

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

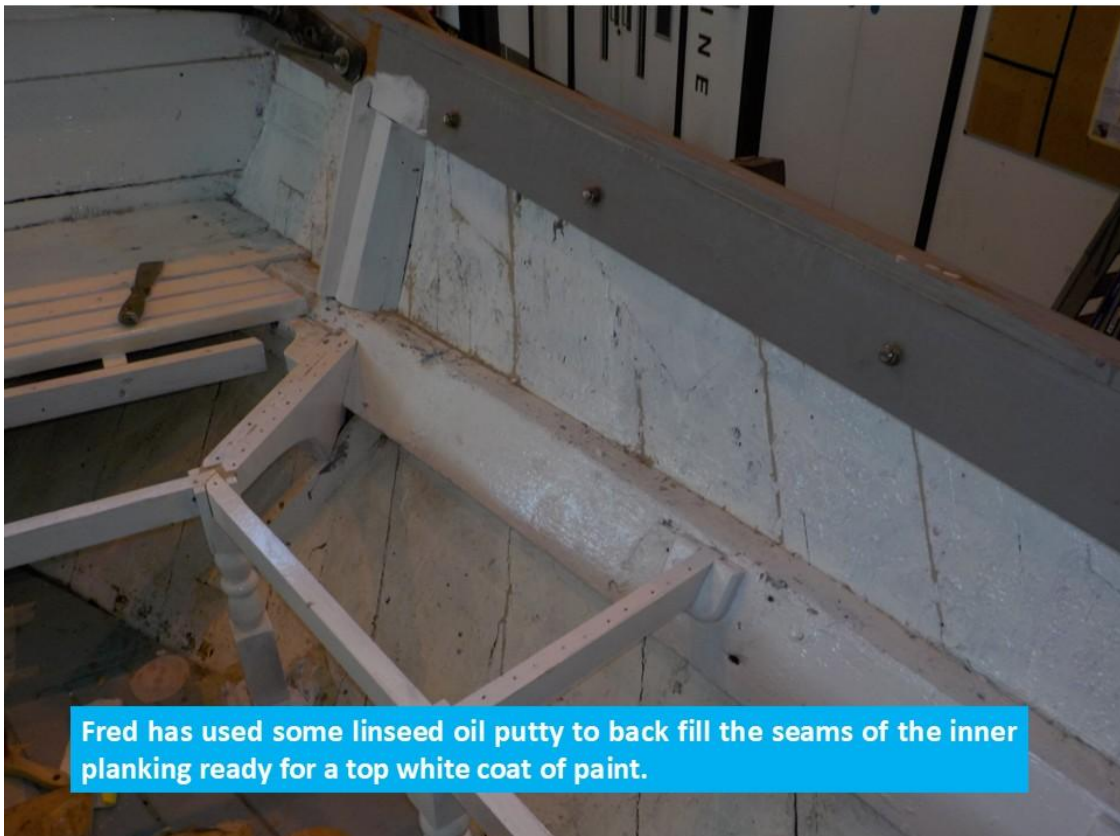
### **A summary of the work carried out in the Month of April**

Early on in the month Hamo T came back over and had a go at splining the starboard side planking with Roz R. John B carried on with his margin board edge battens and scarfed two sets together, one for each side of the bilges. Igor carried on preparing the forward keel repair section and made a start along with Fred cutting some threads into the bronze through bolts. John P and Keith gave the stern sheets a quick coat of white and Fred puttied in some of the gapping in that area.

Keiron O continued cutting the threads on the keel through bolts, Roz R carried on with the rudder restoration, Ivan W neared the end of the mini knee job, John P and Keith D finished making the thwart knees and started to cut some timber for the sole boards, John B and Fred glued up the scarf joints on the margin board battens.

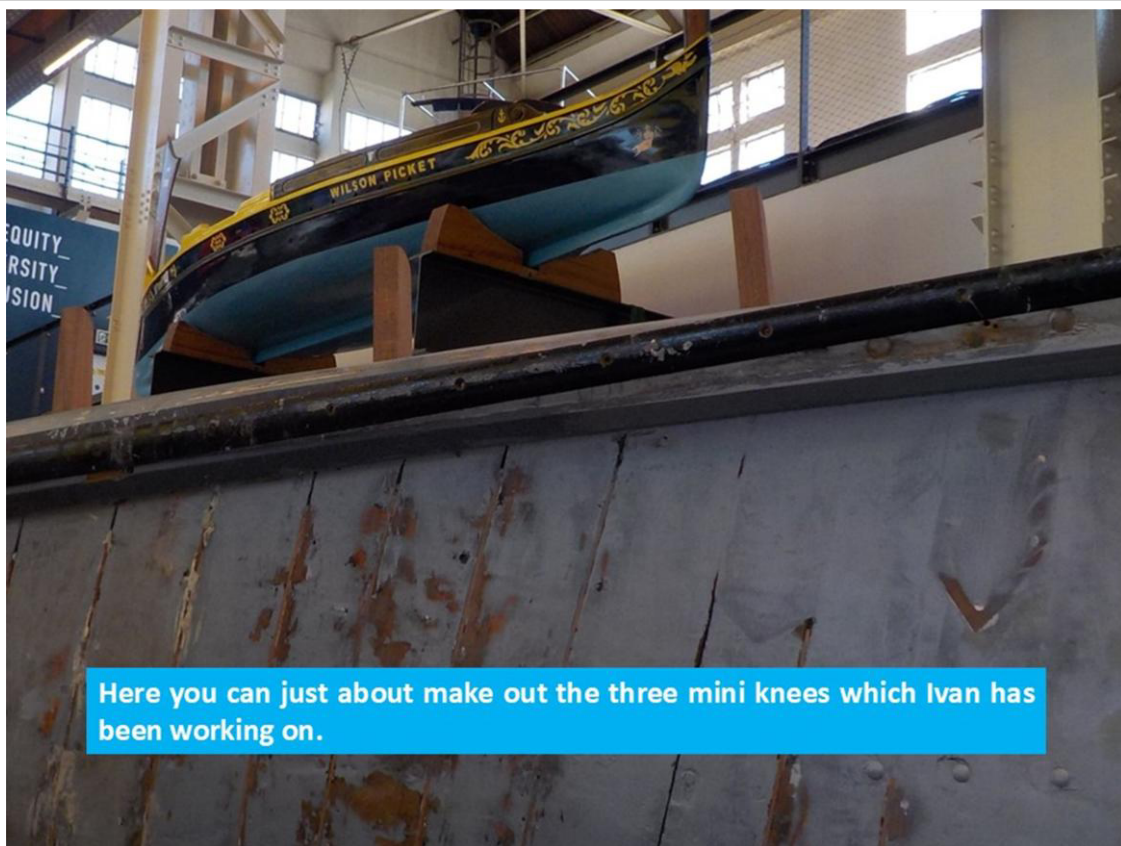
John P and Keith D cut up and machined three full Douglas Fir baulks to produce 24 boards for the sole boards. Mike S faired off some of the splining and started to back fill the small gaps with P 38. Roz cleaned up John B's margin boards after the epoxy resin had cured.

Micky M and Trish G removed a couple of sections of the closing boards and started to nail and rove the sole board support cleats. Roz carried on with some dry fitting of some more splines and John B finished fitting his mini plank section. Fred cut another scarf on the spare end of one of the margin boards. Peter F, Ian F and Fran fitted the Port quarter badge with Roz and Mike S splining and fairing the hull.



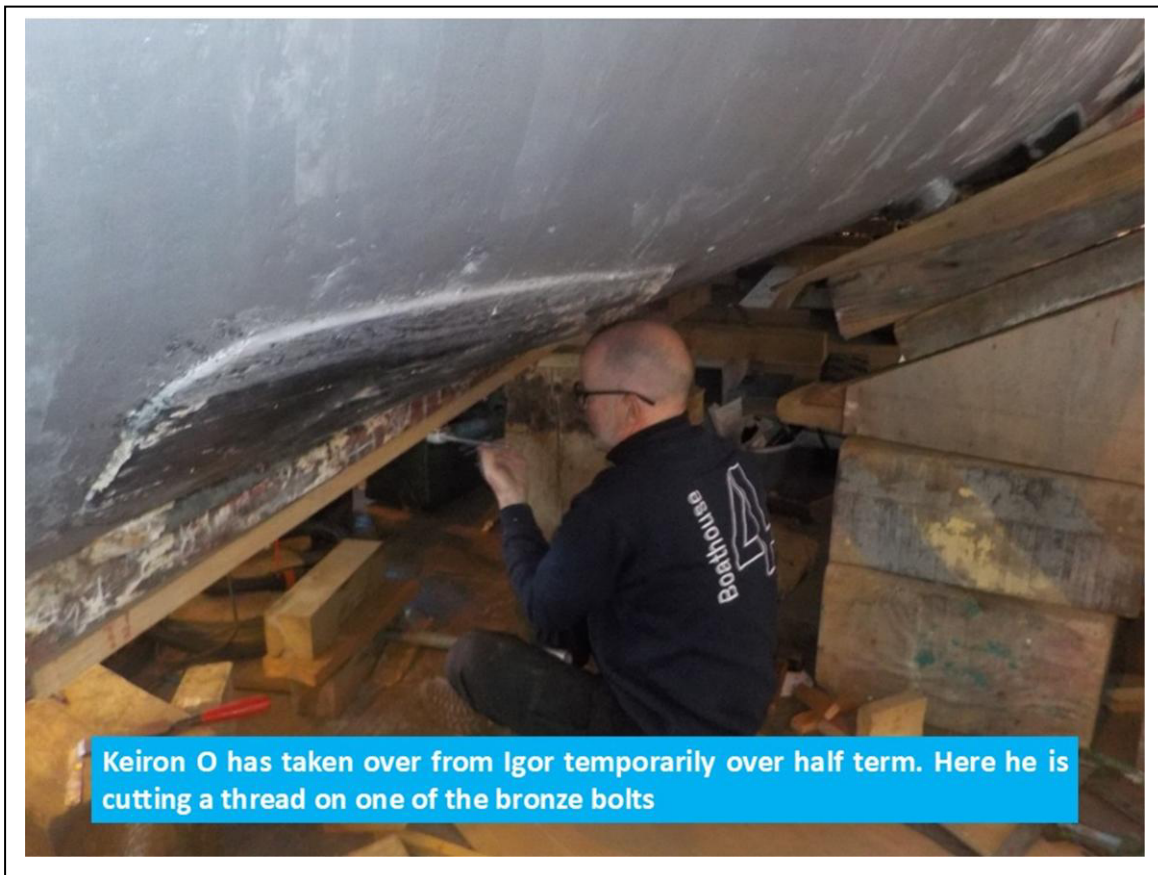
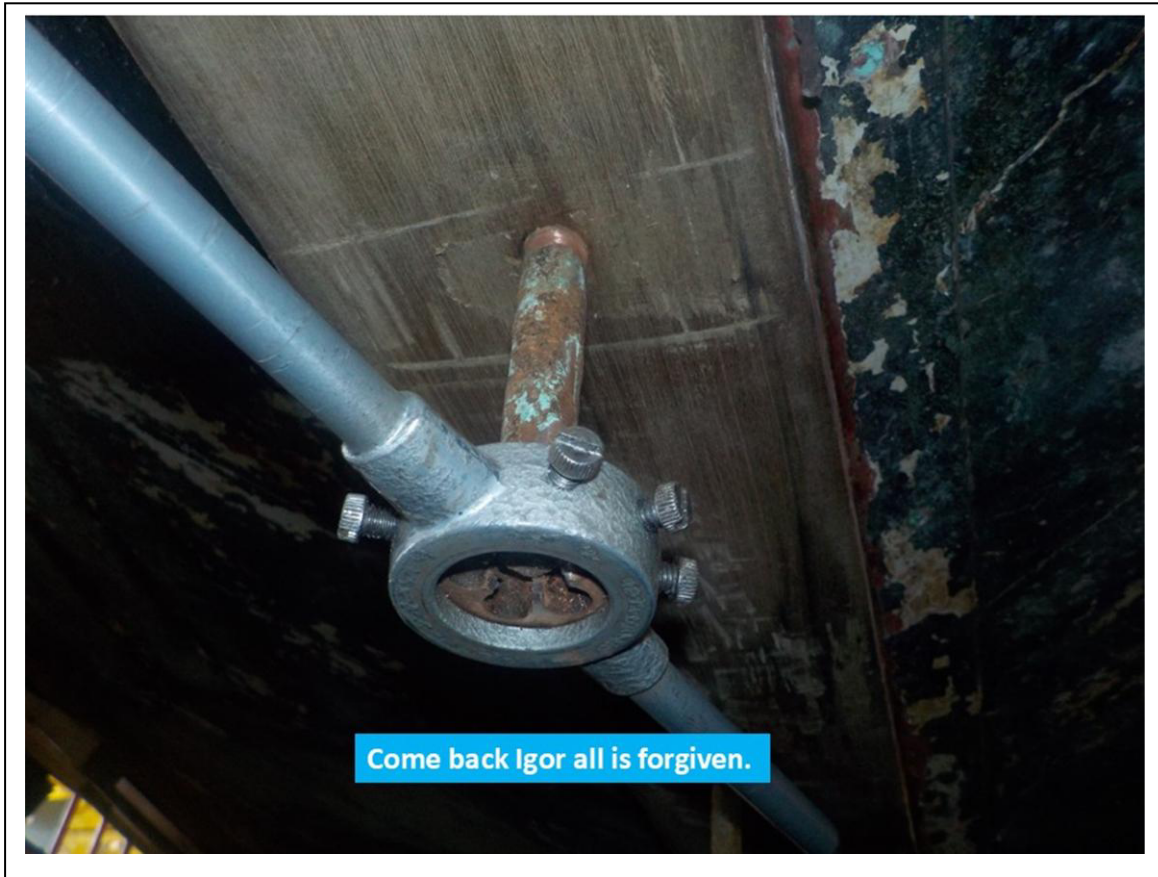


An overview of the stern sheets before the seating is finally put in.



Here you can just about make out the three mini knees which Ivan has been working on.







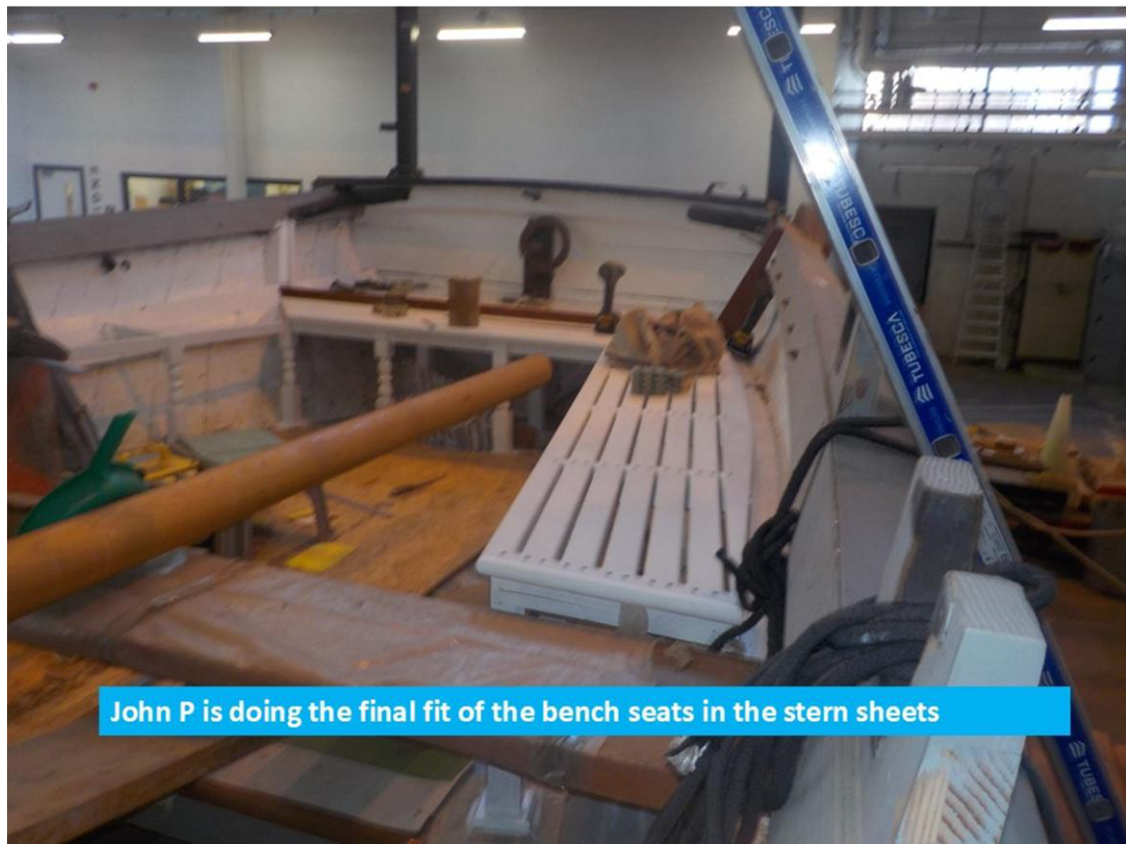
He has made real progress on one of the beasts, he has even fitted a nut.

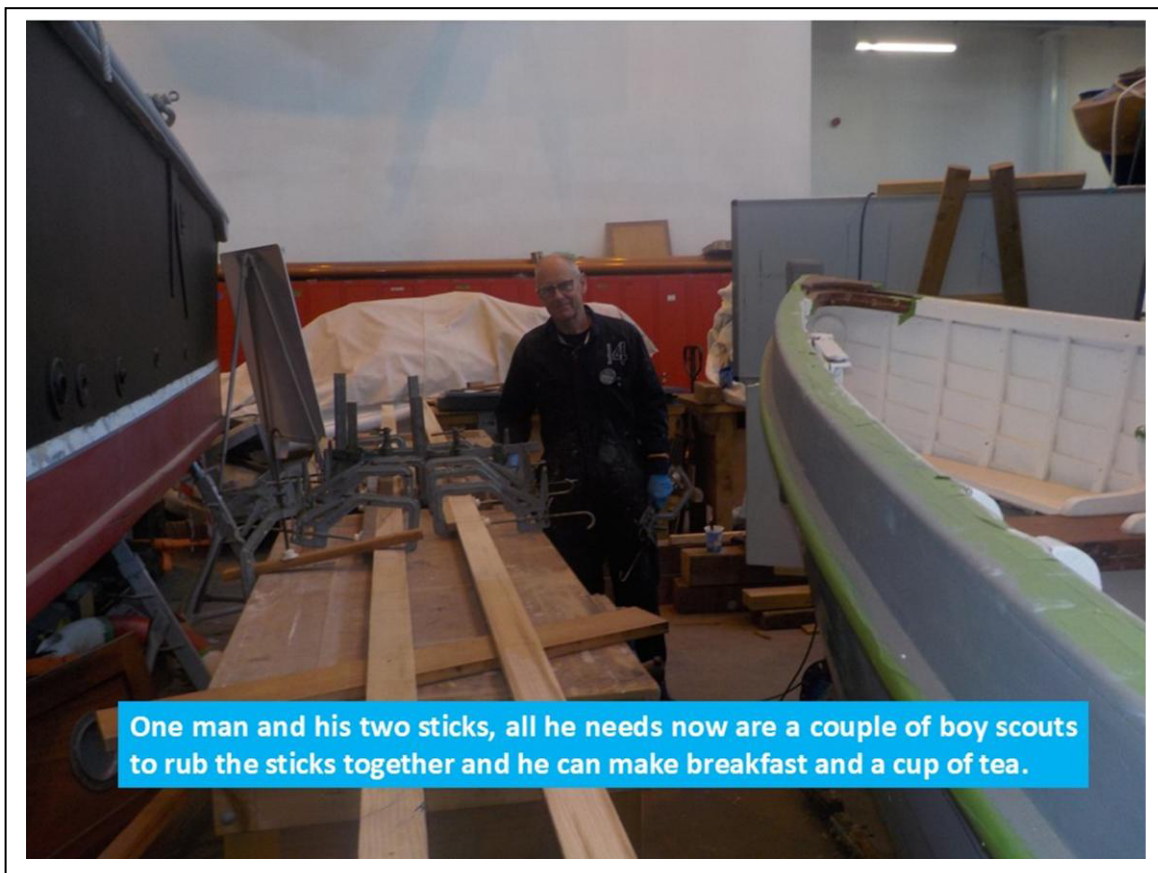
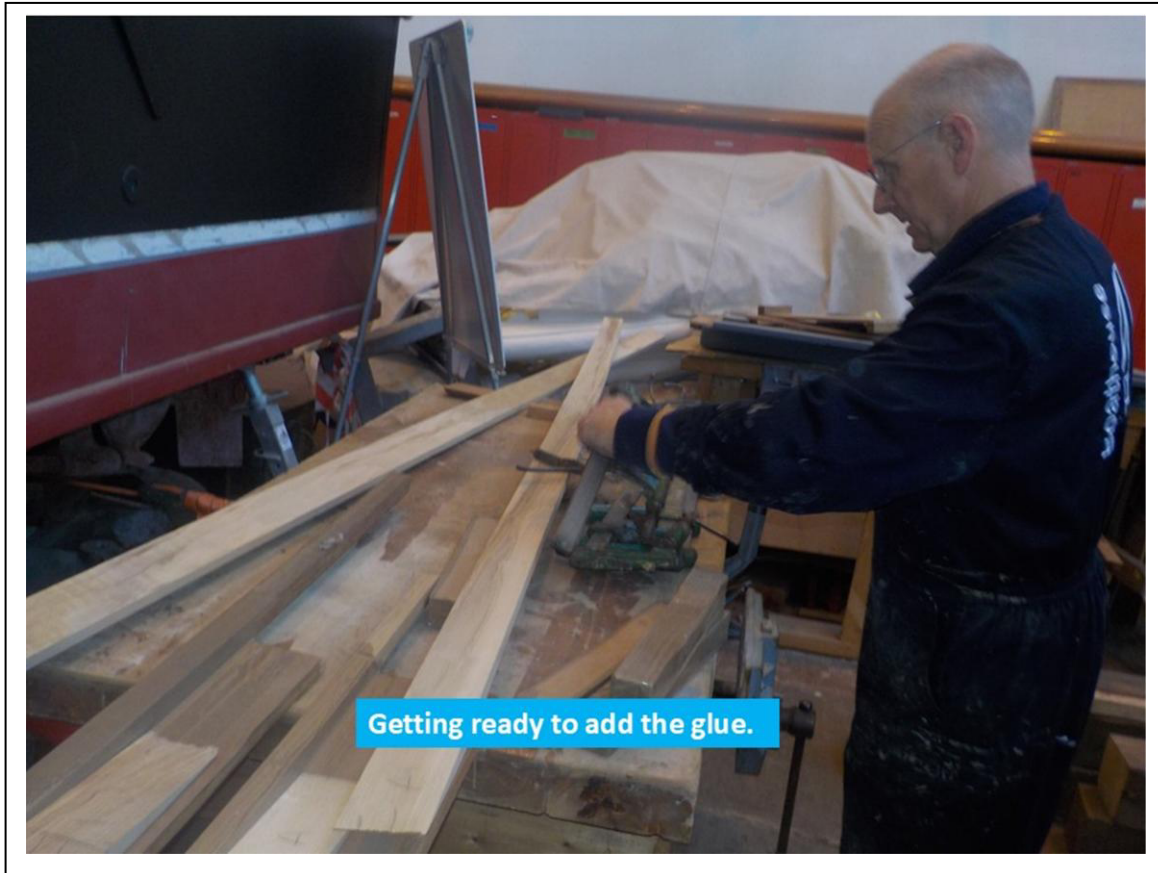


Here are the three mini knees on the Starboard forward capping. This photo gives a good indication of the vast size of Cyclops with the volunteer, Shiner Wright, balanced on the gunwale looking forward

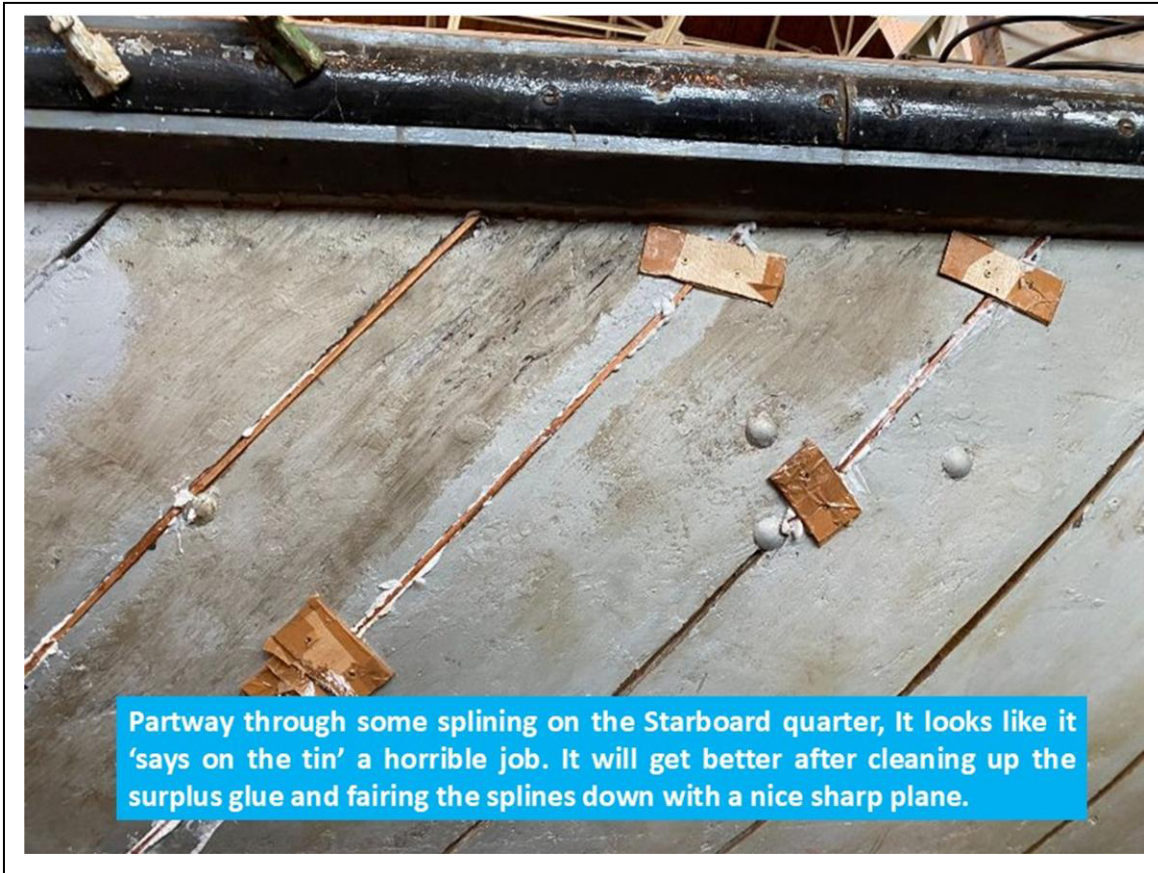
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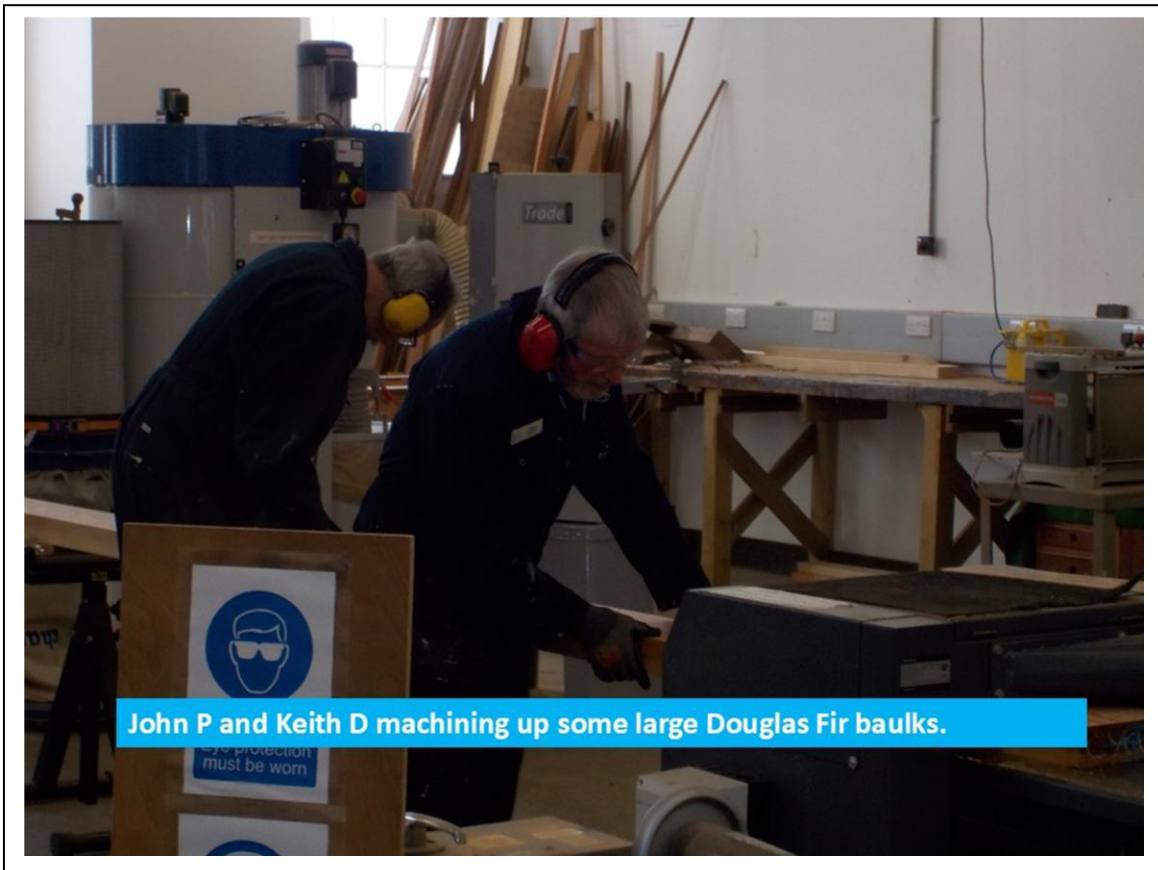








Partway through some splining on the Starboard quarter, It looks like it 'says on the tin' a horrible job. It will get better after cleaning up the surplus glue and fairing the splines down with a nice sharp plane.



John P and Keith D machining up some large Douglas Fir baulks.

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Igor, Fred and Keiron O have cut the second laminate for the orward keek repair.



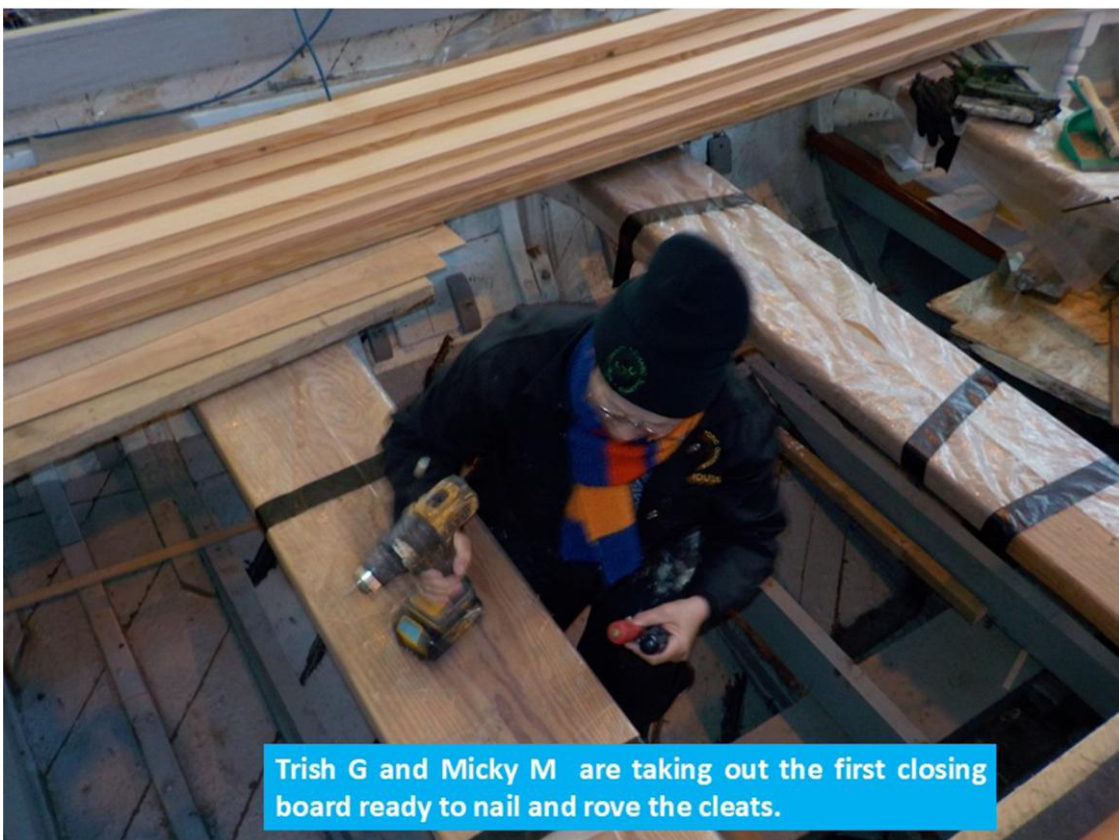
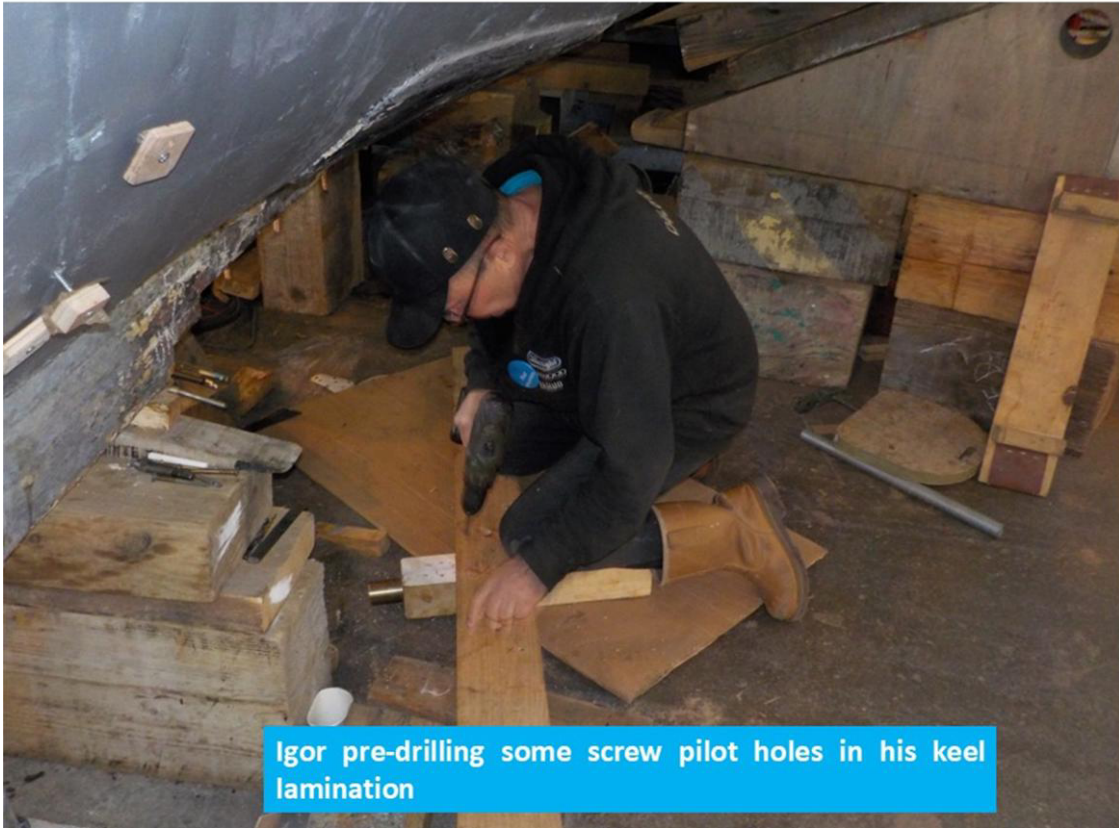
Igor and Keiron O planing up the second keel laminate

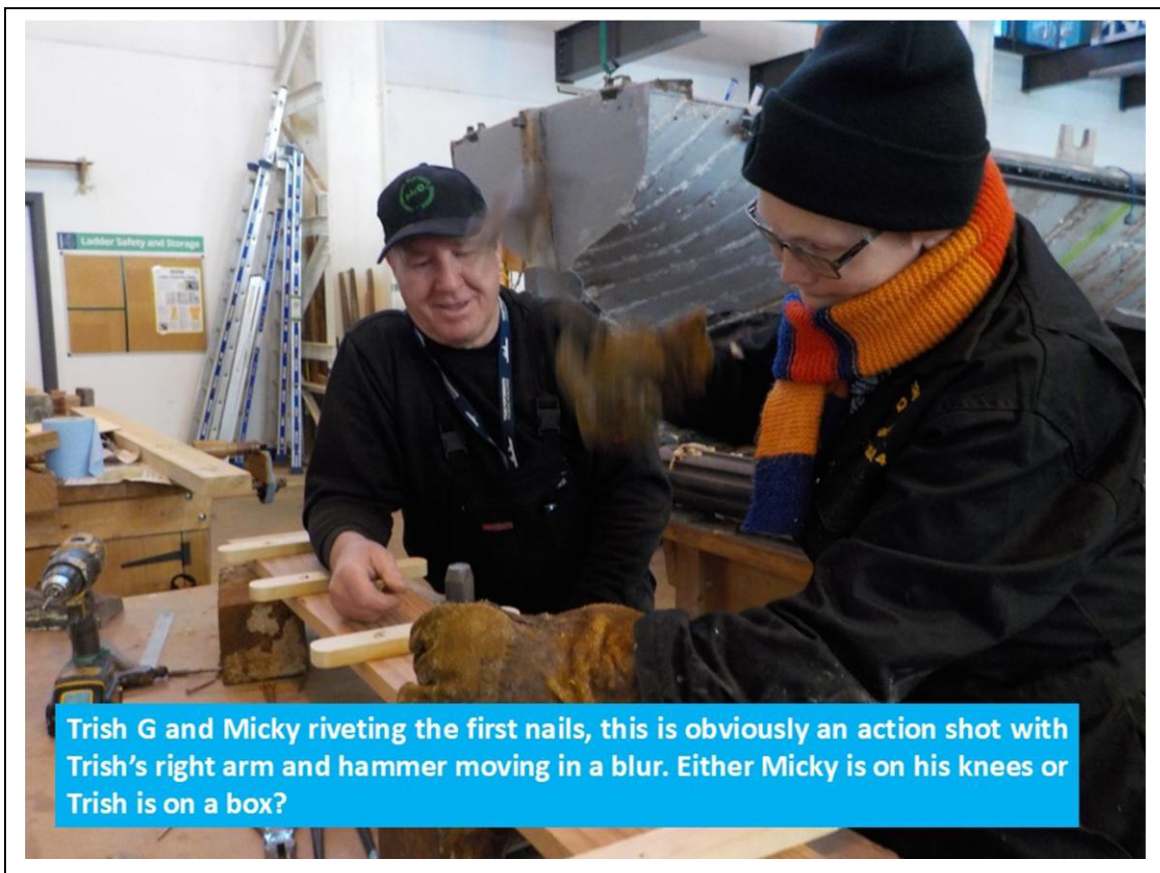
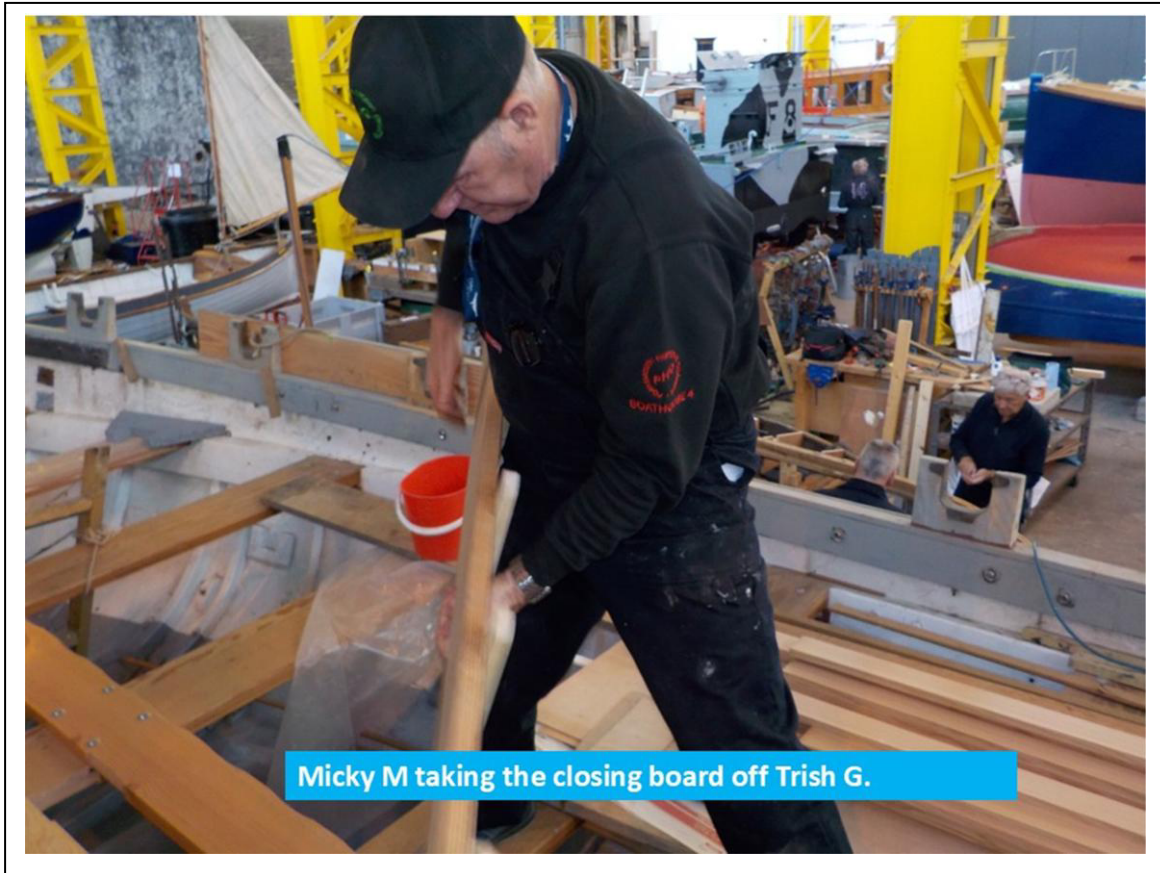


Jere John B is making final preparation before he fits his mini plank insert with mastic and nails /screws.



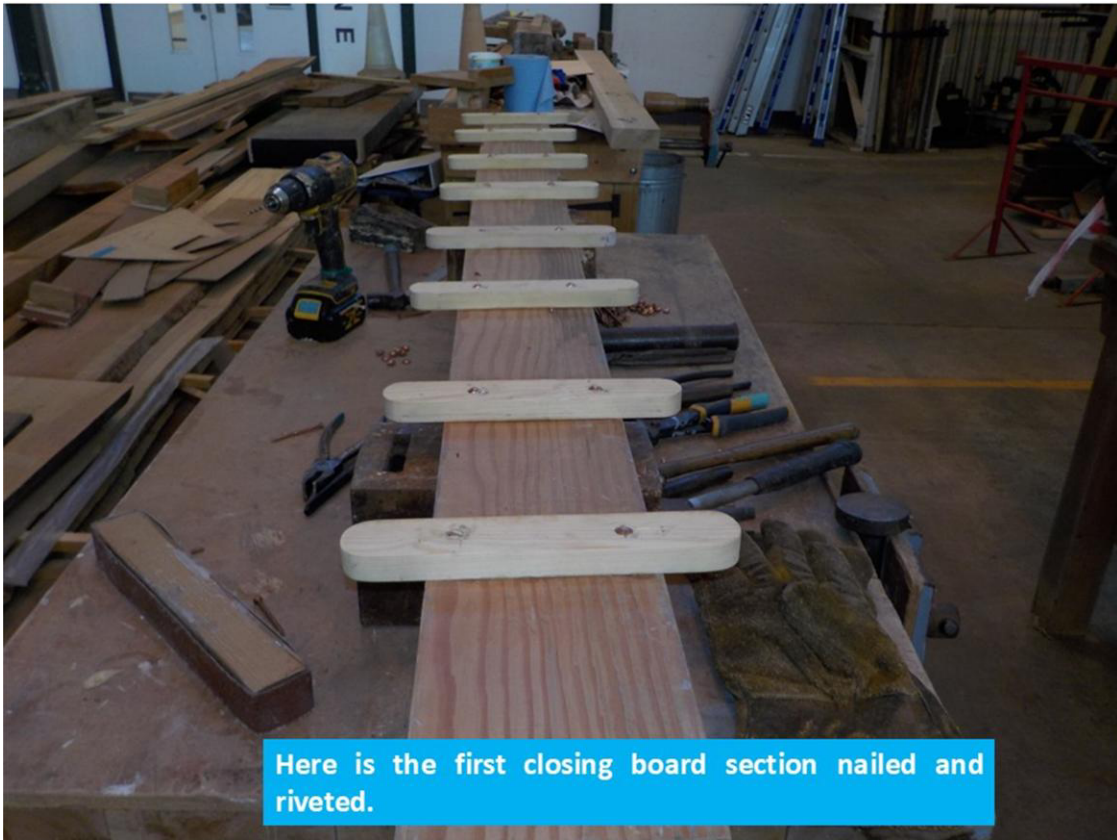
Here are the two laminations for the forward keel repair.





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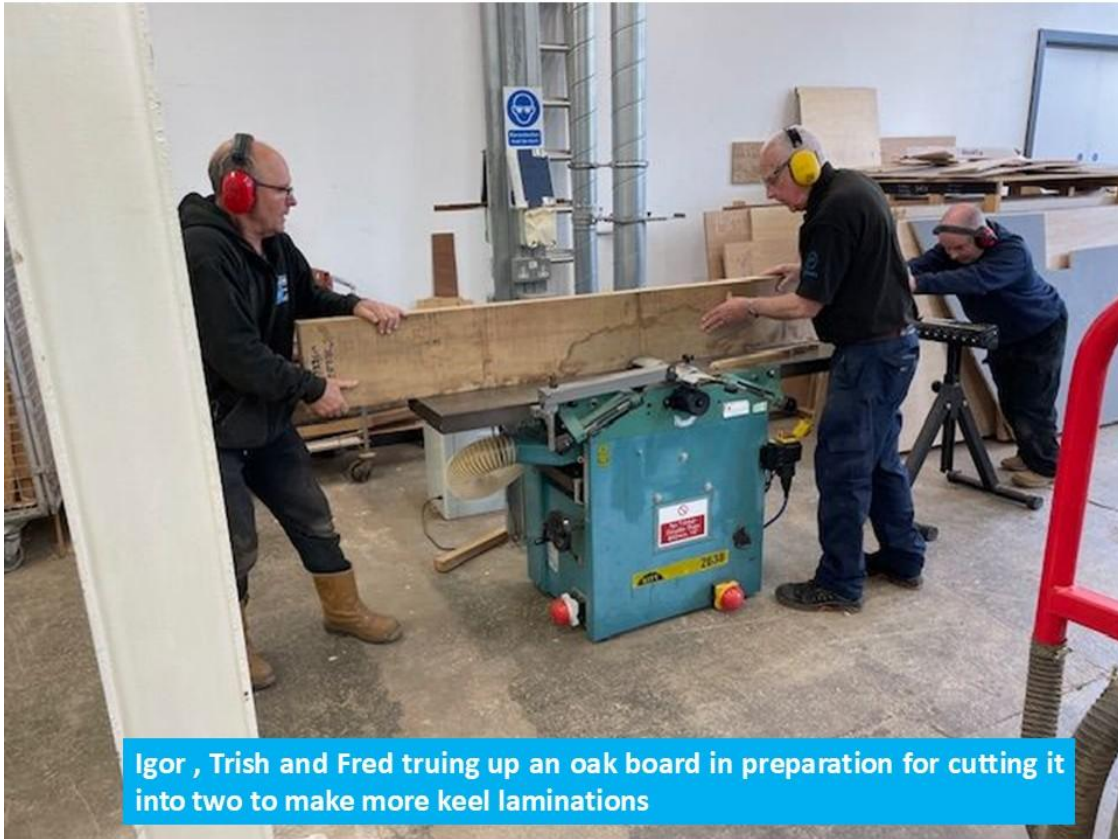
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Igor , Trish and Fred truing up an oak board in preparation for cutting it into two to make more keel laminations



The final pile of sole boards cut by John P and Keith D, once we start to fit the sole boards and shape the panels we will know better how many more we need. At this point we have 32 off 5 Meter lengths, just on 160 meters. Usain Bolt could clear those in about 15 seconds.

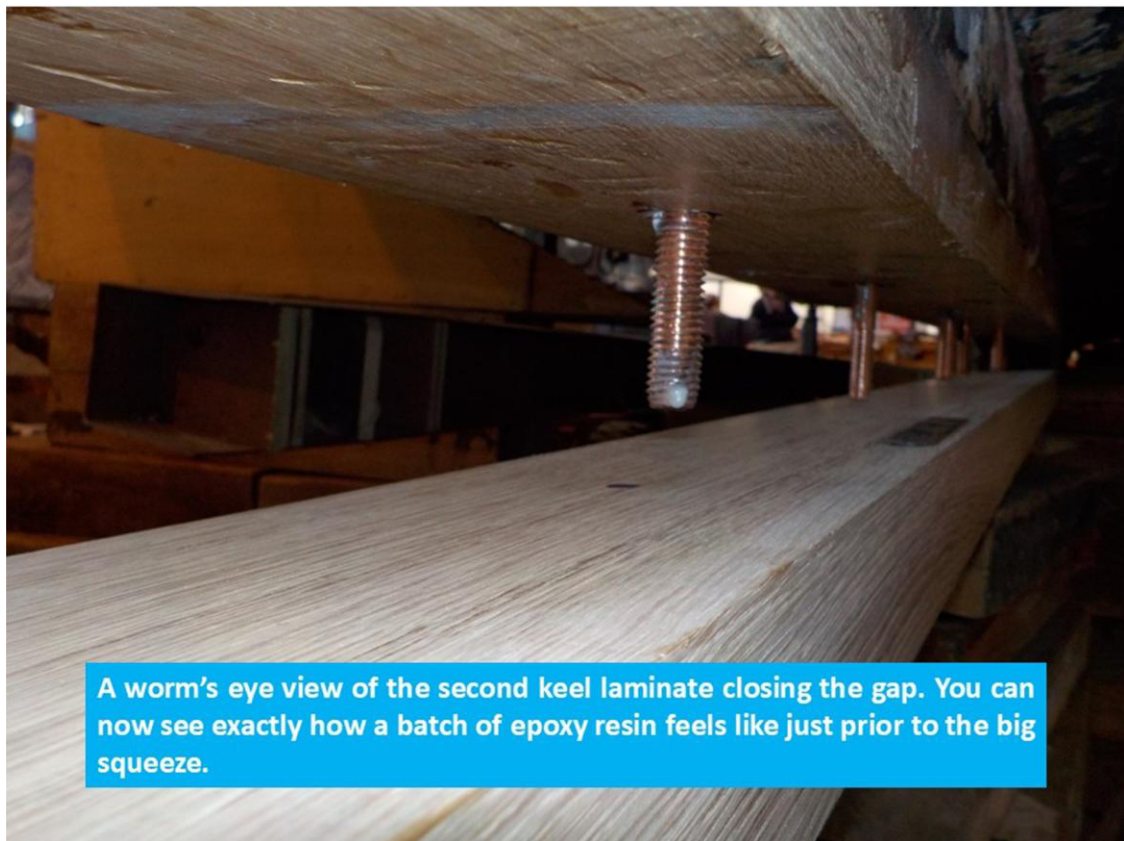




Starboard side view of the first keel lamination glued and wedged in place, courtesy of our human machine Igor.



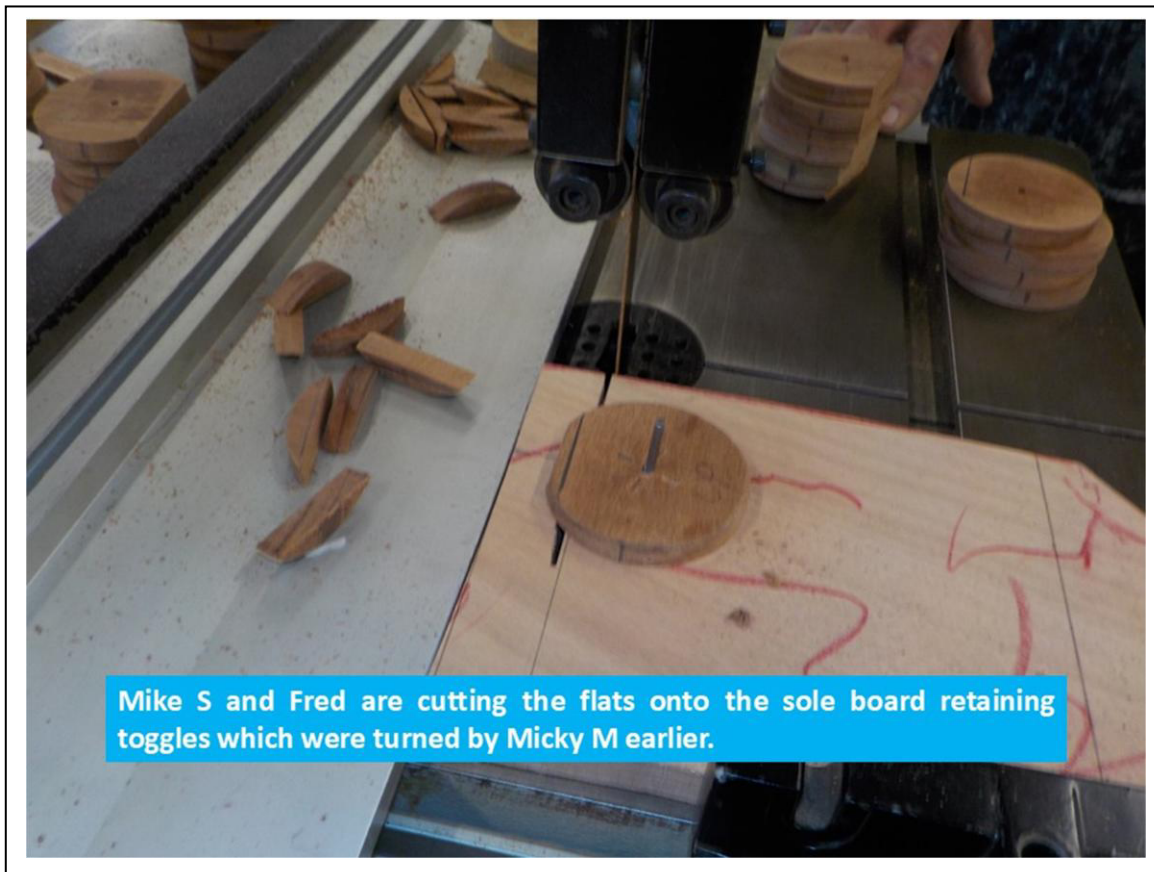
Port side view of the same beast, next stage will be to make a pattern for the second lamination which is all cut and machined in waiting. Looking at the hull below the waterline shows that we have a bit to go yet.



A worm's eye view of the second keel laminate closing the gap. You can now see exactly how a batch of epoxy resin feels like just prior to the big squeeze.

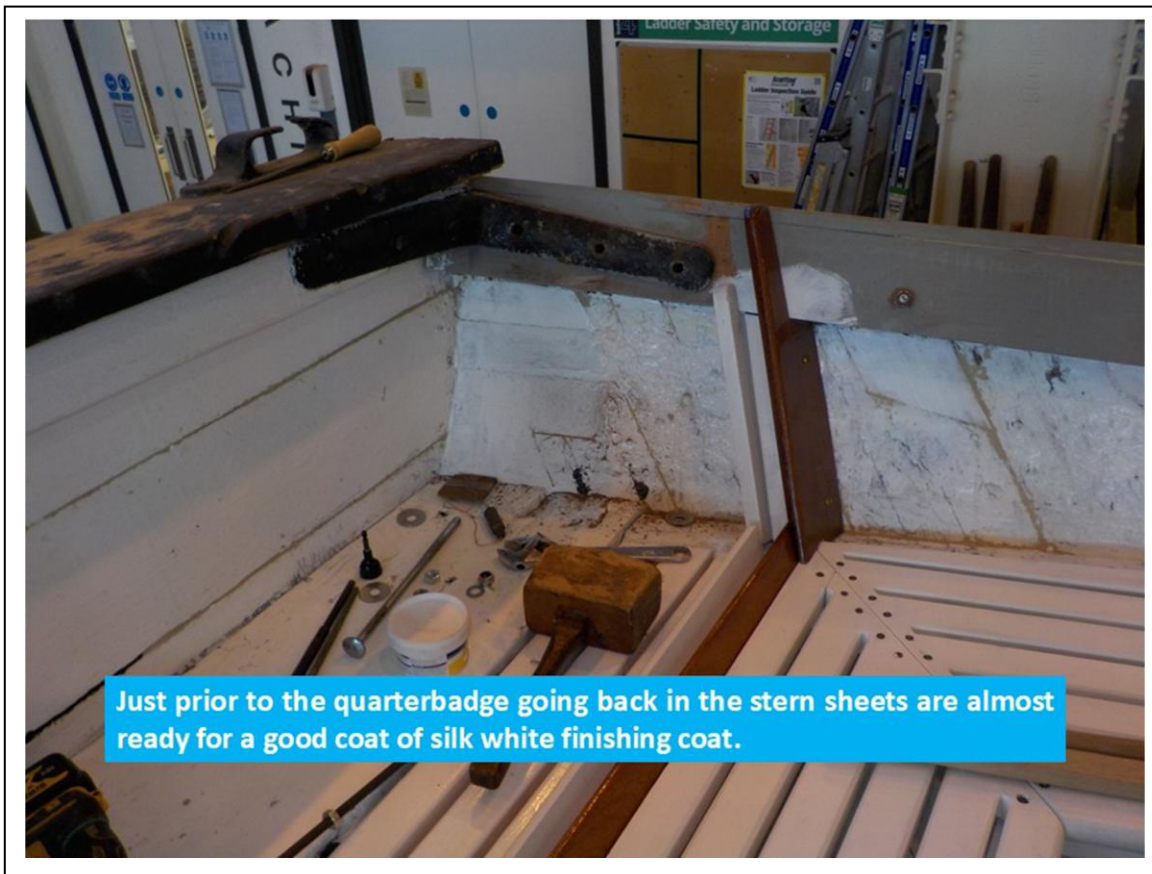


The lumpy bumpy patch above the keel is an old wooden tingle fitted in the mid eighties as part of one of her early refits in her home in the Western Isles. We will remove this one carefully along with another on the starboard side and assess what we should do long term.

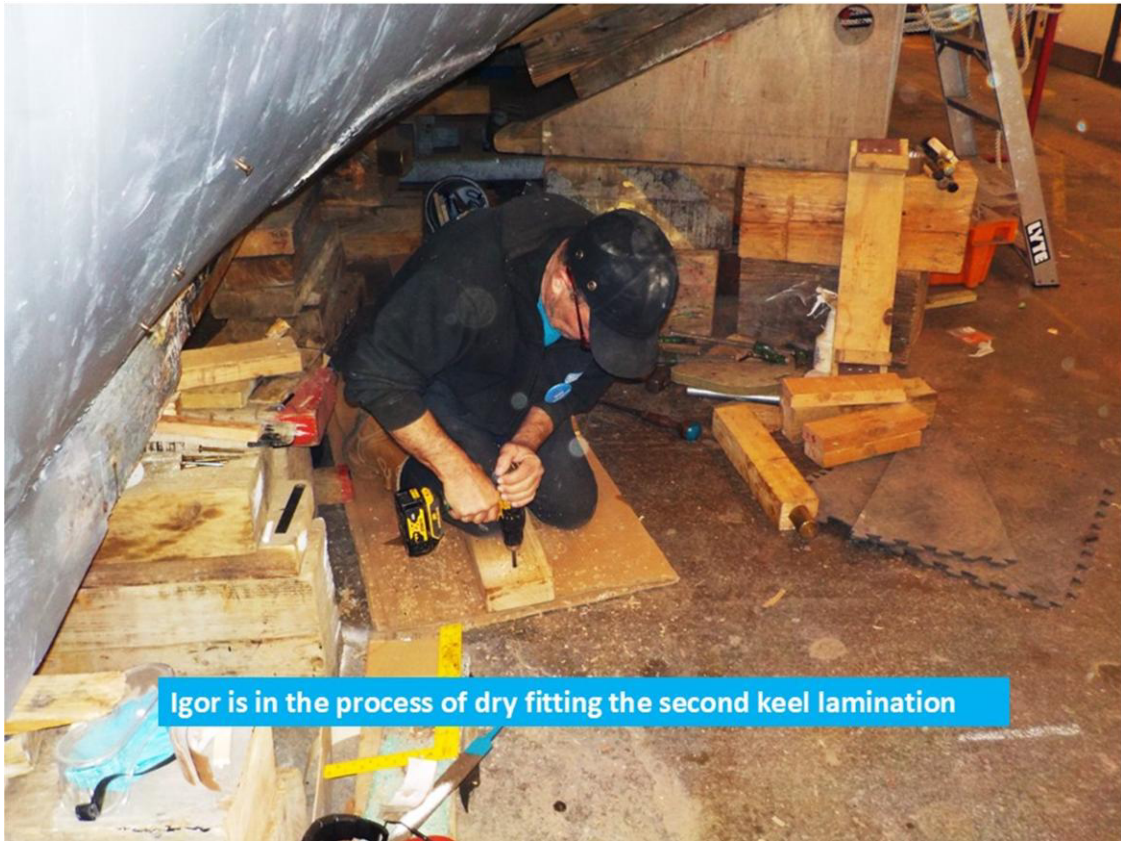


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Igor is in the process of dry fitting the second keel lamination



Mike S is in the bilges, wishing he wasn't and wondering just how quickly he can get out. In the meantime Fred is on camera trying to position the two margin boards.

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Here is one of the finished items. Aren't they cute



Igor has progressed the forward keel repair with the second lamination dry fitted along with all of the through holes drilled.



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