



## Monthly News Letter Aug. 2010

### Historic Boat Section



**What a month that was, we had Navy Days and Brian's Birthday party. These were followed by getting ST 1502 ashore for maintenance, then all hands to get HSL 102 ready for the Southampton Boat Show. All this whilst keeping the work schedules going on the other boats. Exciting stuff. !!**

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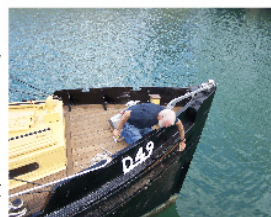
## Aug. 2010 Update -

**Harbour Launch Refit** - And there she was gone!!!! Below left we can see the space left after D49 was taken out onto the main pontoon ready for the Navy Days Weekend, well nearly ready. All that was needed



was a final coat of paint on her hull. This was carried out by Rob, Robert of Nottingham, Alan a'Dale, not so new Terry and Ex black hand Fred along with the able assistance of Brian H. The photos below show the merry band at work afloat on a pontoon painting the hull. In the first one below right you can see Alan 'a' Dale

praying to the great Rubbing Strip God in the Sky as he gets ready to screw back a wandering rubber that had come adrift. Next below left Rob and Robert have just about finished washing



down the hull ready to paint. The next photo below right shows D49 in all her glory with one side completed. Luckily at this distance the holidays aren't too obvious and she looks good. Between them Robert and Fred got through two and a half sets of knees each during the whole process. Later on in the day after these photos were taken whilst Fred was working on the last knockings Mr Wight Scene Boat man managed to lock the pontoon with Fred the wrong side of the gate and bugged off for the night. Fred will be forever grateful to Warrior's Gangway watch man who came to his rescue. I don't know who was the biggest prat, Fred or Mr Wight Scene. The HLD needed to have some ballast blocks lifted out of the forward cabin to clean them up and then replace them on load bearers off the hull. Terry, Peter and Whaler John ( You know the one, HWSWVLM) undertook the task.



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In the photo below right you can see Terry in the early stages having just removed at least a quarter of a ton giving the job a severe thinking about. Whaler John had a theory that the replaced blocks probably didn't need to go right back as far under the deck boards as they had been and that they would sit better on the centre line. He and Fred had some discussion but in the end Fred succumbed to John's reasoned argument. Below we can see the final result of



John's work. Oops sorry Brian it seemed OK on paper. ( Hopefully you can't see the joins in my photo editing on this one) OK it didn't end up like this really.

Dave and Geoff undertook the crabby job of scaling the



ballast blocks and below you can see Dave giving the angle grinder some wellie. It looks so nice just sitting in the sun and all he could do was moan about the rust dust. As ever Dave kept me busy trying to keep all of his comings and goings on camera. Below left you can



see him doing his pyromaniac impersonation again as he cuts some steel pipe for D49's tiller cable. He just loves his angle grinder does David. As well as the above work Alan a Dale has elected to completely re-paint the main cabin be-

tween being called away to do any old job that nobody else wants to do. The cabin is starting to look brilliant with it's new coat of paint and disappearing rust stains. We just need David to finish his hole patching job and all will be fine.





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**Navy Days** - We had a good Navy Days session with both D49 and ST 1502 being kept fairly busy as you can see from the front cover. There were other photos



provided by our latest cub reporter, Whaler John but unfortunately technology beat me and I couldn't import them this time around. Above left ST1502 comes coasting in after a jolly. Shortly after

Navy Days she was lifted out and put onto blocks in the boathouse for a bottom scrape, top-side paint and maintenance programme on her under-water fittings and engines. The photos shown on the following page track some of the work as it progressed.

**ST 1502 Maintenance Programme** - below we can see her out of the water for the first time since she came into the Trust In the photo on the left Dave 3 is getting down and dirty with the pressure washer. This



was followed very quickly by 'Not so New' Terry who took off the sea-cocks for cleaning and a much needed service. Below left he is seen trying to compete with Robert's vuvuzela. I

have to say for a sea-cock it does dazzle the eye a bit. Other work carried out on 1502 has been fitting a new transom rubbing strip, a complete



paint of the superstructure, cleaning off the teak rubbers along both sides. These activities have been done by Terry, Alan a Dale, Robert of Nottingham, Danny, Mack, Dave 3,

Dave 2, Brian 2, Spud and Brian H. Not bad seeing as though she was a lower priority to HSL 102.



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**HSL 102 Refit Programme** - This was brought about by several aspects, 1- To obtain her coding. 2- to bring up her overall appearance to a showroom standard for her trip to the Southampton Boat Show where she is planned to take to centre stage. 3- to correct some minor problems with her engines. Over left we can see the team getting stuck in repainting the deck. This proved to take much longer than planned due to the vagaries of the weather and



also getting the colour right. The guys involved in this were Peter, Terry, Rob, Danny, Tony, Fred, Spud, Whaler John, Alan1, Alan a Dale and Dave 4, apologies to anyone that I have missed out. All of her teak was stripped, cleaned and oiled back to the original colour. Alan 2 and his mate Gordon (not Bennett) fitted a new VHF Radio aerial whilst Fred made a tiddly radio console for the new radio and the bilge alarms which Mack vanished. The engine fuel lines were refitted to the new filter setup and the bilge pumps were rewired to reduce excessive voltage drop. No wonder they didn't run properly. All in all she kept a few of us busy.

**Whaler Excellent** - She progressed with Spud, Alan1 and Sadie keeping her ticking over. Below left is a shot of Alan 1 fitting his new stem gratings together. We have all waited for this moment and I felt it warranted a special mention. He looks quite chuffed with himself and despite the loss of his roll of 'lino' from under his left arm he has done brilliant job. Watch this space for the next stage when he hands the gratings over to Mack for their glossy coat of varnish.



**Motor Whaler** - Ian and Rob managed to make progress on this boat. Rob has pushed on with the stem post rebuild whilst Ian has nearly completed the bows. I have got some photos of Ian sanding off the hull but due to lack of editorial space I will try to give them justice next month.

**The Pontoon Kid** - Hello to Brian H who has been nominated The Pontoon Kid not just his daily Mast Pond checks but also to his Stetson, stirrups and bow legs but as yet I haven't seen his horse. Yee Har!!



## Sept. 2010 - To do list

During August we produced a separate set of 'work to' sheets for each of the current prime boats in an endeavour to keep everyone up to date with what is needed, aid job planning and achieve some training. These are available to all of the volunteers and anyone else who like to have a copy. If you would like to see one please contact me / Brian. My 'e' Mail address is at the bottom. They are in 'Word 2000-2003 format.

**HSL 102** - Finish fitting the battery charging circuits in place and fit wire up the new anchor winch. Build a grating / walkway in the forward section of engine room midline. Complete all of the outstanding 'Coding' tasks.

**MGB 81** - All work is currently being done by outside contractors at the old Camper Nicholson's site.

**Crew Training** - Following Navy Days it has become apparent that we need to train up some more coxswains for our local boats along with some additional crew training so that the left hand can keep track of what the right hand is doing. Particularly nice when coming alongside or leaving with visitors.

**Ariadne** - Figure head refit on hold until further notice.

**Osborne** - Weekly checks on state of boat and surrounding stand.

**25 Foot Motor Launch Ark Royal** - Finish the small covers and agree the display format and location.

**Admiralty Pattern 14 Ft.** - Work held pending completion of current work load.

**32 Foot Rowing Cutter** - Keep a watching brief on her now she is held in the tunnel.

**Landing Craft** - Fit some low volume pumps with batteries and solar panel similar to Cyclops. Improved access.

**20 Foot Cutter** - The engine needs to be serviced and restored before it can be fitted back into the hull. Work held pending completion of current work load.

**15 Foot Fast Motor Boat** - Currently on hold.

**1502** - Fit new ignition switches and resolve remote engine stop problem, finish current programme and service the engines.

**Main Pontoon** - Construct a power stanchion to incorporate the twin solar panels.

**This Month's Competition** - None this month promise to try harder next.

**Any Suggestions for next month** - If you have got any stories, facts, fiction, lies, scandal or suggestions for this ditty just let me know my 'e' mail address is :- boatbitsisus@ntlworld.com. Fred is the name.