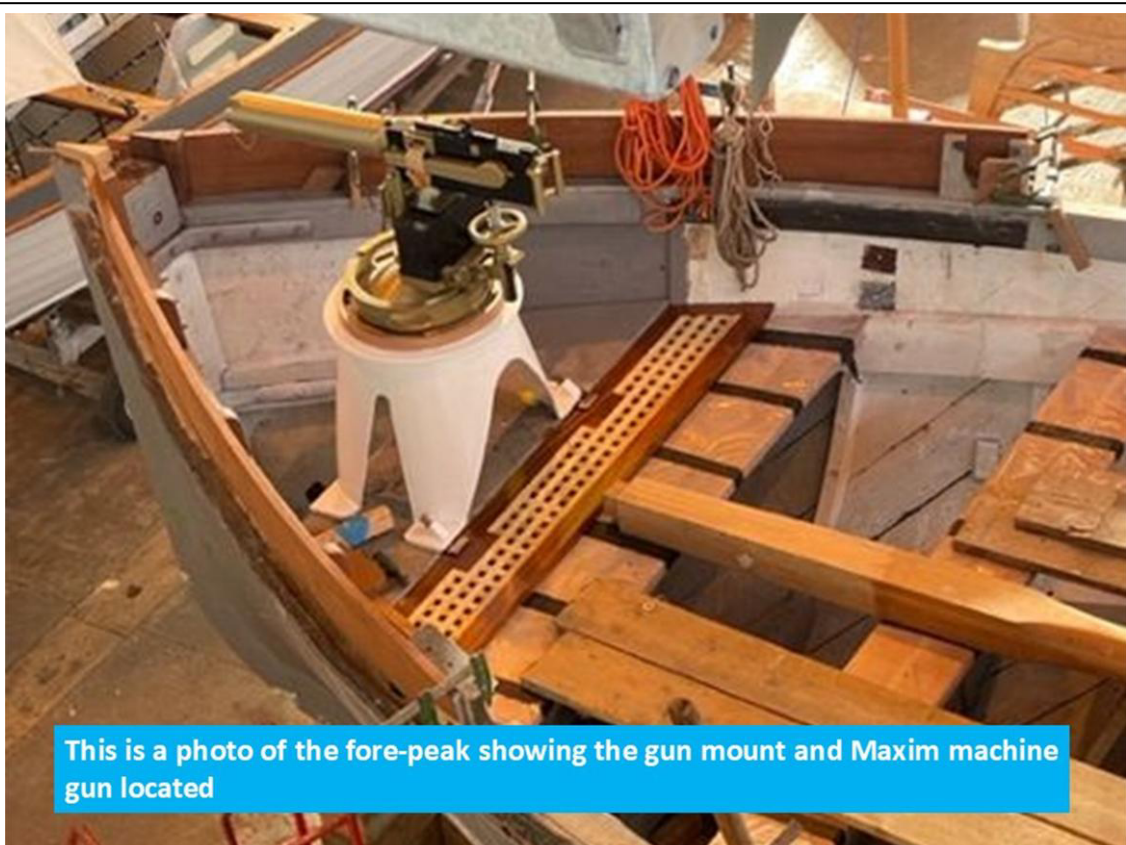
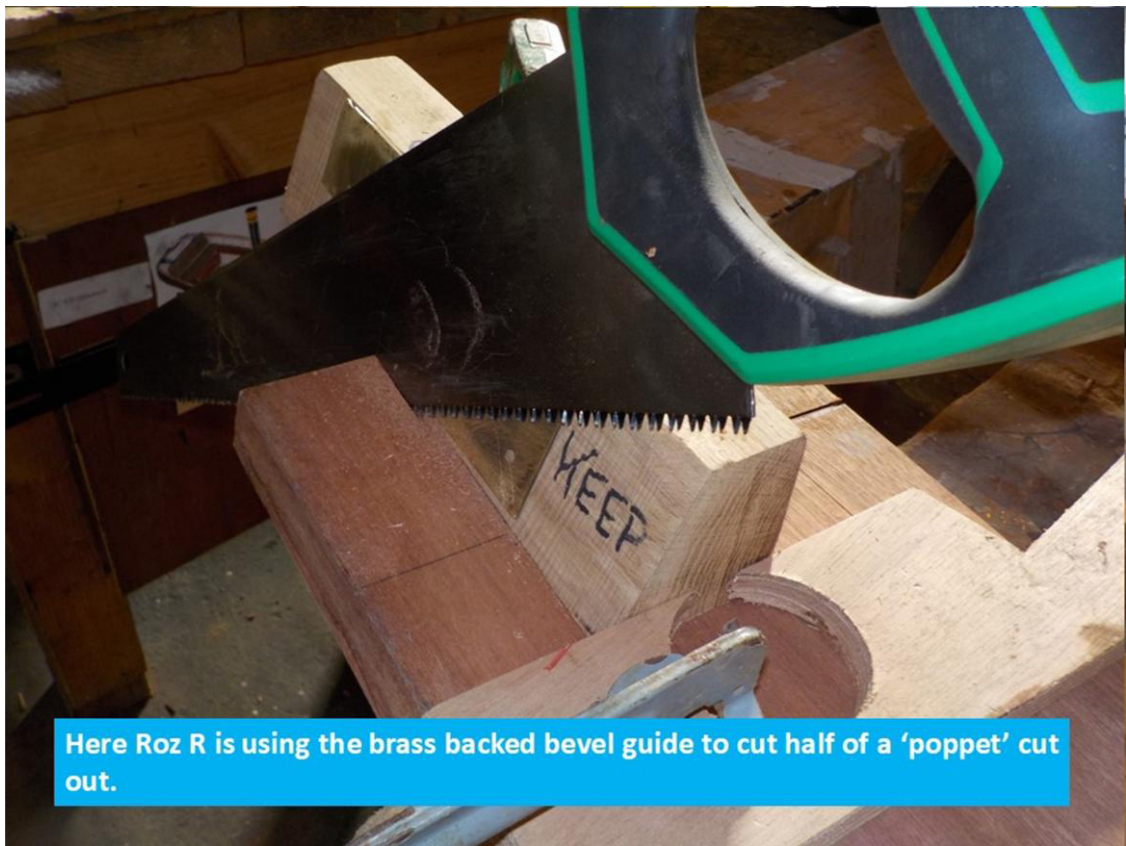


Fred and Micky M doing a dummy run on some scrap timber to check out the new guide.











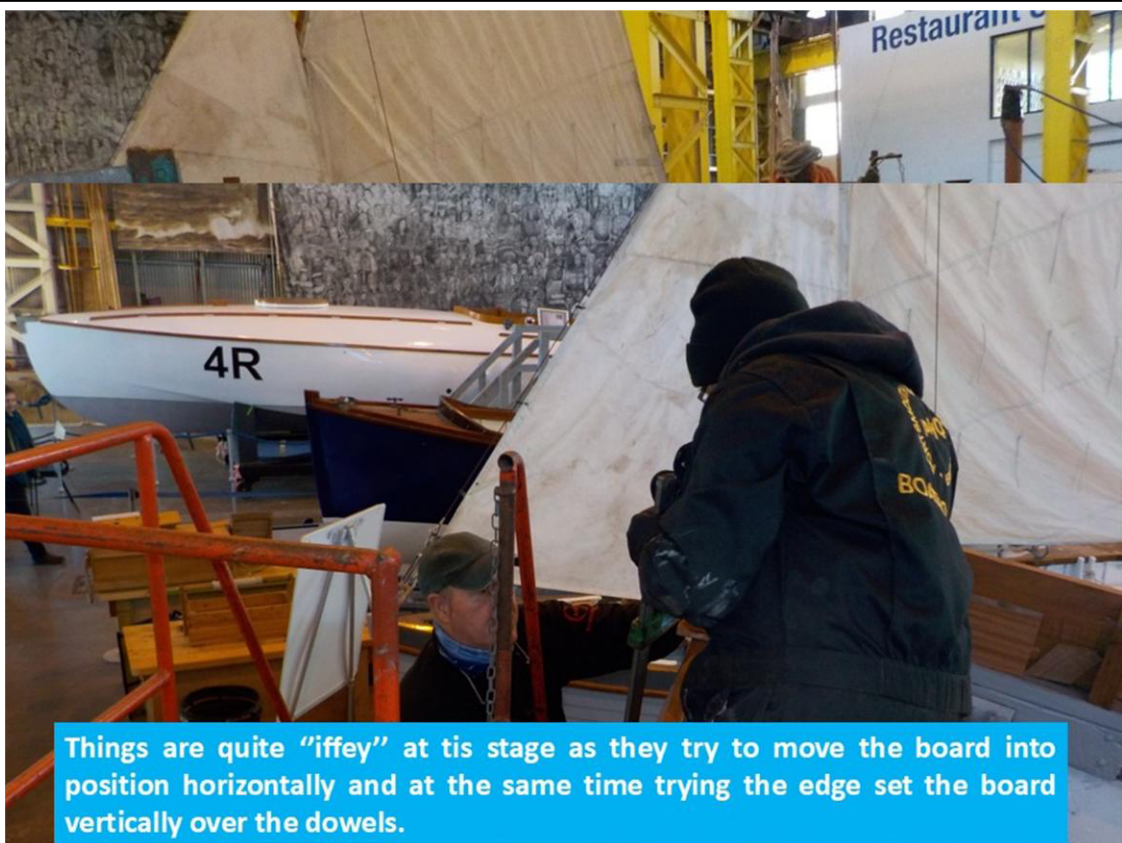
Mike Murray having a quiet moment of reflection taking his mind back to the boat in her operational days and considering the changes as she is today.



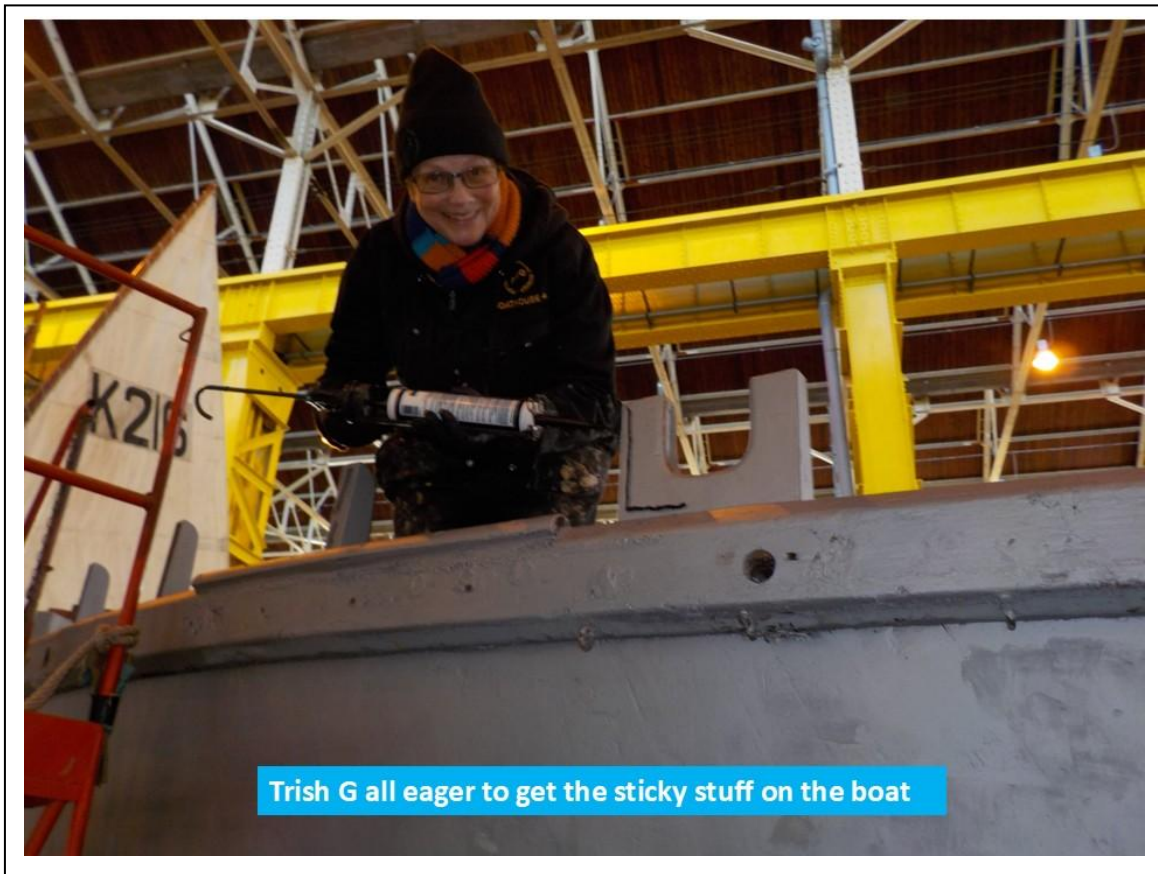
Mike Murray and Fred chewing the fat as Mike enjoys the sheer comfort of the after -bench seat, something that was slightly more basic in the working boat that Mike knew so well



Micky M and Trish G are in the process of dry fitting the port side forward section of wash-board, this is with the dowels glued in.

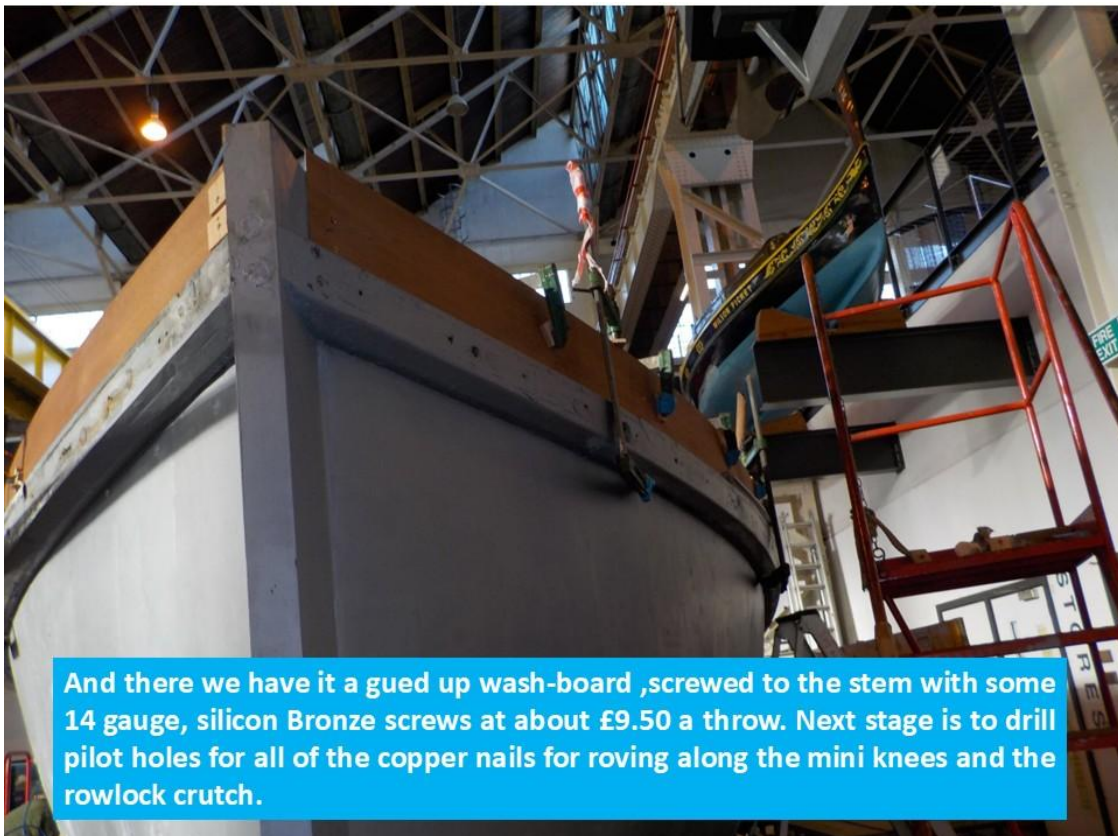


Things are quite "iffey" at this stage as they try to move the board into position horizontally and at the same time trying to edge set the board vertically over the dowels.





Here is Micky M holding the board after we had put the mastic down where we thought it was needed. All fingers off the black stuff.



And there we have it a gued up wash-board ,screwed to the stem with some 14 gauge, silicon Bronze screws at about £9.50 a throw. Next stage is to drill pilot holes for all of the copper nails for roving along the mini knees and the rowlock crutch.

