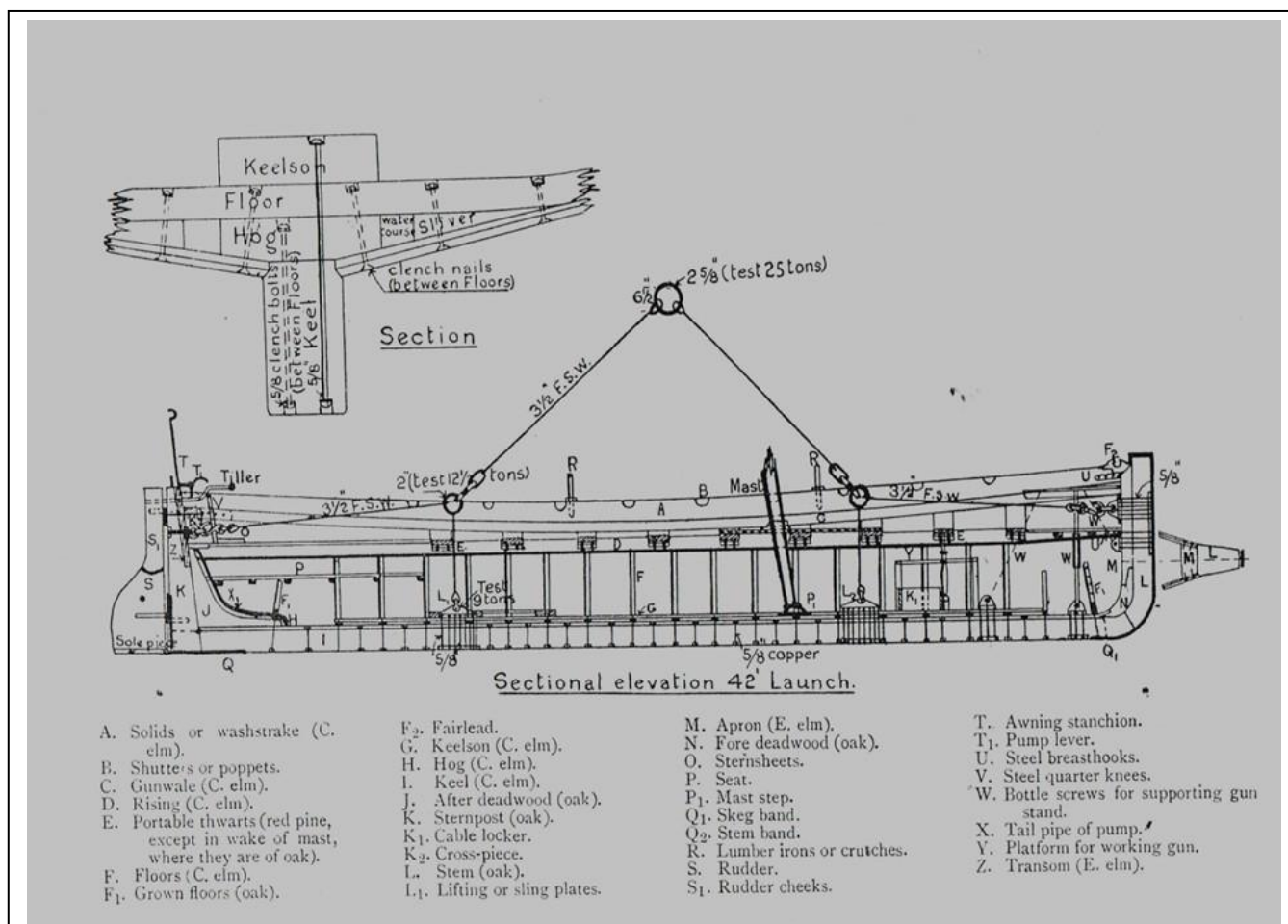
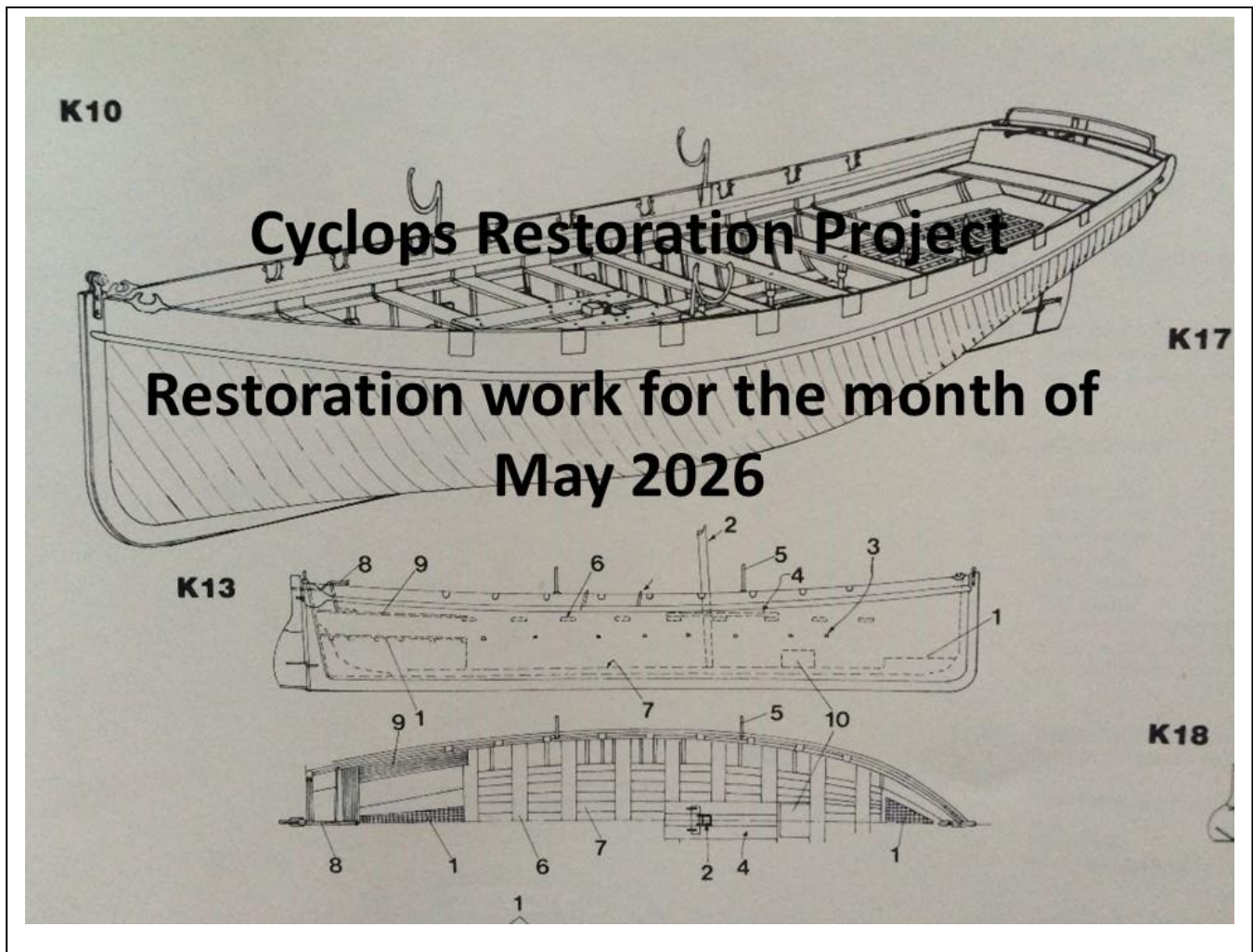
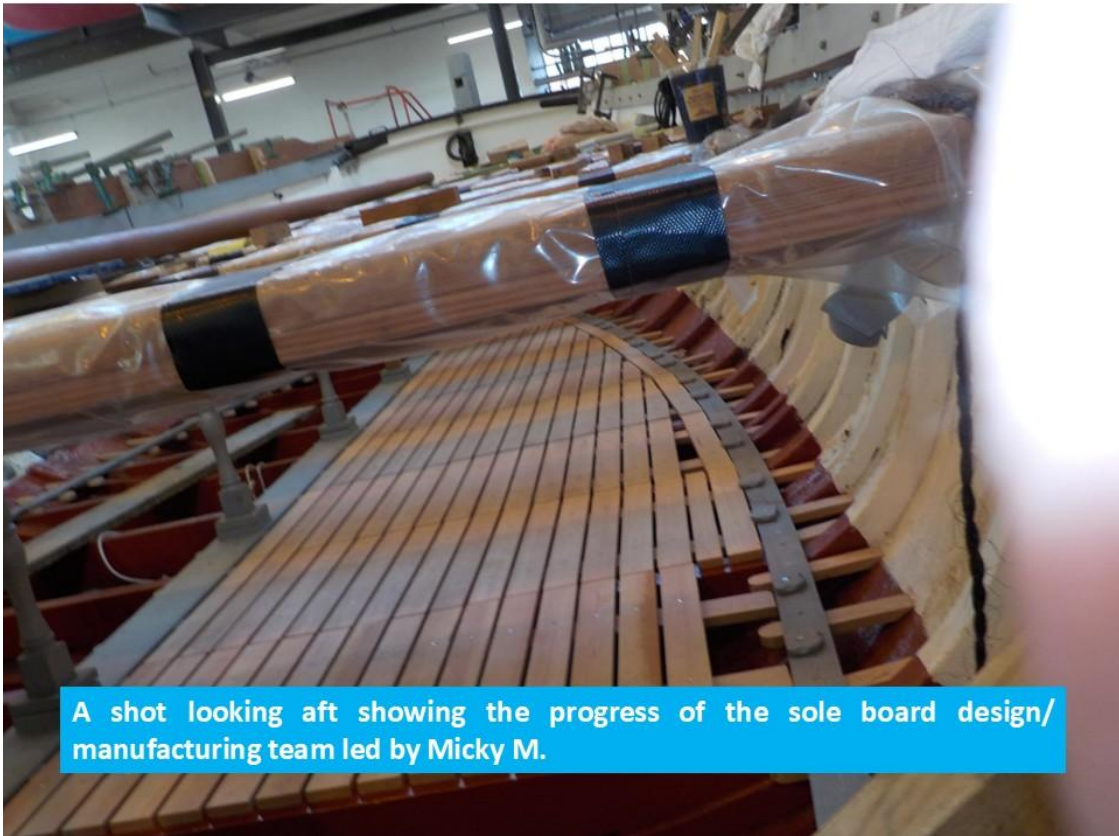


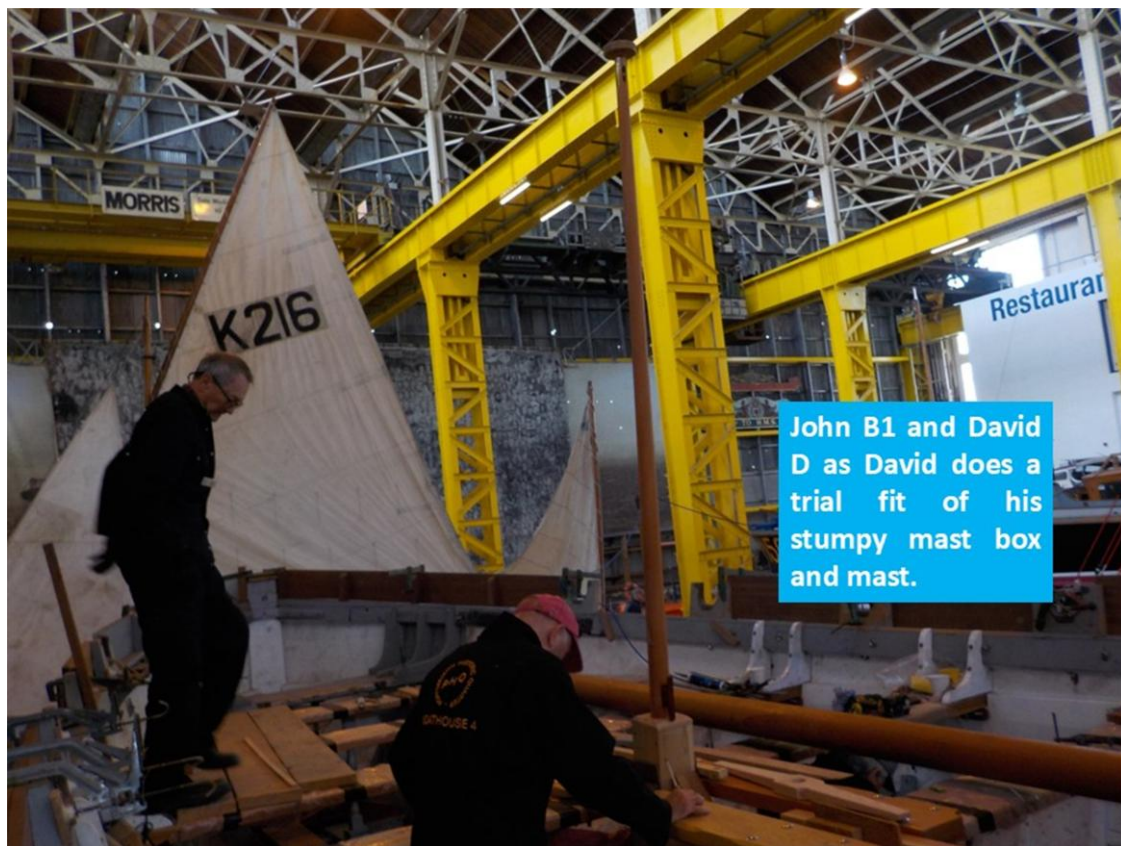


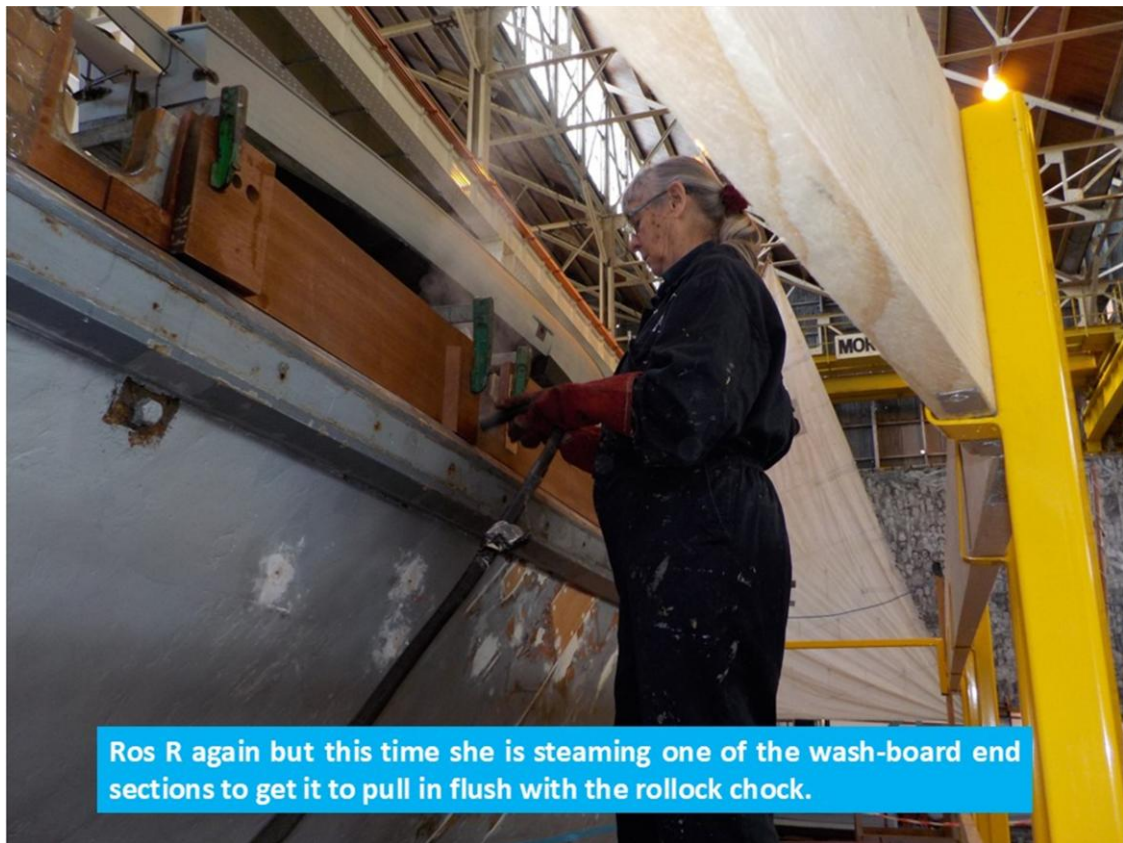
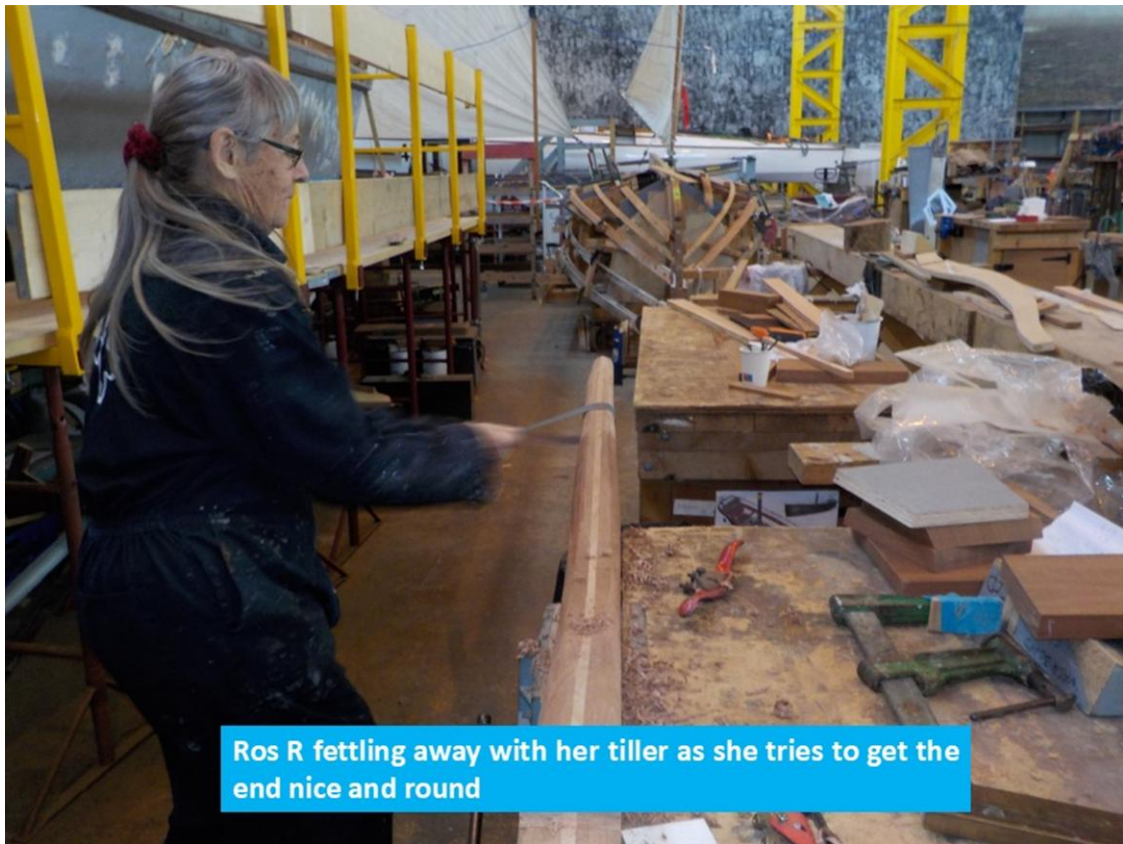
A summary of the work carried out in the Month of April 2026

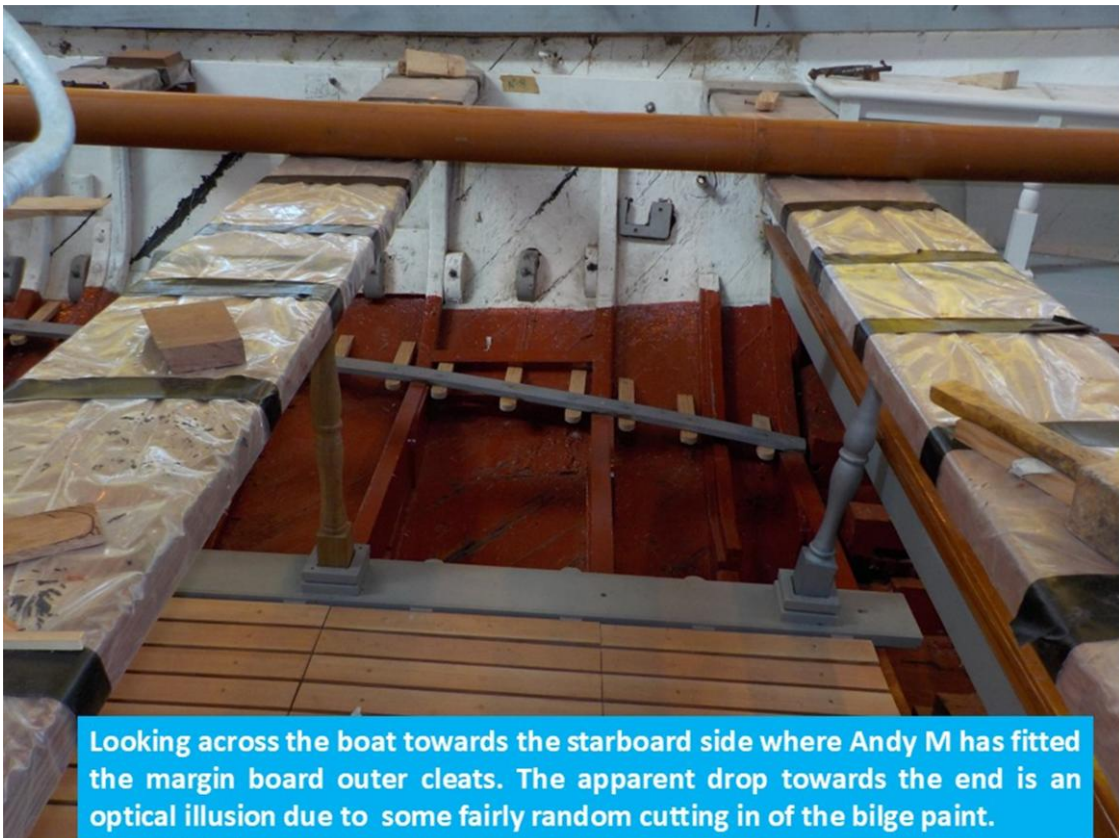
Igor sanded down the skeg fairing it out so soon be coming to an end. Andy M, John B1 carried on with the sole boards whilst Micky M turned up a couple of trial acorns as finials for Ros's tiller. Andy M has part completed fitting the margin board outer cleats all glued and screwed ready for our next stage development for finishing off the margin board to hull space, yet to be decided. Trish G is fitting her mini knees ready to support the after wash-board sections. We have one job to go before we fit all the wash-boards and poppets and that is to pull the beam in at mid-ships by about 12 mm/ ½ inch and finalise the thwart fixings. Ginny is back off holiday and fitted her last wash-board section, Ros R continued fettling her tiller arm along with making a replacement poppet for one of her wash-boards. Mike S picked up on making another section of the starboard sole boards whilst Andy W worked with Morag to make a tiller locking wedge. Ivan W is working on the revised stem post capping section. We had a new volunteer join the team, Dave B, he was working with John B1 on the sole boards for the starboard side starting aft. Ros R was trying to come to terms with the sizing of the poppets whilst working with Fred and Mike S re-cutting the wedge end of the tiller so we could get a better height than Fred's original design. At least now all the voices of concern can now be silenced and Fred can go and sulk in his corner. Trish is now looking for another job having fitted her mini knees onto the after Gunwale ready to take the wash-boards. David D has just about completed his stumpy mast box bar painting it. Ros R is still making some poppets for various cut outs. I am so impressed with her staying power, she is so determined not to let a scabby bit of wood beat her!!!! Micky M and John B1 have been busy cutting more timber for the forward sections of the sole boards. Igor has been making a finial for the stern post before we get the boat moved and he can get to grips with the gribbled keel. Trish G has been working with Fred moving the oar making process a little more along the track, this process has already highlighted a slight discrepancy in the blade dimensions which will help in reducing some of the spruce stock when it is ordered. Fred has been doing some research into the restoration work carried out to date against 'best practice' and our project comes out very well in the overall validation. Andy W has remade the bases for the forward bronze fairleads and is ready to fit them



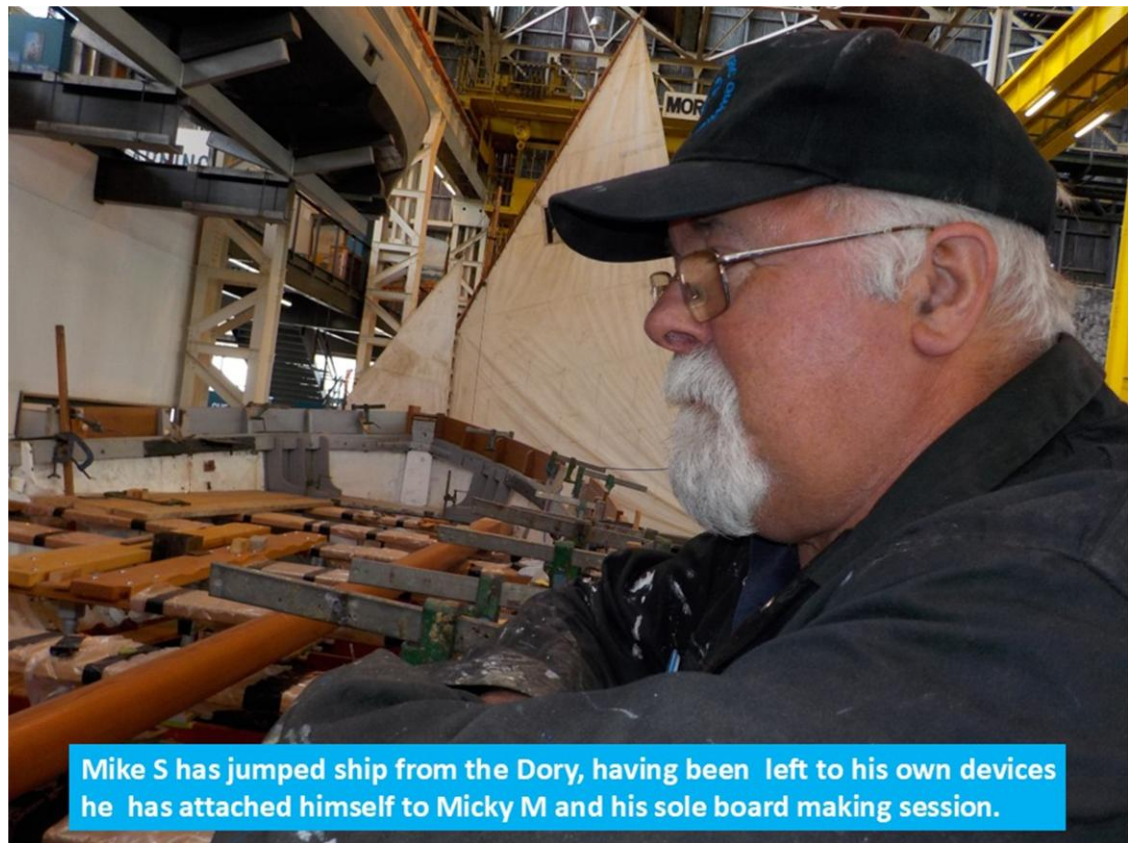
A shot looking aft showing the progress of the sole board design/manufacturing team led by Micky M.













Here you can see Roz R's tiller partially fitted for final aesthetics and functional height.



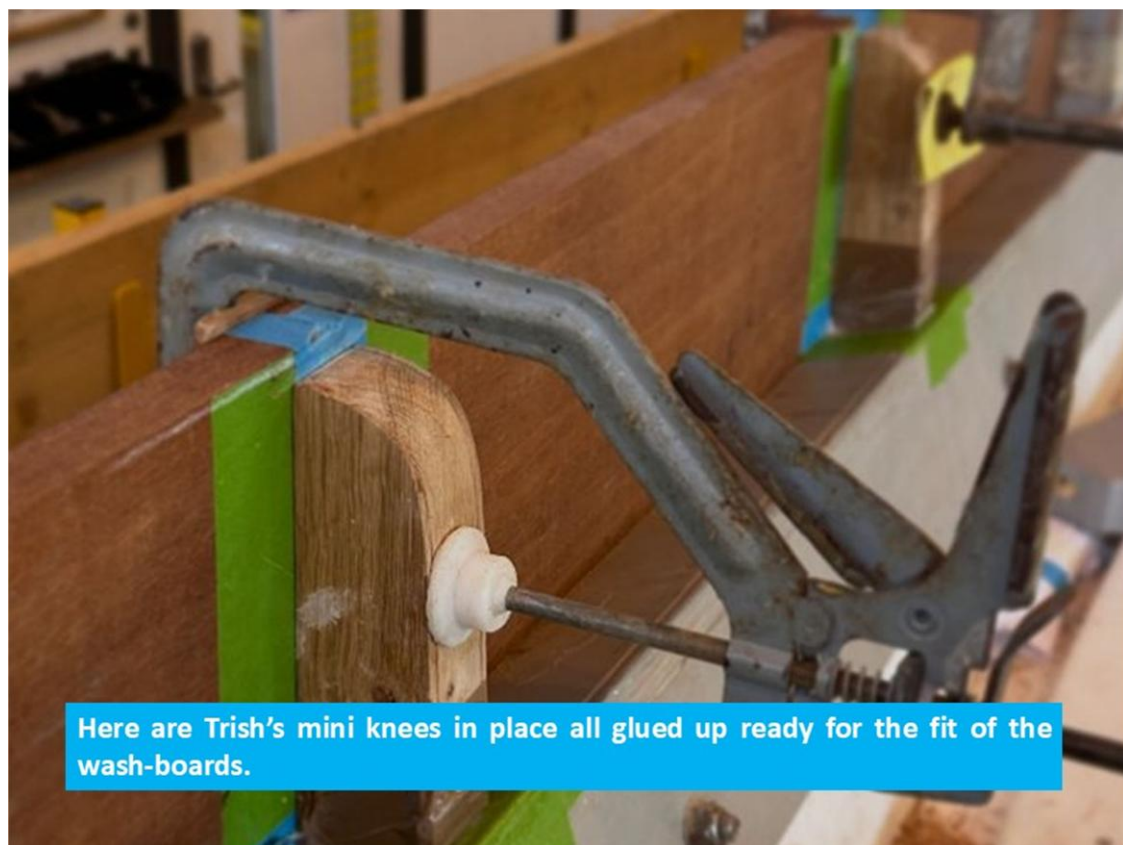
Mike S and Val D discussing the finer points of piloting a boat and where the optimum height is for the end of the tiller. Quite interesting discussion bearing in mind the difference in verticality of the two discussers.

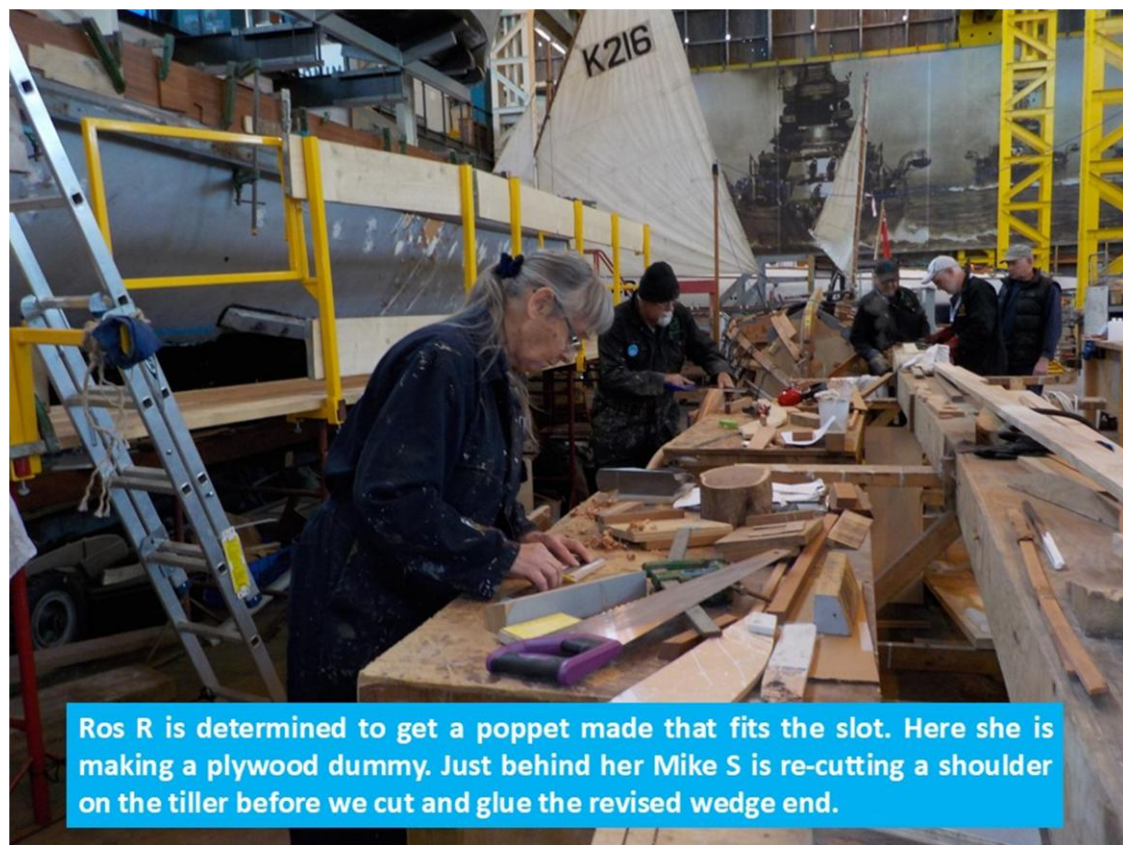


Here is Mike S actively missing out on his lunch as he recovers some of the work that "Mr Cock Up" did earlier in the day.



Here, Trish G has finalised the shaping of her mini knees all ready for the big fit. Watch this space.





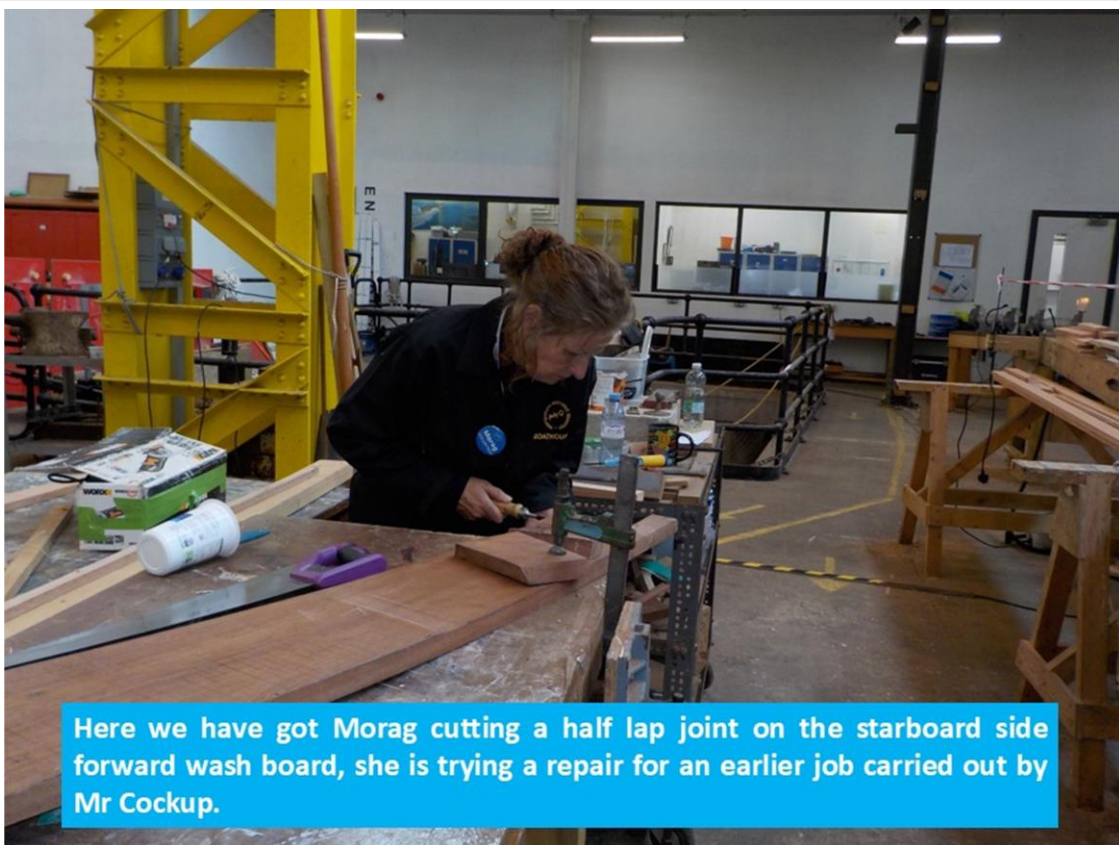
Ros R is determined to get a poppet made that fits the slot. Here she is making a plywood dummy. Just behind her Mike S is re-cutting a shoulder on the tiller before we cut and glue the revised wedge end.



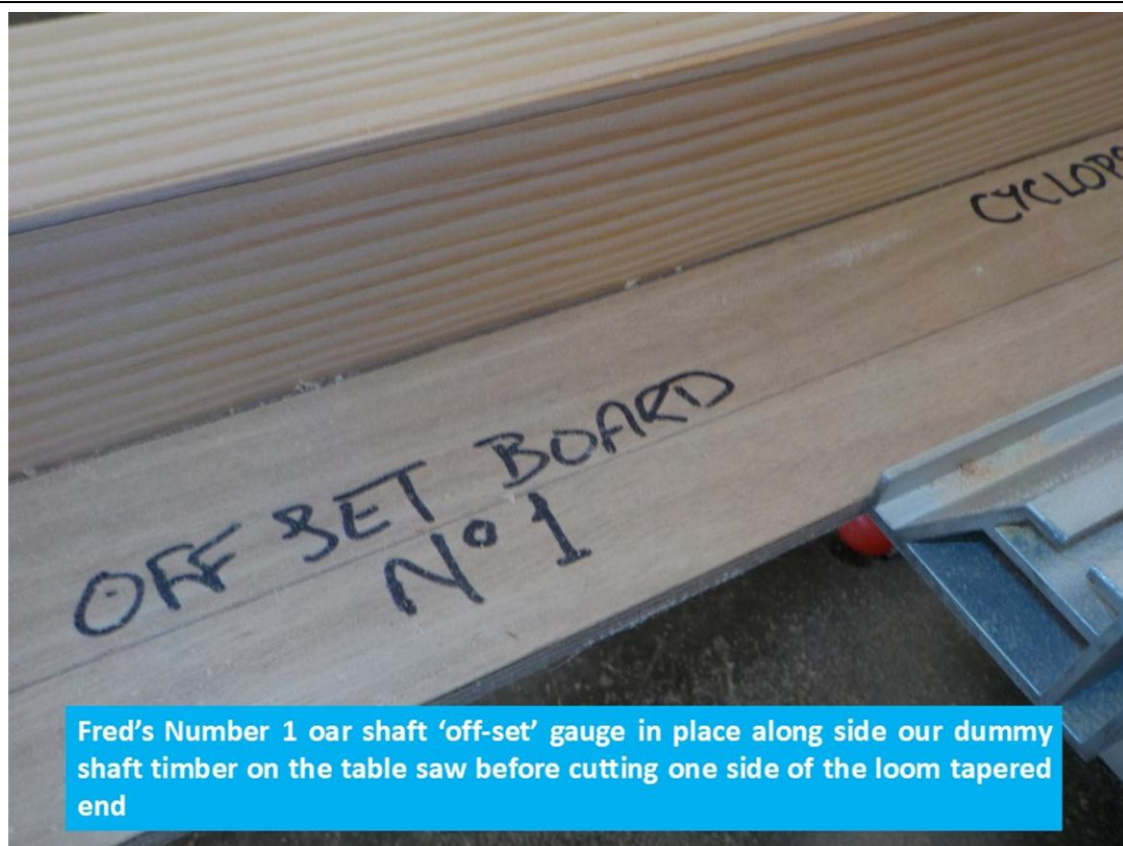
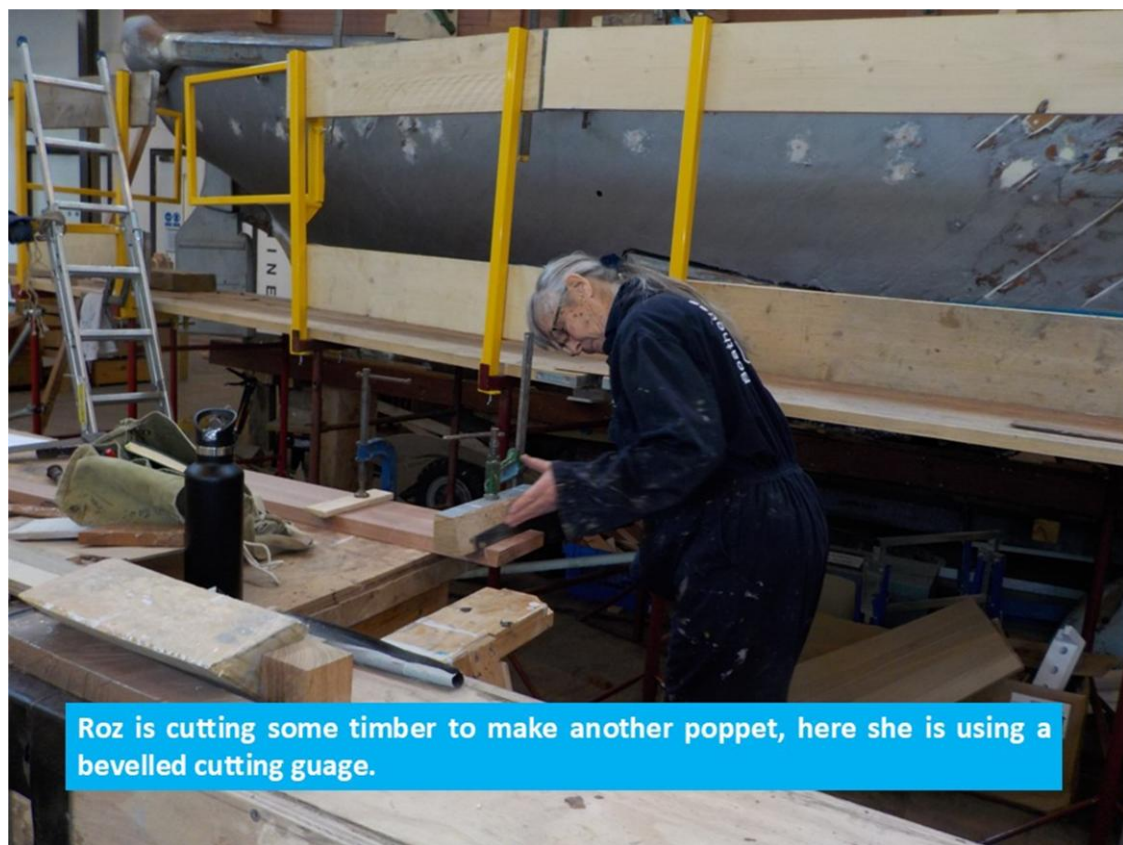
In the middle of the photo the next starboard sole board is work in progress by John B1 and Dave B, they have lifted the port section to gain access

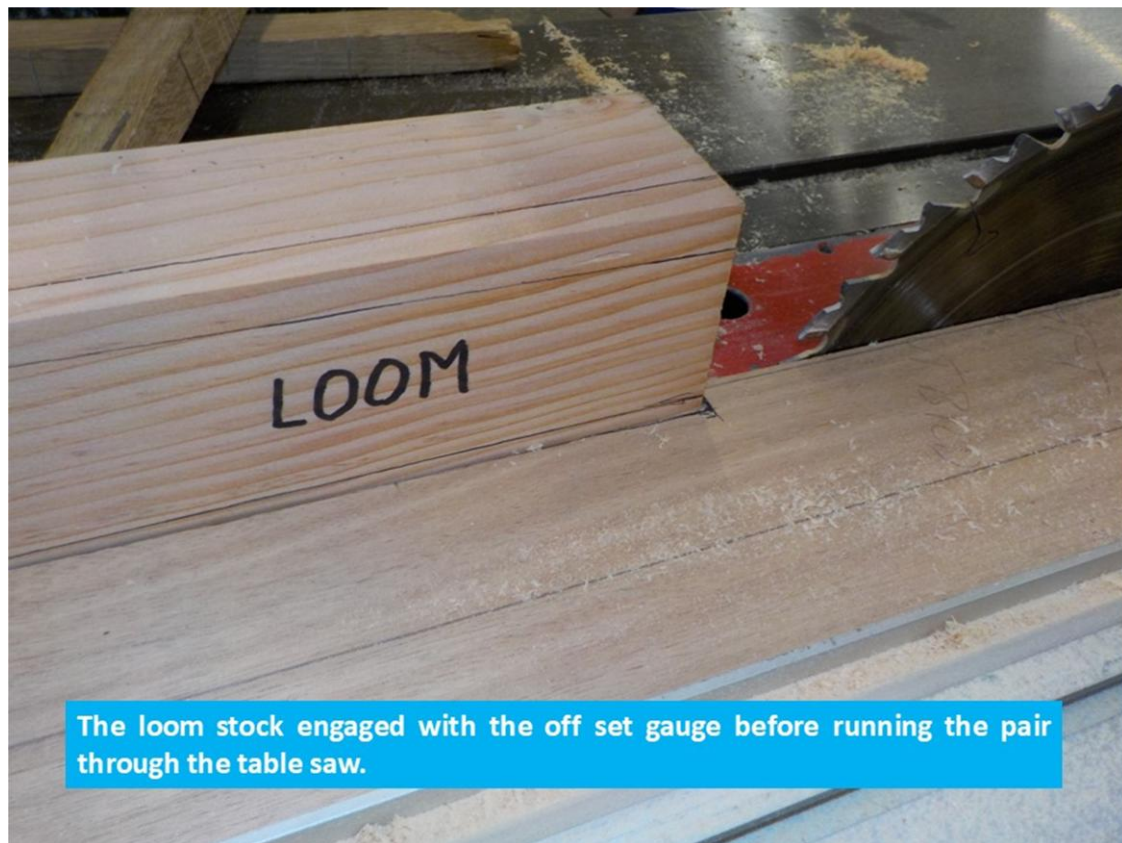


Mike S has been carving the base of an acorn for a finial for Ros's tiller, here he is shaping up the stern post end to take Andy W's retaining wedge.

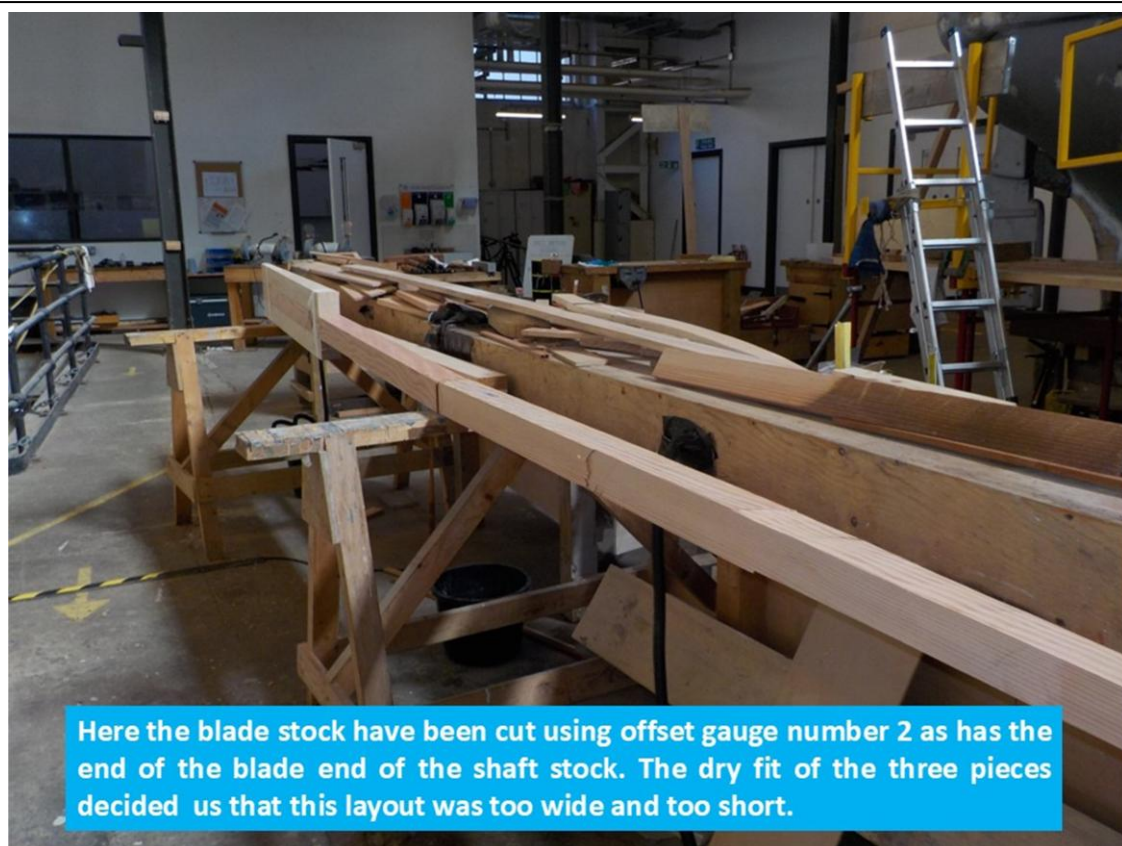


Here we have got Morag cutting a half lap joint on the starboard side forward wash board, she is trying a repair for an earlier job carried out by Mr Cockup.





The loom stock engaged with the off set gauge before running the pair through the table saw.



Here the blade stock have been cut using offset gauge number 2 as has the end of the blade end of the shaft stock. The dry fit of the three pieces decided us that this layout was too wide and too short.

