

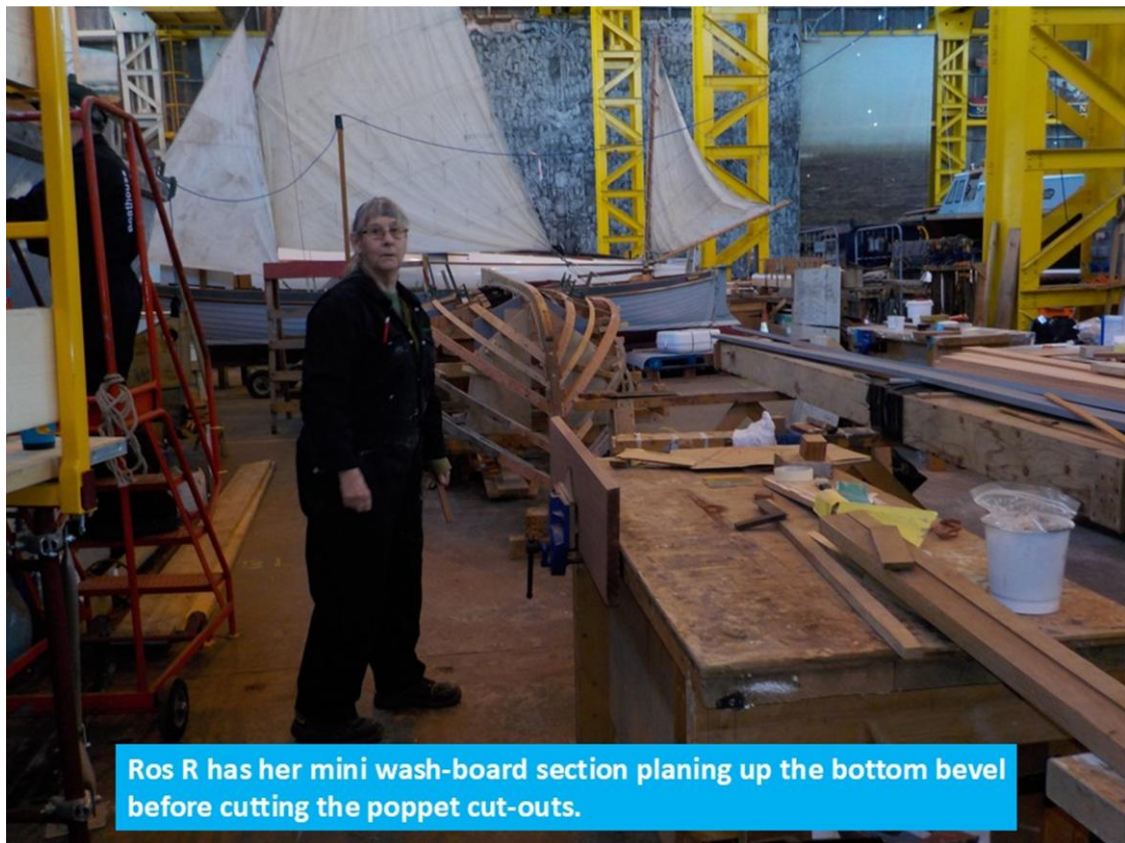
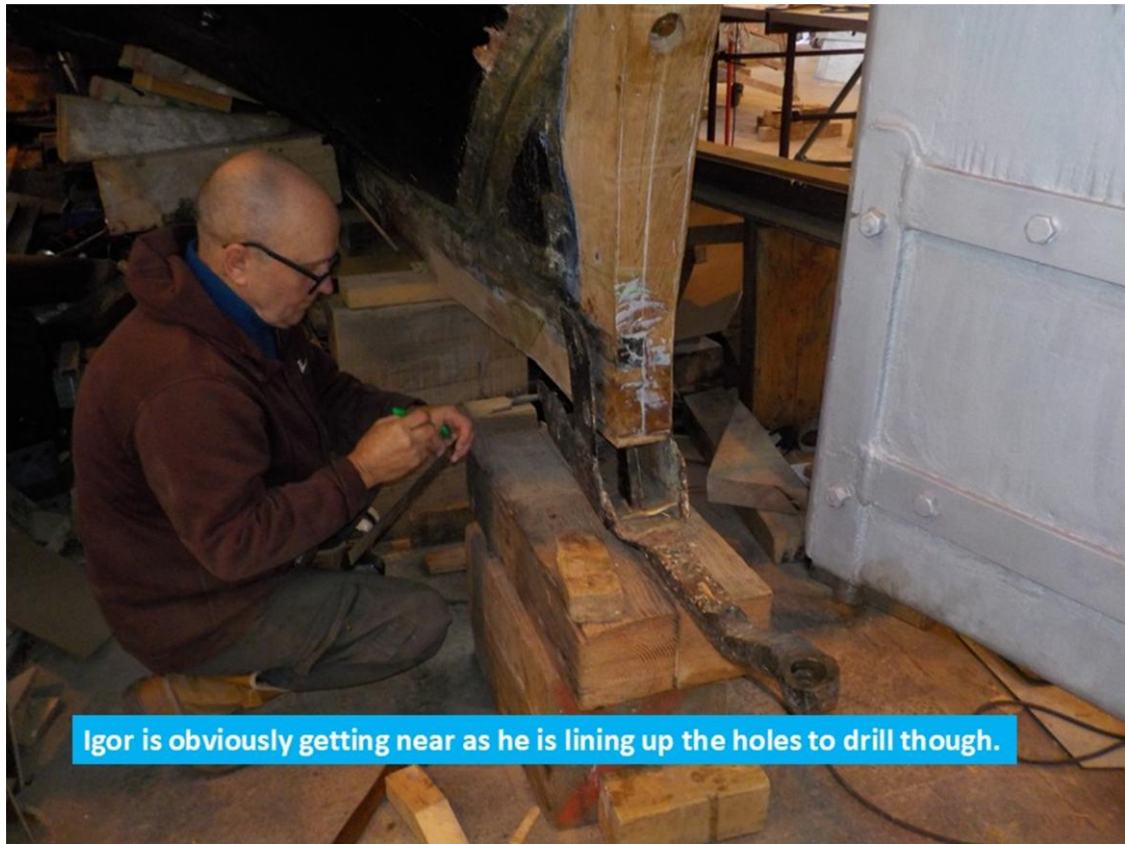
## A summary of the work carried out in the Month of March 2026

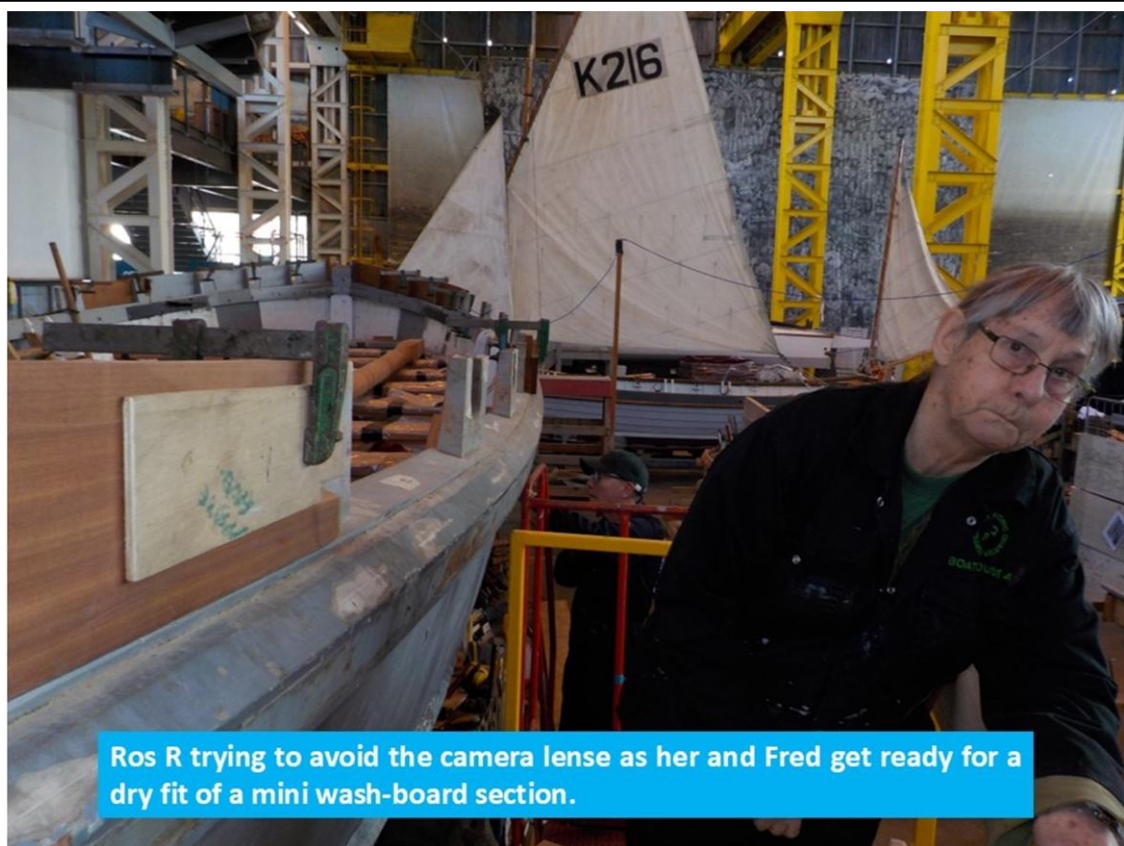
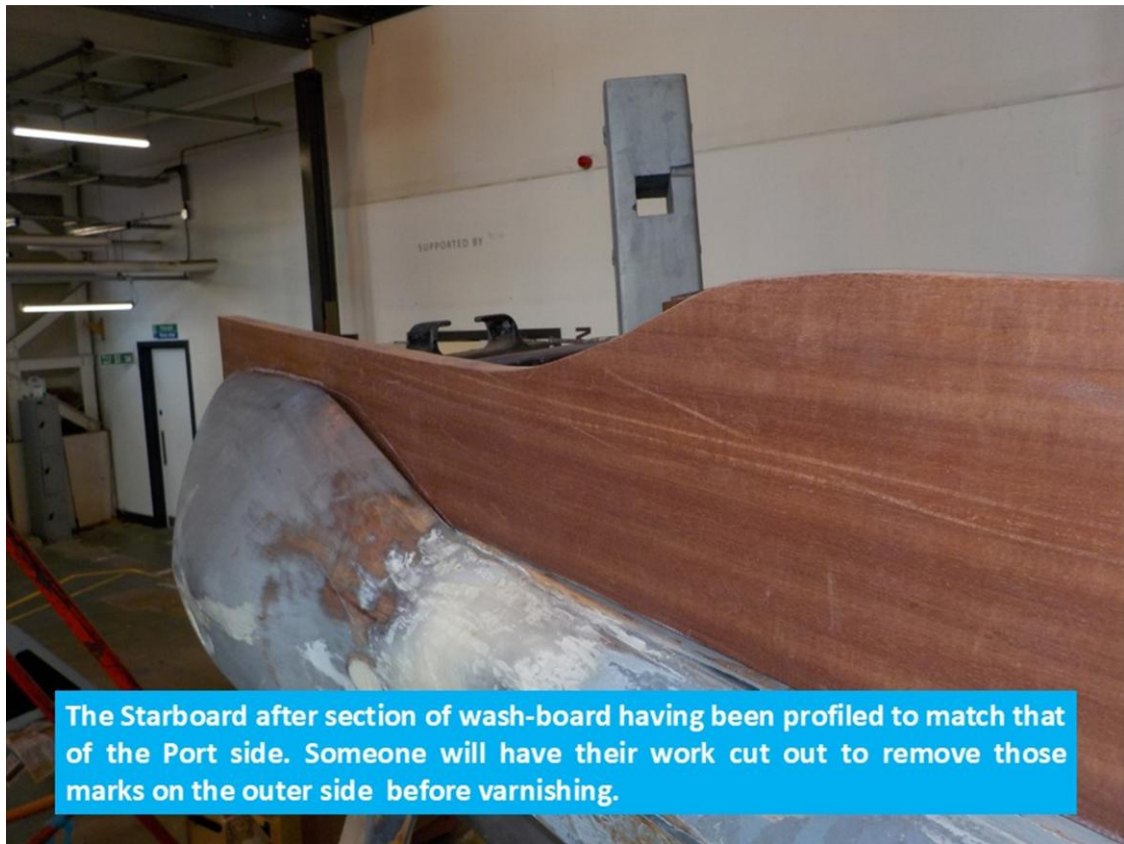
Roz R picked up on the starboard wash-board by cutting the poppet cut outs on number 9 /8 rollock chock section of number nine mini wash-board. Micky M, Fred and Mike S did some more fettling on the after section of the Starboard side and Micky M machined down some timber to make some more mini sections and associated poppets. Trish G started to cut out four mini knees to support the after sections of wash-boards. Micky M and Mike S cut some more mini wash-board sections and Micky M was making a pair of poppets for Rollock chock 8/9. Igor was into some of the late stages of fitting the bronze gudgeon plate.

Trish and Ginny made a start fitting the margin boards but first they need to develop a process for bending the planks with an edge set and keep them in place whilst they worked along the boat. Igor did a late fit on the bronze gudgeon plate but decided to make up some filler pieces out of teak. Micky M got back to the wash-boards for a time as he fine tuned one of the poppets. Ros R, Micky M, Andy W and new starter Andy 2 have been working along the starboard side making and fitting wash-boards and Poppets. Igor finally committed to the bronze gudgeon plate and fitted it with a shed load of mastic, a couple of stabalising bolts and some 'big man's' clamps. There is definately no going back now. He also had a go at making some long copper rivets for the final, final fit of the gudgeon plate. Peter F, Ian F and John B2 were fitting the two after margin boards. The Port side went round quite well and took on a fair line. The Starboard side was a little more problematical in that it was slightly misaligned compared to the Port side. The fine tuning ,unfortunately took it to a step too far and a small knot in the olank caused a major failure and the plank 'exploded'. Hey Ho back to the drawing board with a big pot of glue. Micky M finished turning the last outstanding thwart stanchion and fitted all others in place. Ros R started to design and make a tiddly tiller arm and Trish G made her final test fit of one of the mini knees for the after section of wash-board. She managed to crack the mysteries of hidden foxtail wedges in the tennons. Ginny H started work on another of the Starboard mini wash-board sections and Keiron O varnished the outboard sides of the Port wash-boards. Mike S Picked up on Ginny's wash-board section, watch this space. Micky M and Andy W carried on working the outboard lower cleats for the sole boards/ margin boards. Keiron O sorted out Fred's error in shuffling up the Port wash-boards after varnishing. Igor got back safe and sound from his visit to Ukraine. He picked up on copper rod and converted it into 8 inch long rivets to finish off the skreg and rudder gudgeon plate. Ivan W carried on with his stem post capping piece. RosR and Val carried on with marking out and cutting the sections of the tiller arm.



Igor fine tuning the after keel section to align the bronze gudgeon plate







A long distance photo to check the aesthetics of our top profile, it also shows some of the fairing work that Peter F and Ian F have been doing on the starboard quarter badge.



Trish G marking out her mini knees for the after wash-board sections.

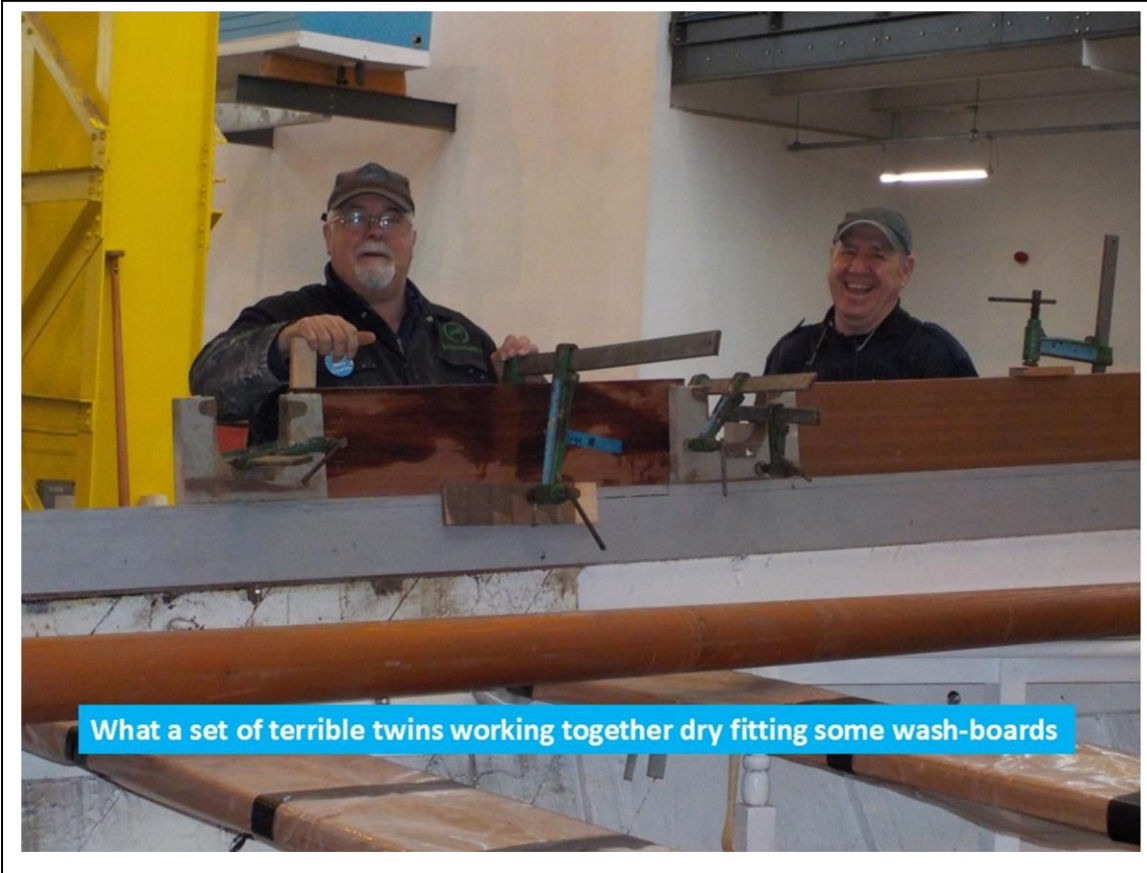


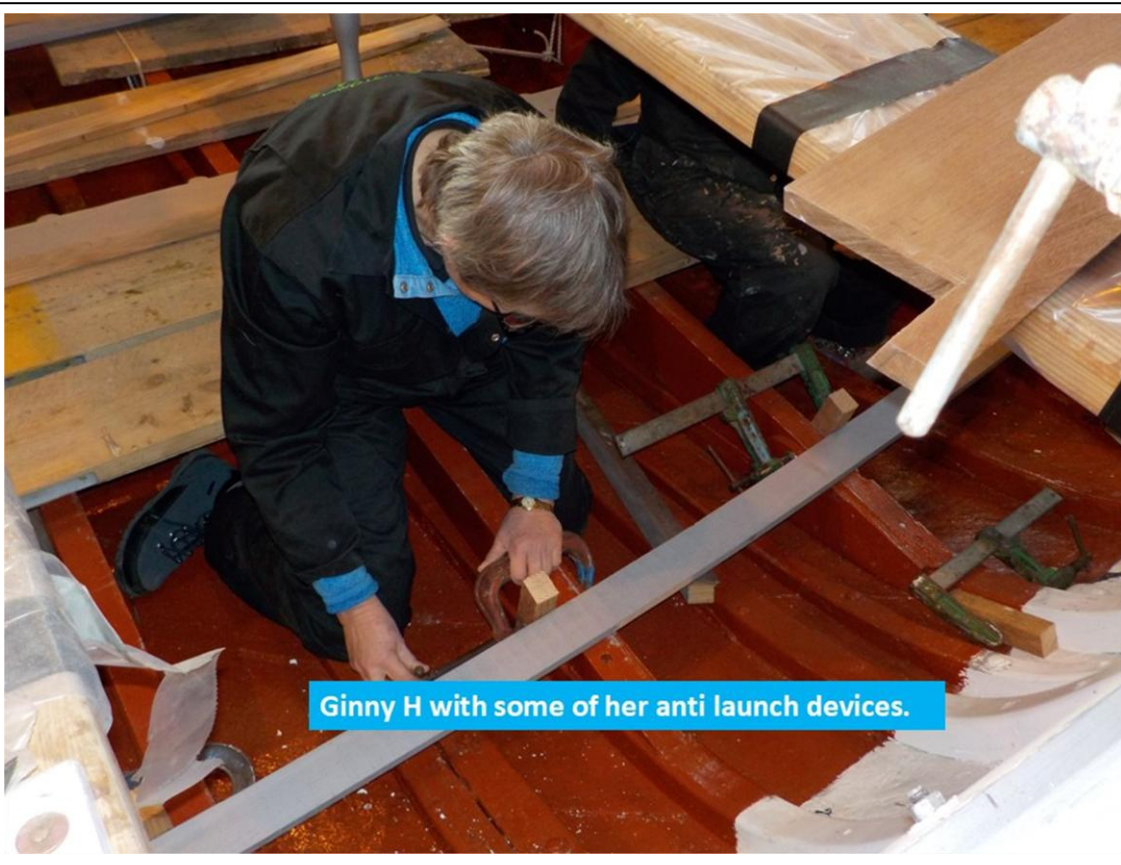
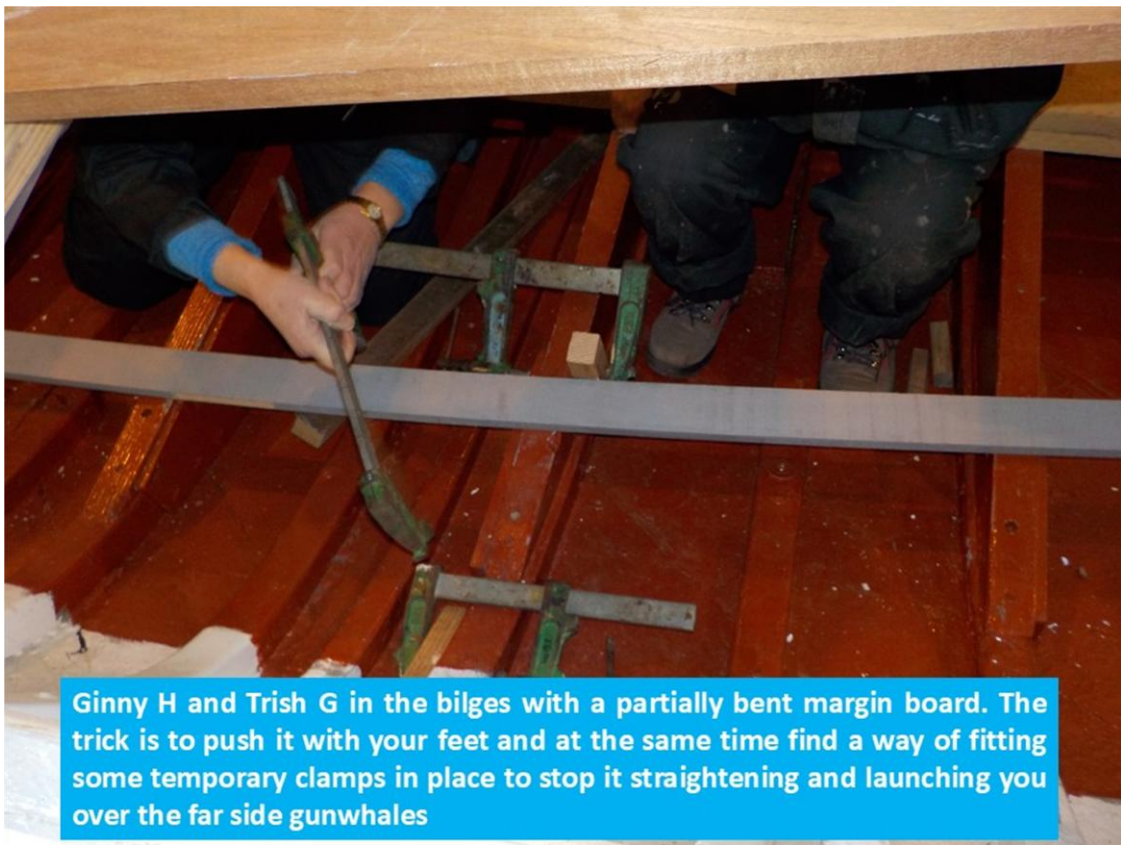
Trish G should look so happy. Here she has her template for marking off the mini knee tenons.



Micky M is placing the bevel cutting gauge onto his mini wash-board section.

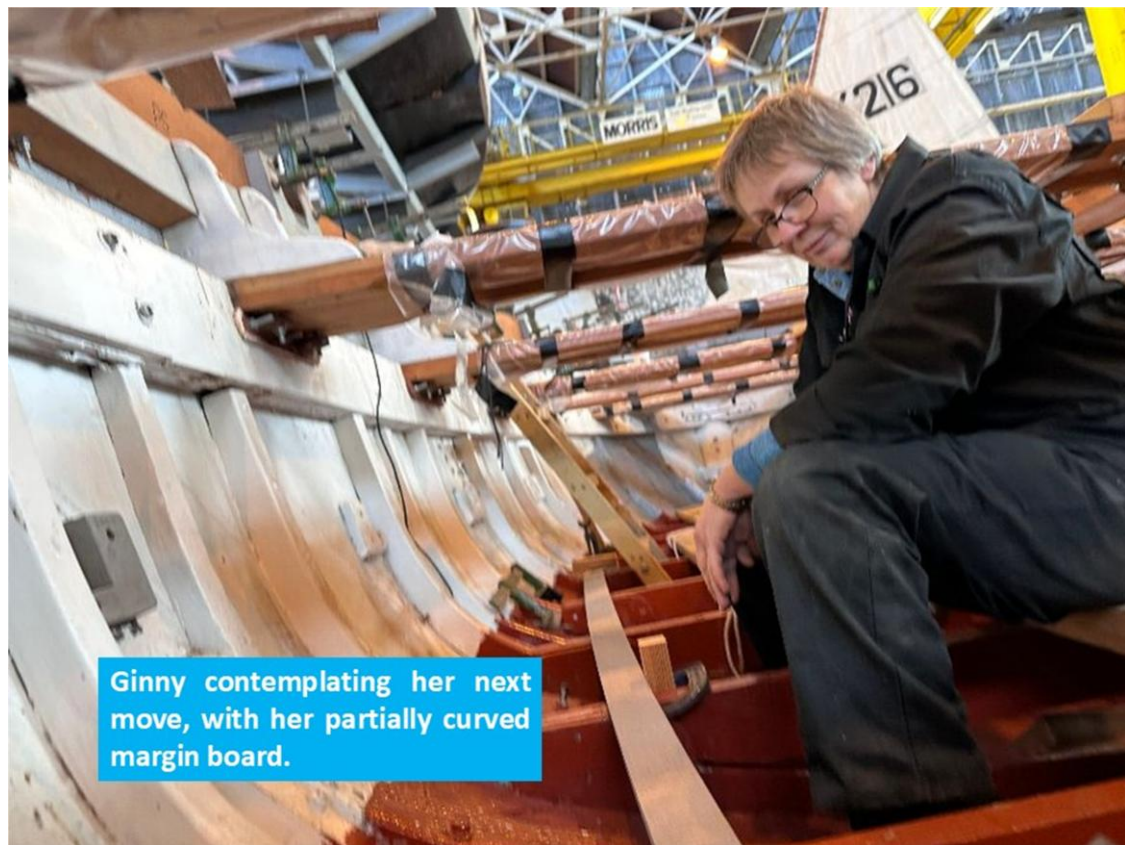
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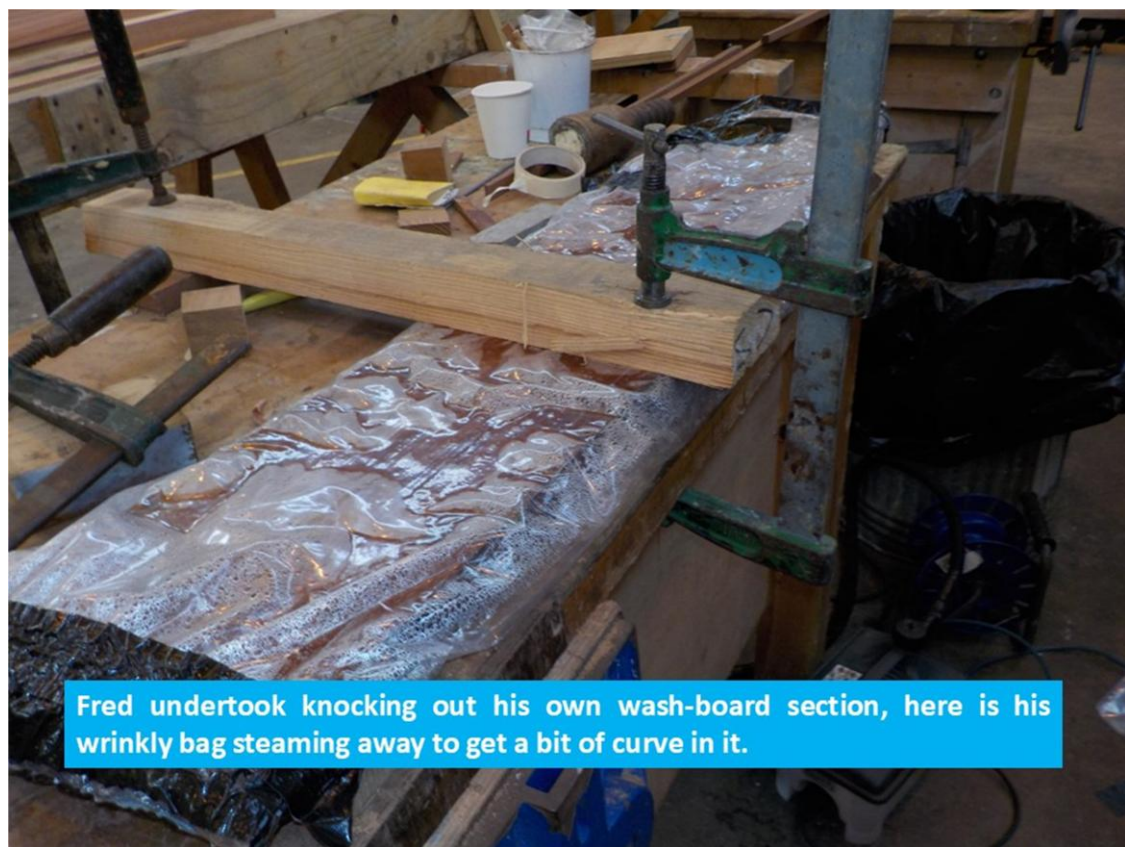




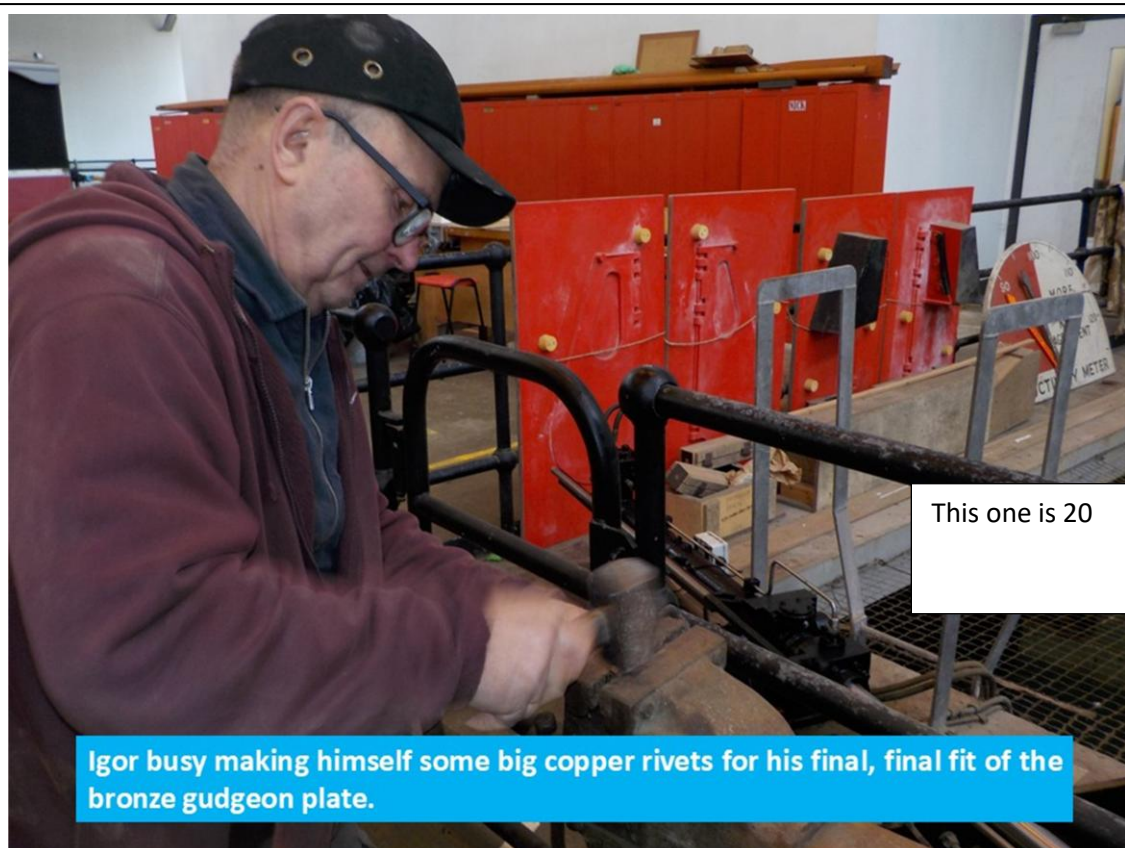
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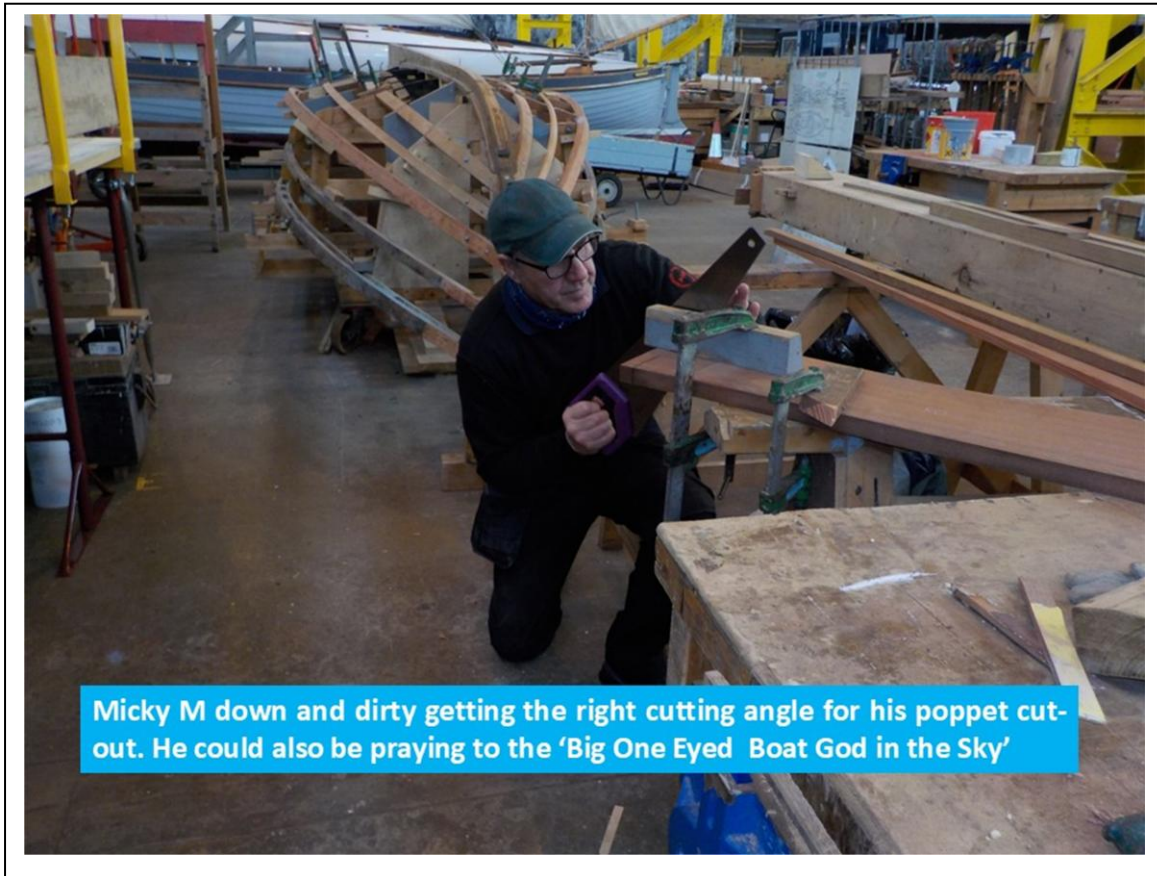


Fred undertook knocking out his own wash-board section, here is his wrinkly bag steaming away to get a bit of curve in it.



This one is 20

Igor busy making himself some big copper rivets for his final, final fit of the bronze gudgeon plate.





Two buckets of mastic later the gudgeon plate is on with a few temporary locators and clamps



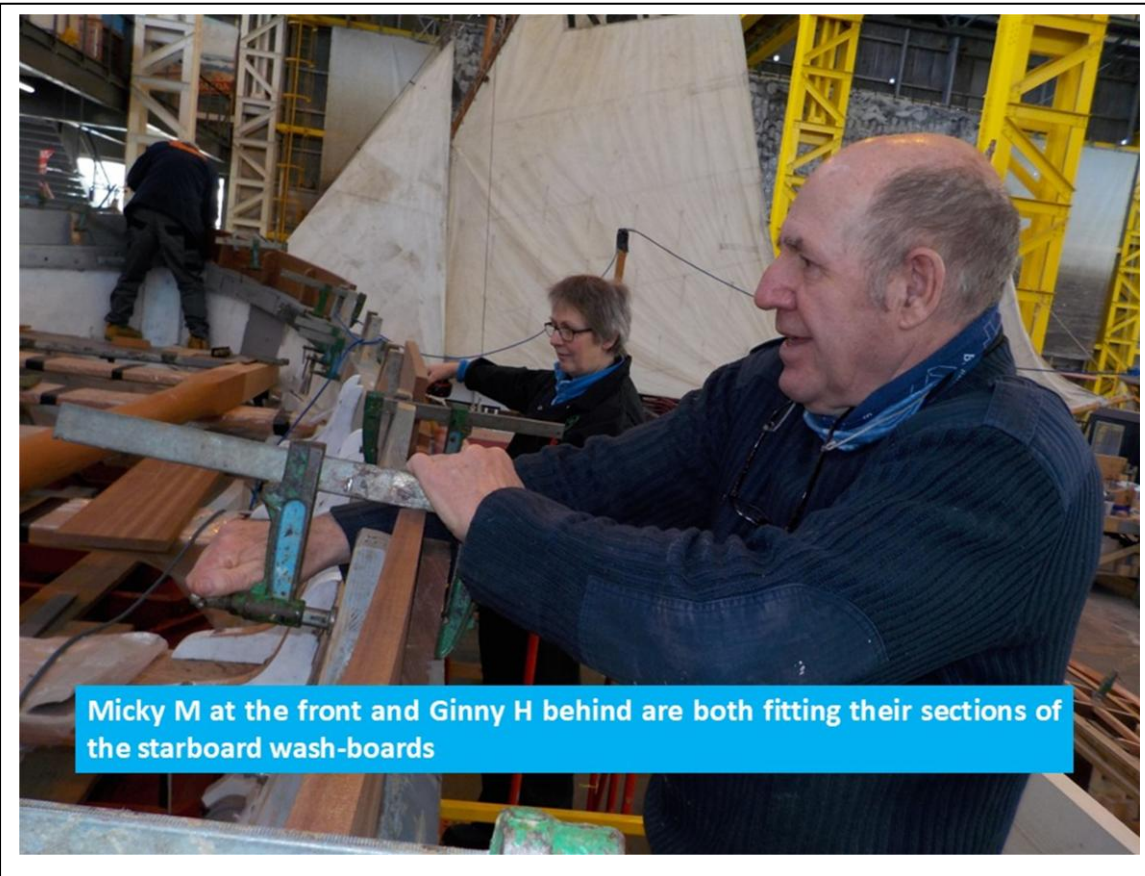
Finally, 'Mastic Is Us' is launched as an ongoing business. Copper rivets will eventually replace the bolts and clamps.



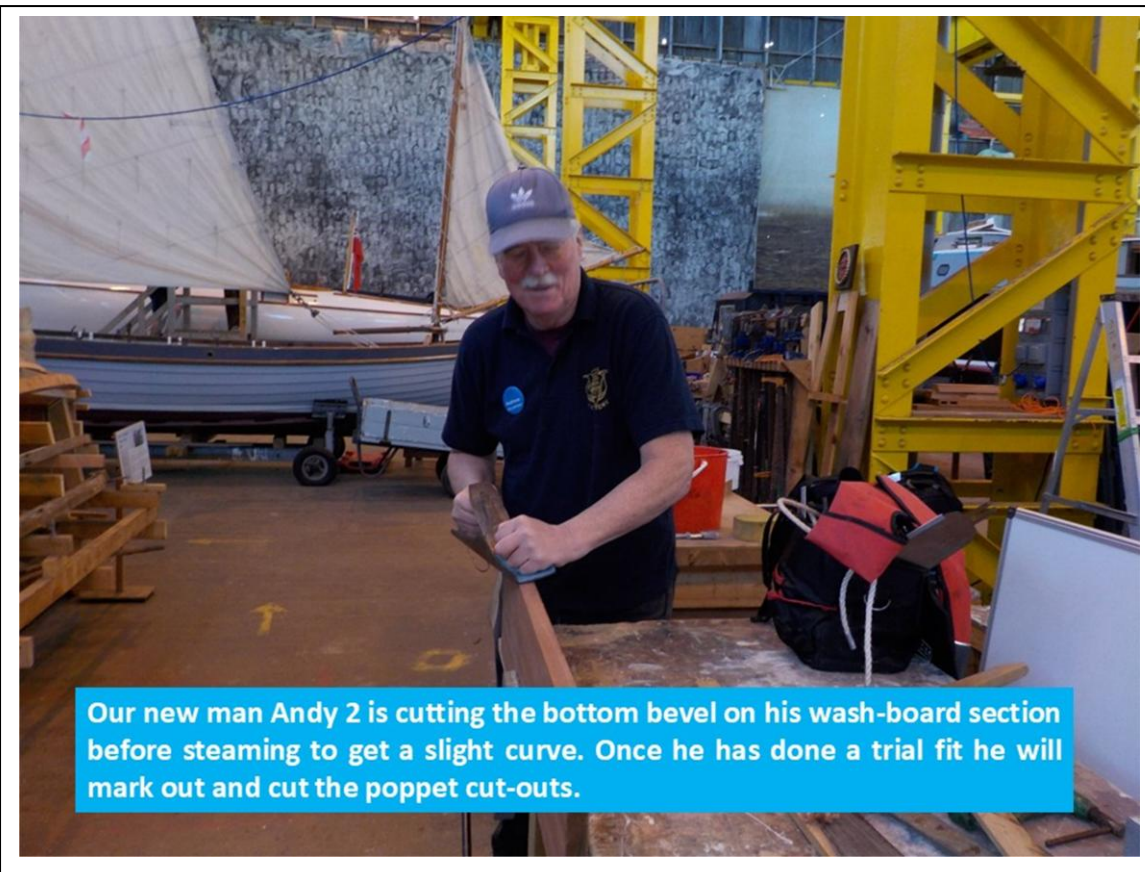
This is Igor's bronze rudder gudgeon plate with temporary clamps and three buckets full of mastic. He will later replace all temporary fittings with through copper rivets.



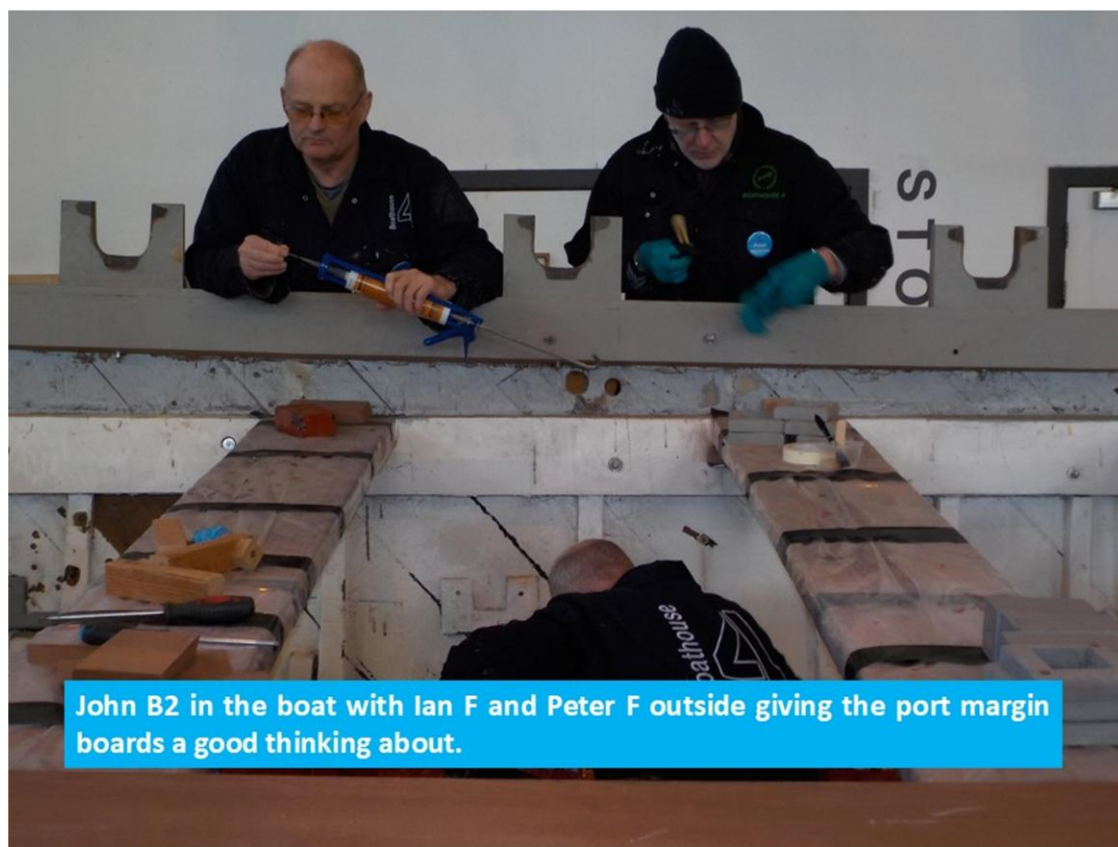
Andy 1 trying out a pattern for a brass plate at the front end of the washboards. The jury is still out on this one. Ivan W is working on the inner stem fillets and cap.



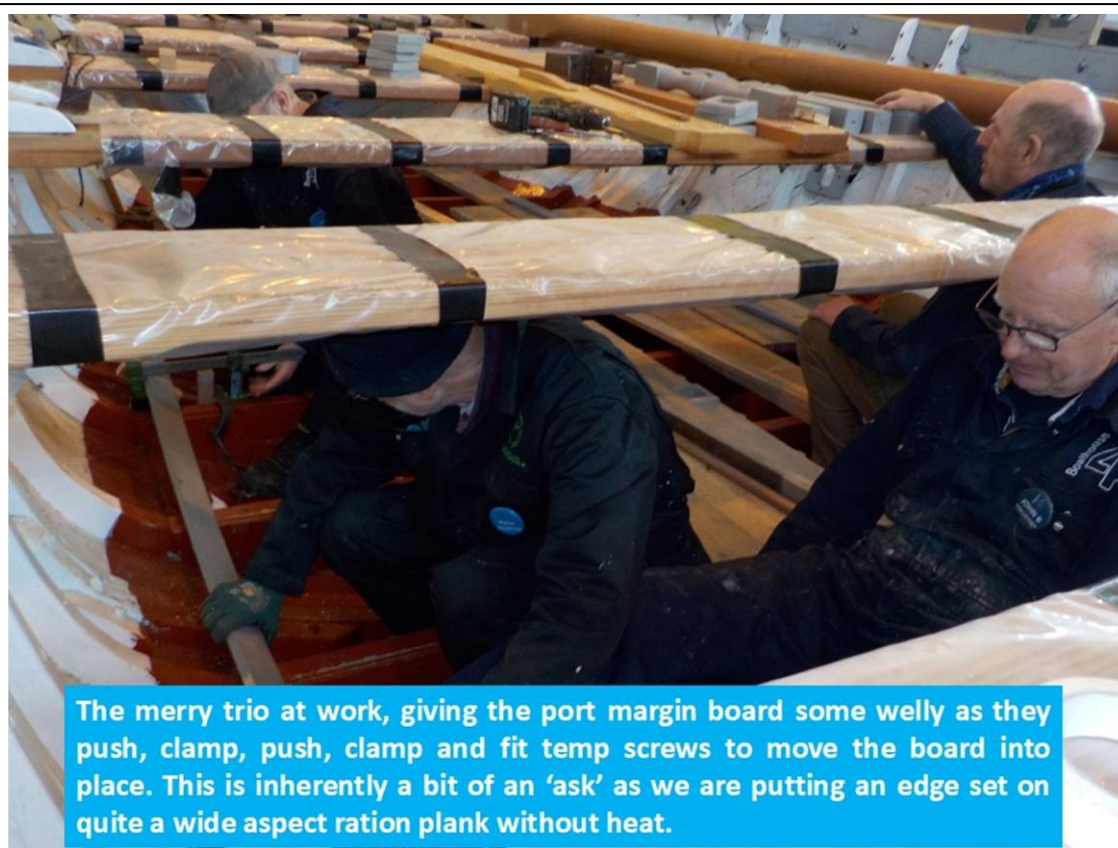
Micky M at the front and Ginny H behind are both fitting their sections of the starboard wash-boards



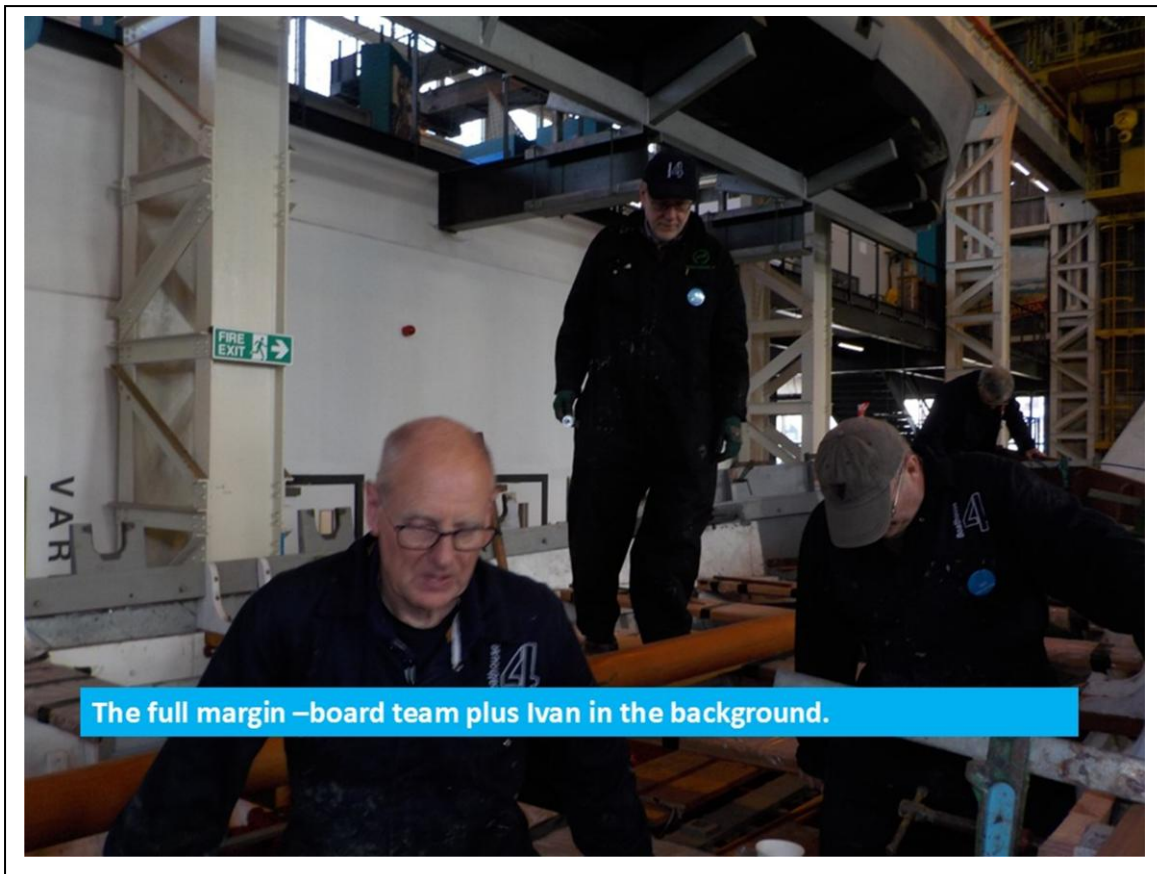
Our new man Andy 2 is cutting the bottom bevel on his wash-board section before steaming to get a slight curve. Once he has done a trial fit he will mark out and cut the poppet cut-outs.

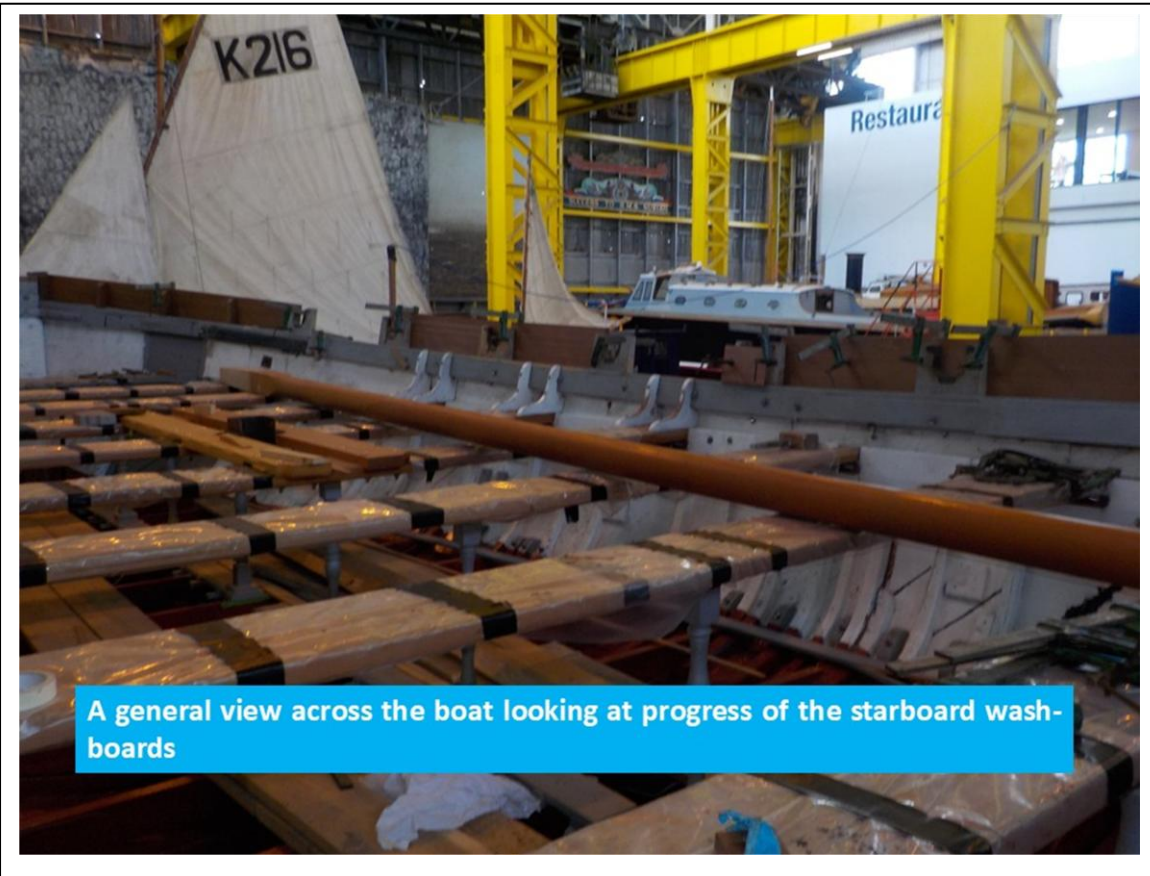


John B2 in the boat with Ian F and Peter F outside giving the port margin boards a good thinking about.



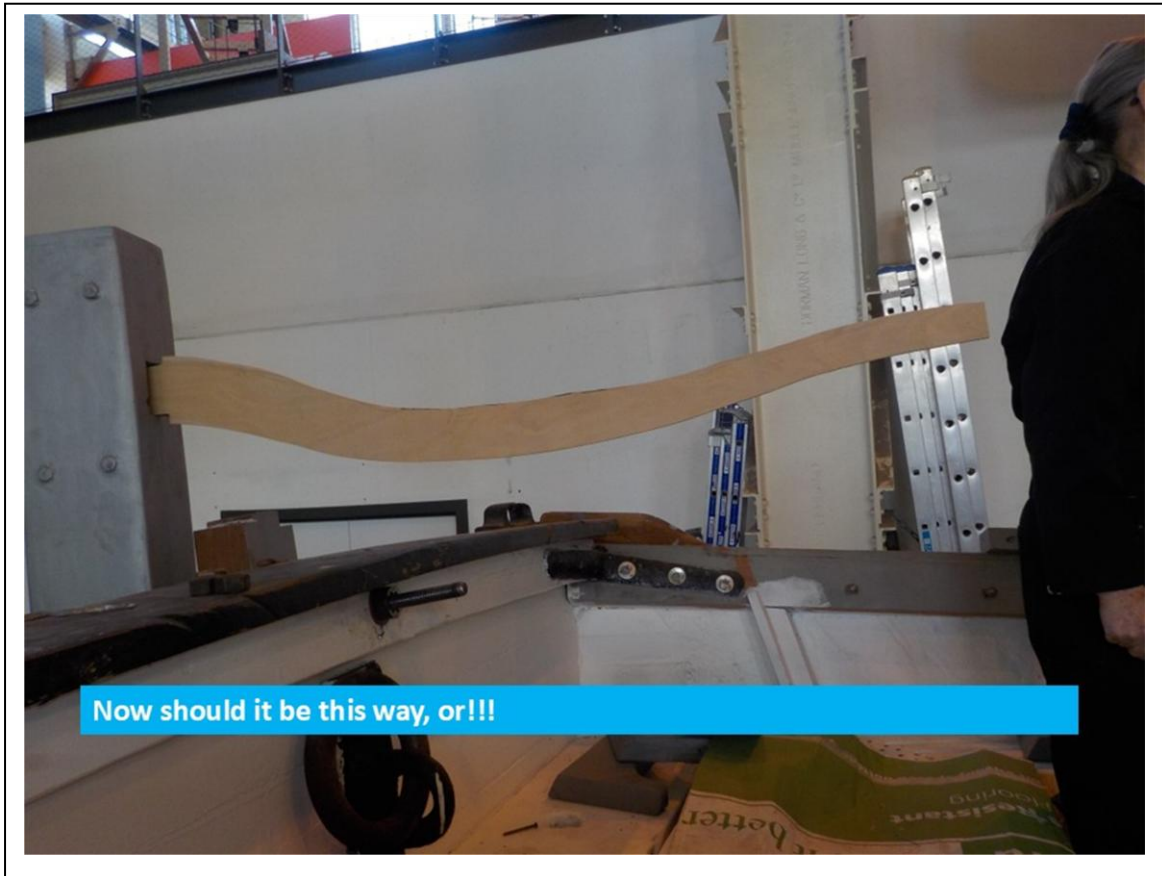
The merry trio at work, giving the port margin board some welly as they push, clamp, push, clamp and fit temp screws to move the board into place. This is inherently a bit of an 'ask' as we are putting an edge set on quite a wide aspect ration plank without heat.

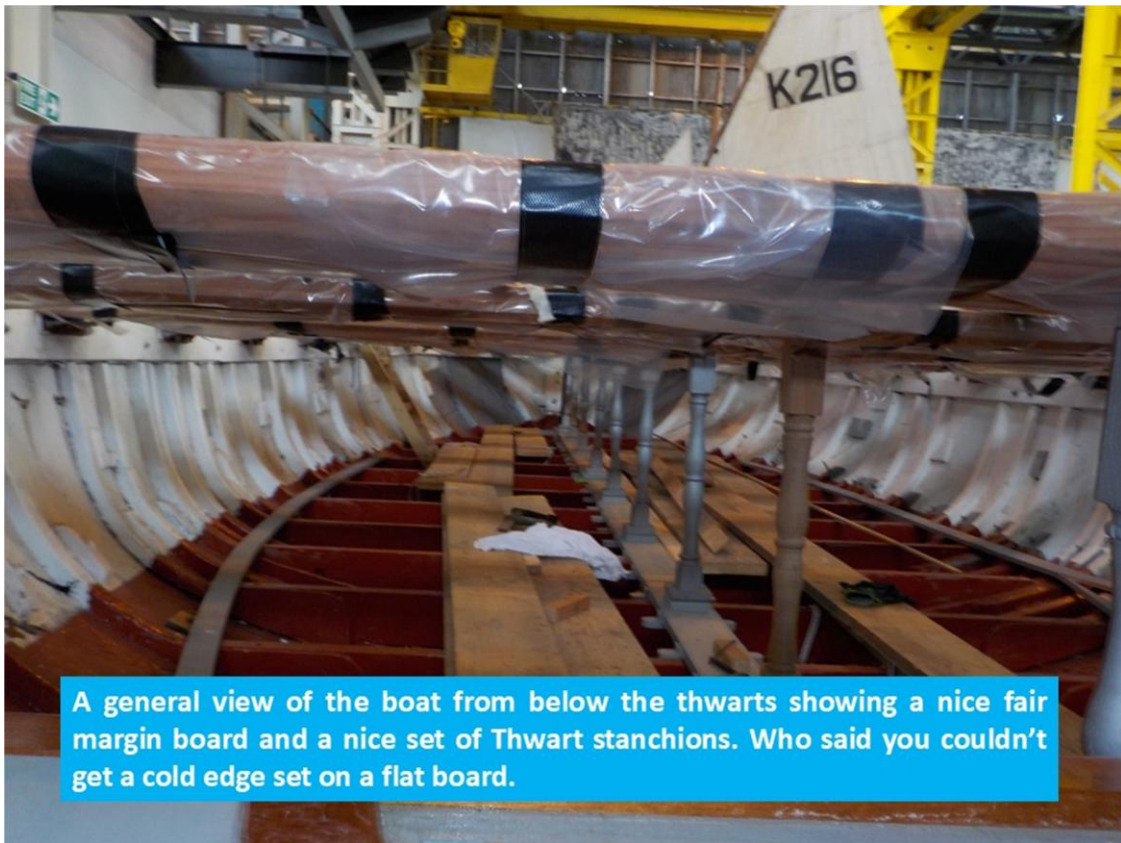




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A general view of the boat from below the thwarts showing a nice fair margin board and a nice set of Thwart stanchions. Who said you couldn't get a cold edge set on a flat board.

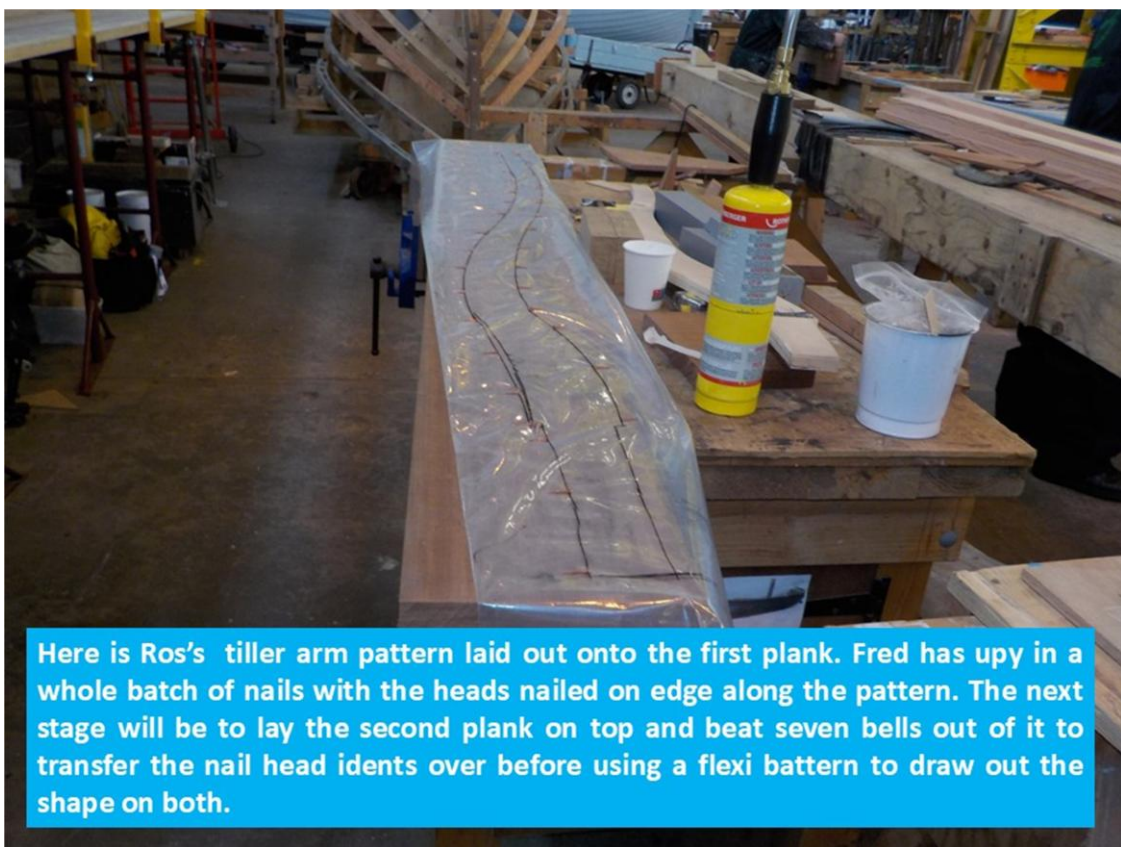


Trish G with her test piece for a mini knee with hidden foxtail wedges in the tennon. It is all locked in place without glue, nails or screws

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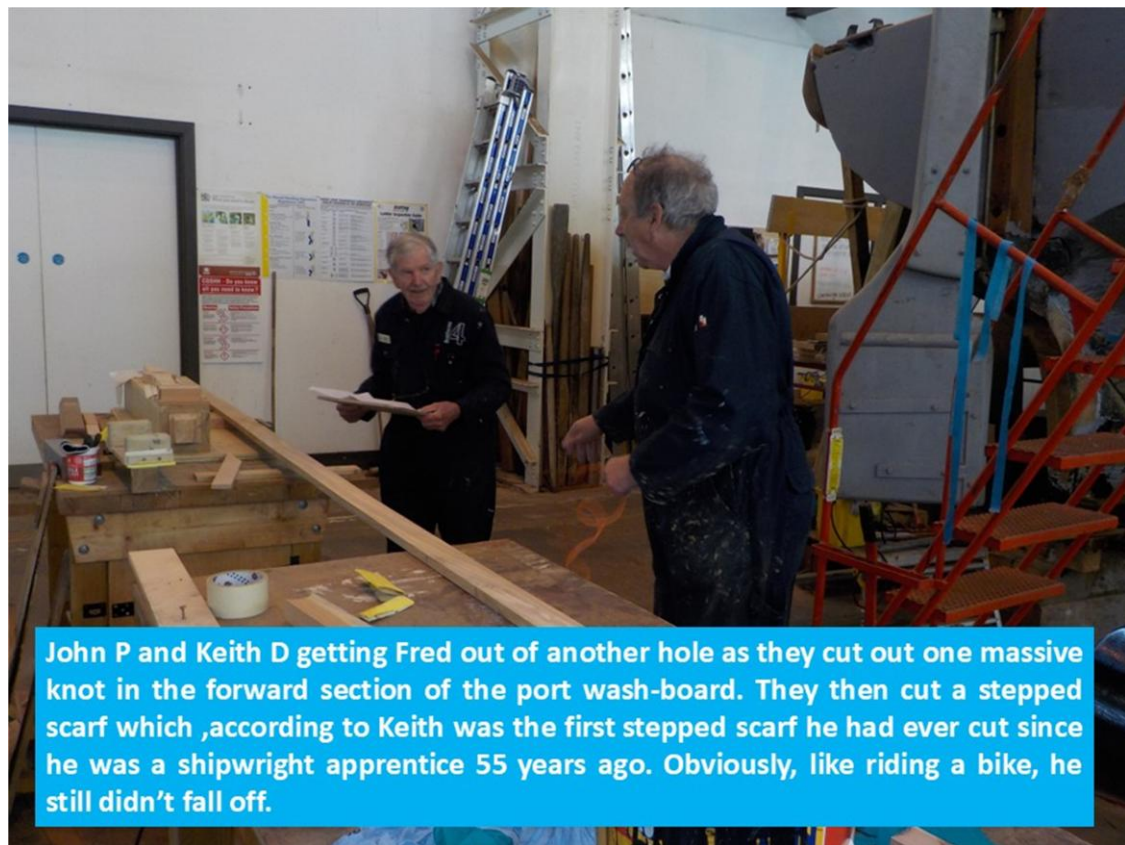




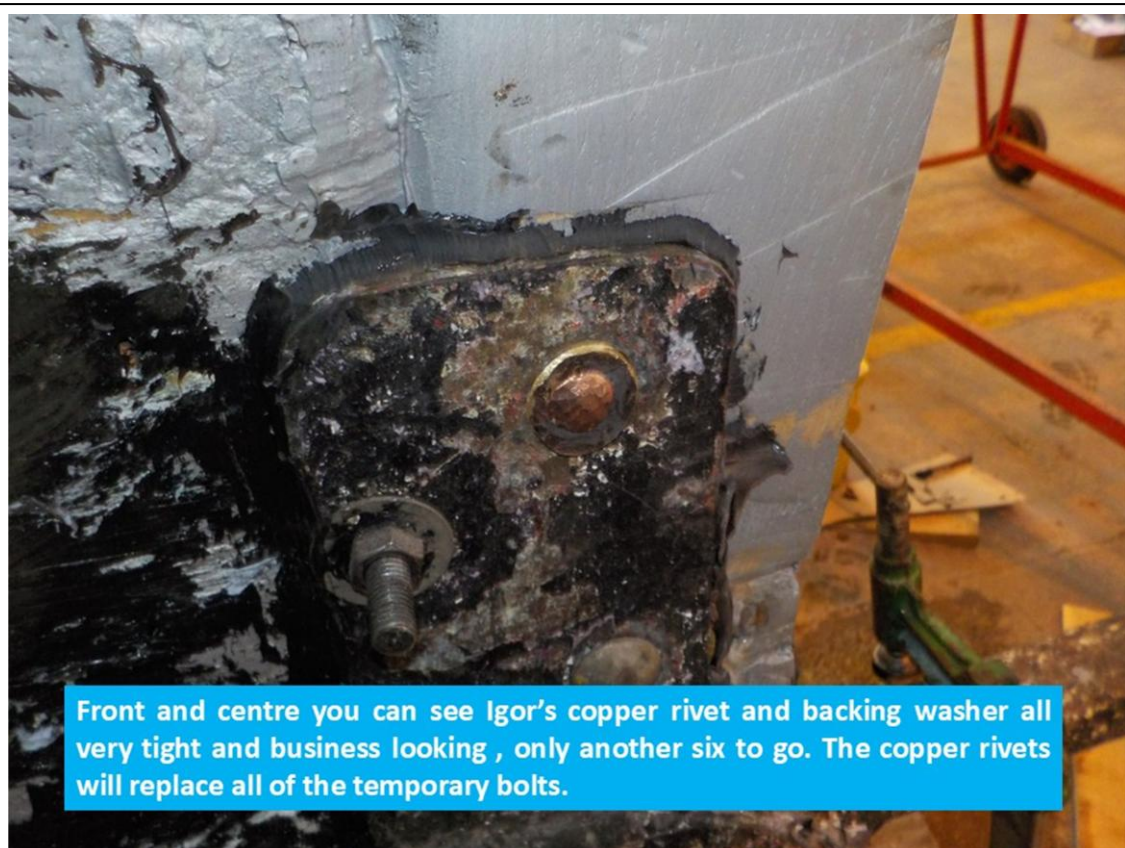
Here is Ros's tiller arm pattern laid out onto the first plank. Fred has up in a whole batch of nails with the heads nailed on edge along the pattern. The next stage will be to lay the second plank on top and beat seven bells out of it to transfer the nail head idents over before using a flexi battern to draw out the shape on both.



Peter F and John B2 gluing up the scarf joint repairing the cracked margin board. In the distance Mike S is putting a bevel onto Ginny'y wash-board section before steaming it.



John P and Keith D getting Fred out of another hole as they cut out one massive knot in the forward section of the port wash-board. They then cut a stepped scarf which ,according to Keith was the first stepped scarf he had ever cut since he was a shipwright apprentice 55 years ago. Obviously, like riding a bike, he still didn't fall off.



Front and centre you can see Igor's copper rivet and backing washer all very tight and business looking , only another six to go. The copper rivets will replace all of the temporary bolts.



