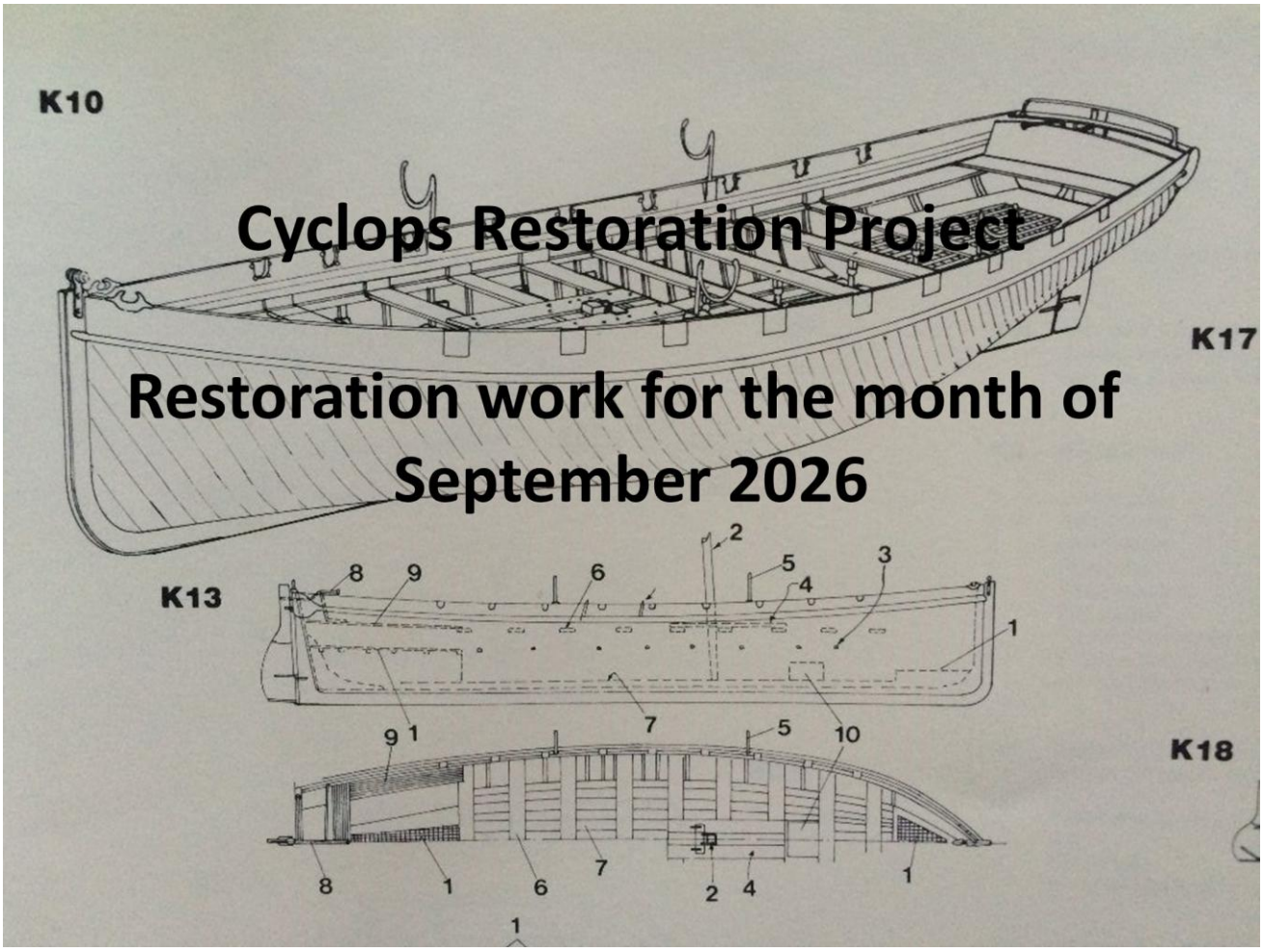
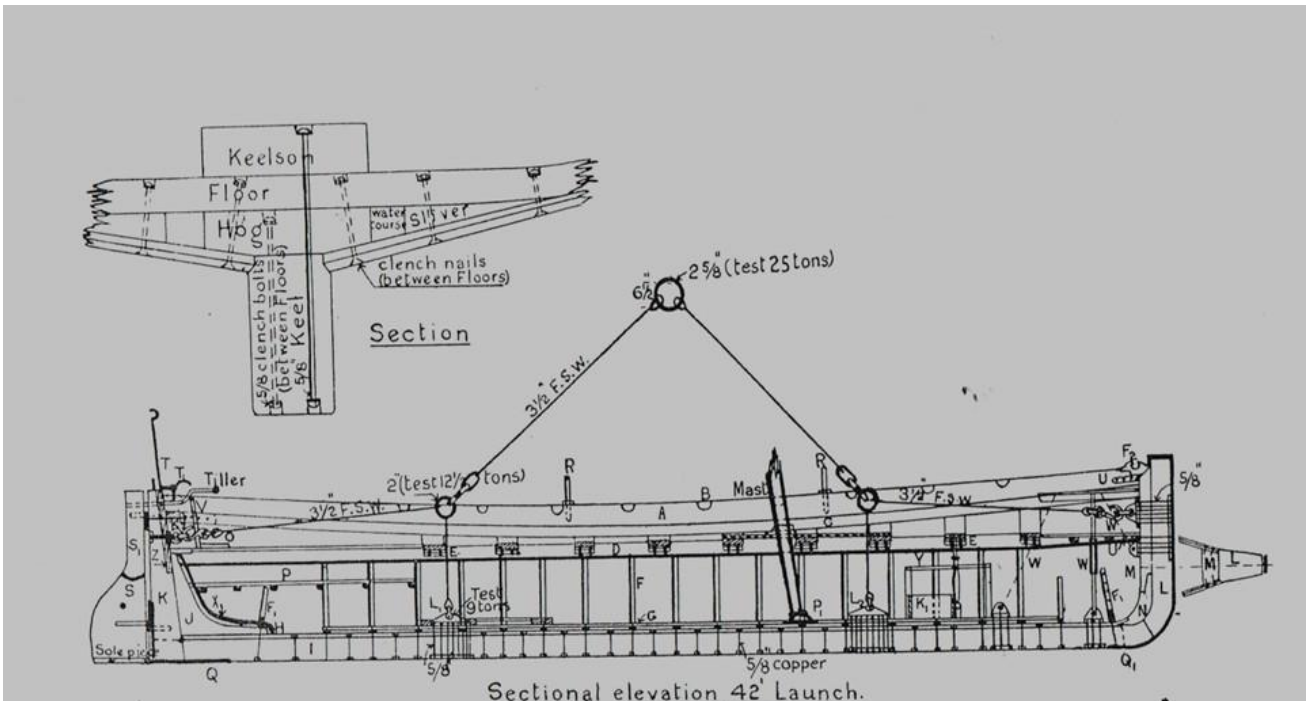




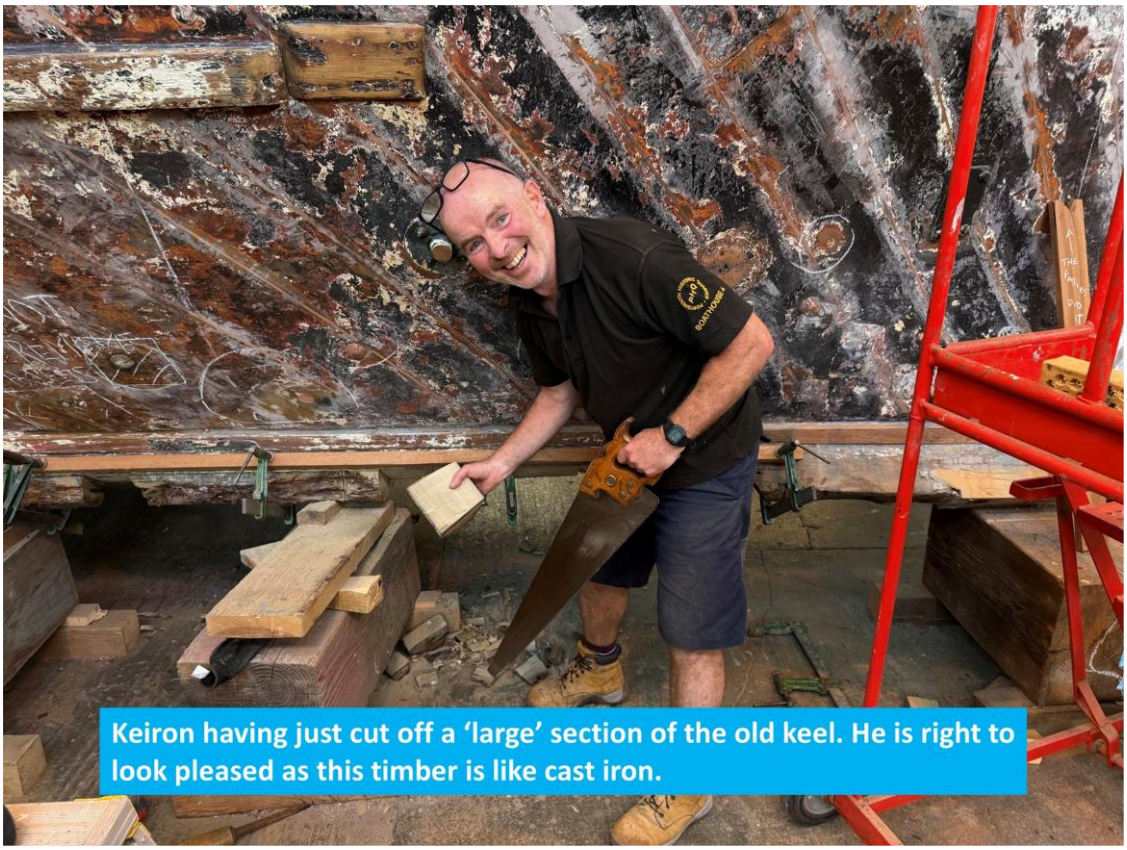
A. Solids or washstrake (C. elm).
B. Shutters or poppets.
C. Gunwale (C. elm).
D. Rising (C. elm).
E. Portable thwarts (red pine, except in wake of mast, where they are of oak).
F. Floors (C. elm).
F_1. Grown floors (oak).
F_2. Fairlead.
G. Keelson (C. elm).
H. Hog (C. elm).
I. Keel (C. elm).
J. After deadwood (oak).
K. Sternpost (oak).
K_1. Cable locker.
K_2. Cross-piece.
L. Stem (oak).
L_1. Lifting or sling plates.
M. Apron (E. elm).
N. Fore deadwood (oak).
O. Sternsheets.
P. Seat.
P_1. Mast step.
Q_1. Skeg band.
Q_2. Stem band.
R. Lumber irons or crutches.
S. Rudder.
S_1. Rudder cheeks.
T. Awning stanchion.
T_1. Pump lever.
U. Steel breasthooks.
V. Steel quarter knees.
W. Bottle screws for supporting gun stand.
X. Tail pipe of pump.
Y. Platform for working gun.
Z. Transom (E. elm).

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

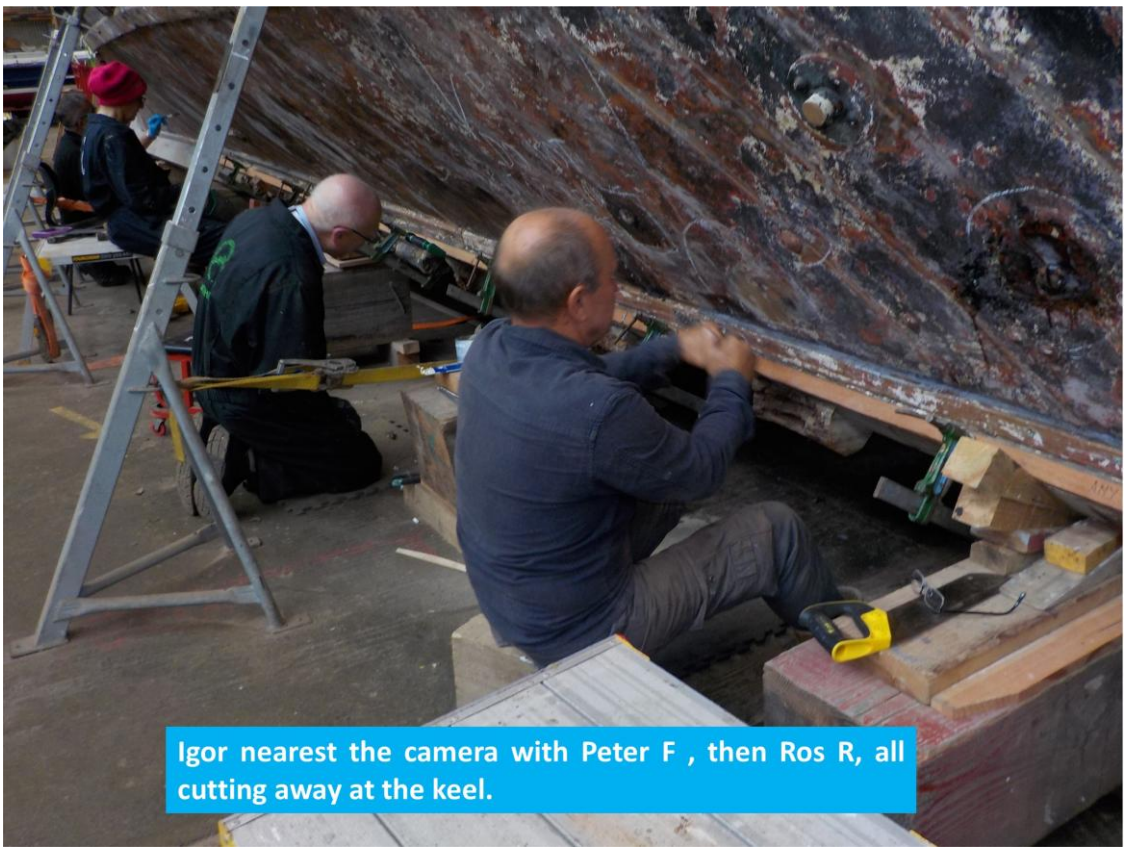
A lot of the effort this month has gone on the hull below the waterline and repairing the keel. John P and Keith D have carried on working on the thwart knees. Ros R and Morag have spent a lot of time filling and fairing. Micky M is making a dwarf bulkhead that goes between the aft ends of the sole boards and the below deck area of the stern sheets. Ros R picked up on the Starboard forward wash-board to finish of the repaired section. Having cut away the majority of the gribble damage we had a flatish section of keel with lots of bolts coming through. Ian F and John B2 had a go at re-threading the largest diameter versions so we can use them for the new keel plank later on. We called a halt on the oar building front as we had managed to locate a traditional oar manufacturing company able to make the traditional 18 foot RN pulling sweeps at circa 30% of the material cost if we were to make them ourselves.!!! Shame for the loss of volunteer experience but financially, a 'no brainer'
The size of the report belies the amount of work tackled in the month, mainly due to Fred and his camera being absent from place of!!



Ginny H's test piece with some offset holes drilled and Fred and Ginny's wooden plug trial. We had a good shuftie and think the 'job is a good'n'. So good in fact that Ginny went ahead and drilled all of the wash-boards



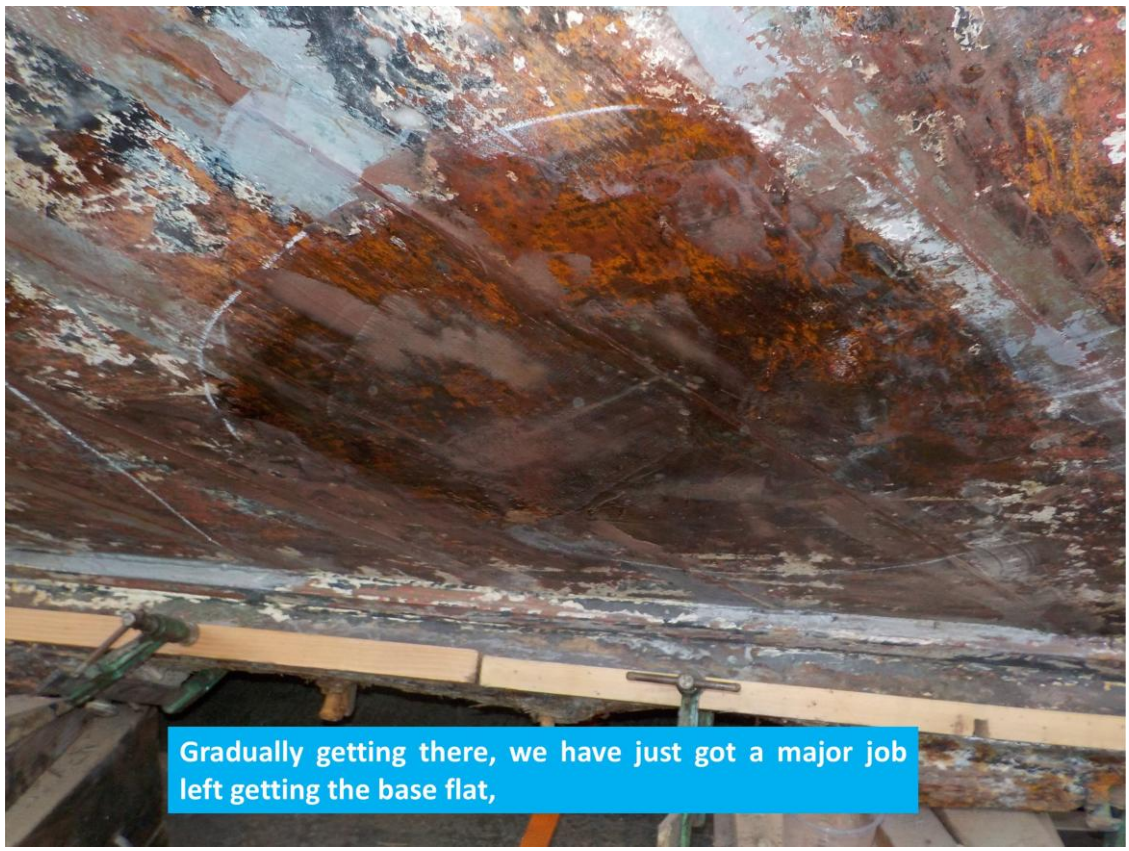
Keiron having just cut off a 'large' section of the old keel. He is right to look pleased as this timber is like cast iron.



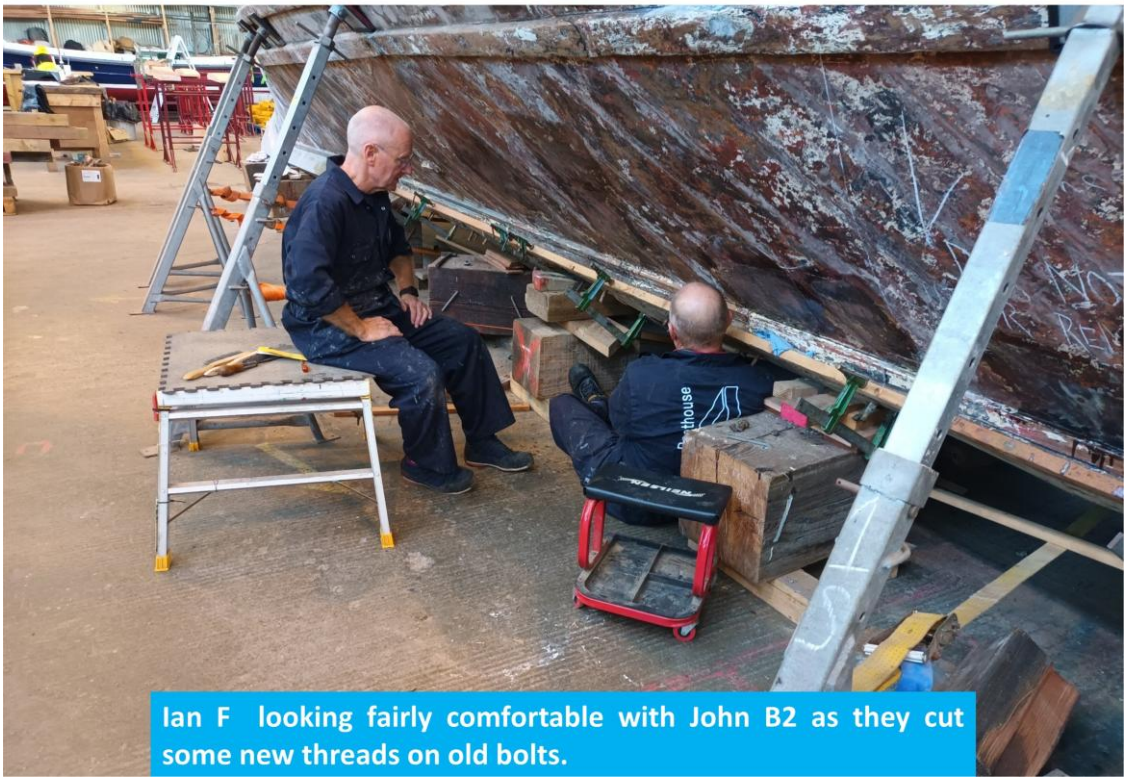
Igor nearest the camera with Peter F , then Ros R, all cutting away at the keel.


Micky M keeping his hand in tidying up the forward keel scarf.

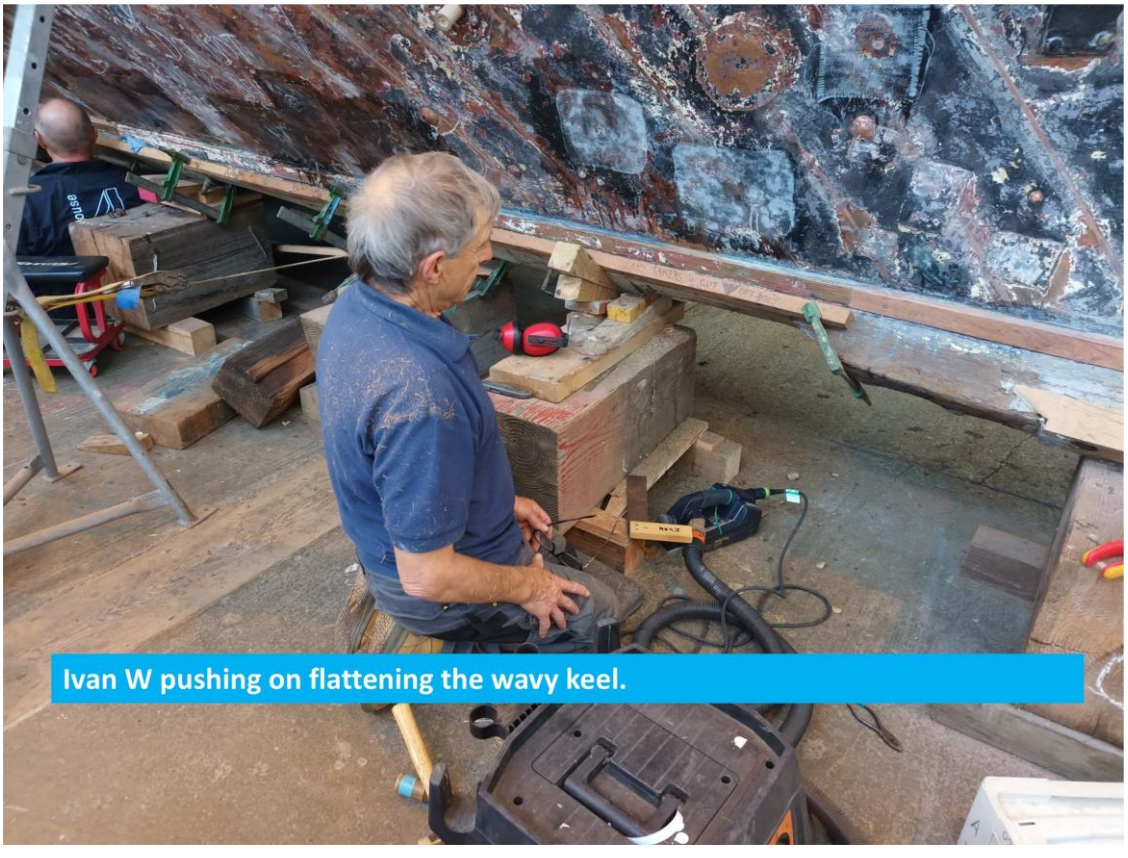

All battling away at the dreaded Canadian Rock Elm. You just wouln't believe that something so hard could provide a hearty meal for a sub-miniature shrimp??


Gradually getting there, we have just got a major job left getting the base flat,

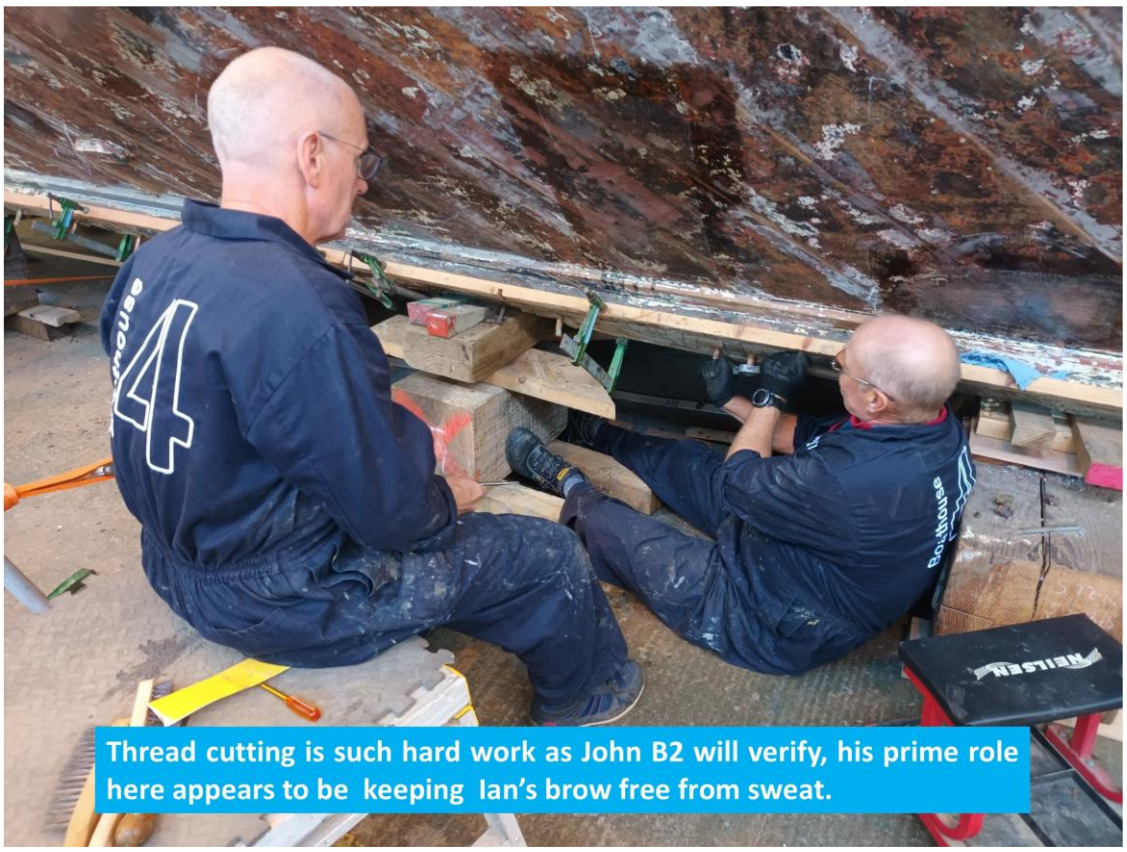

Ros R making like she isn't there as she re-cuts the forward wash-board using our brass faced bevel guide block from months ago.

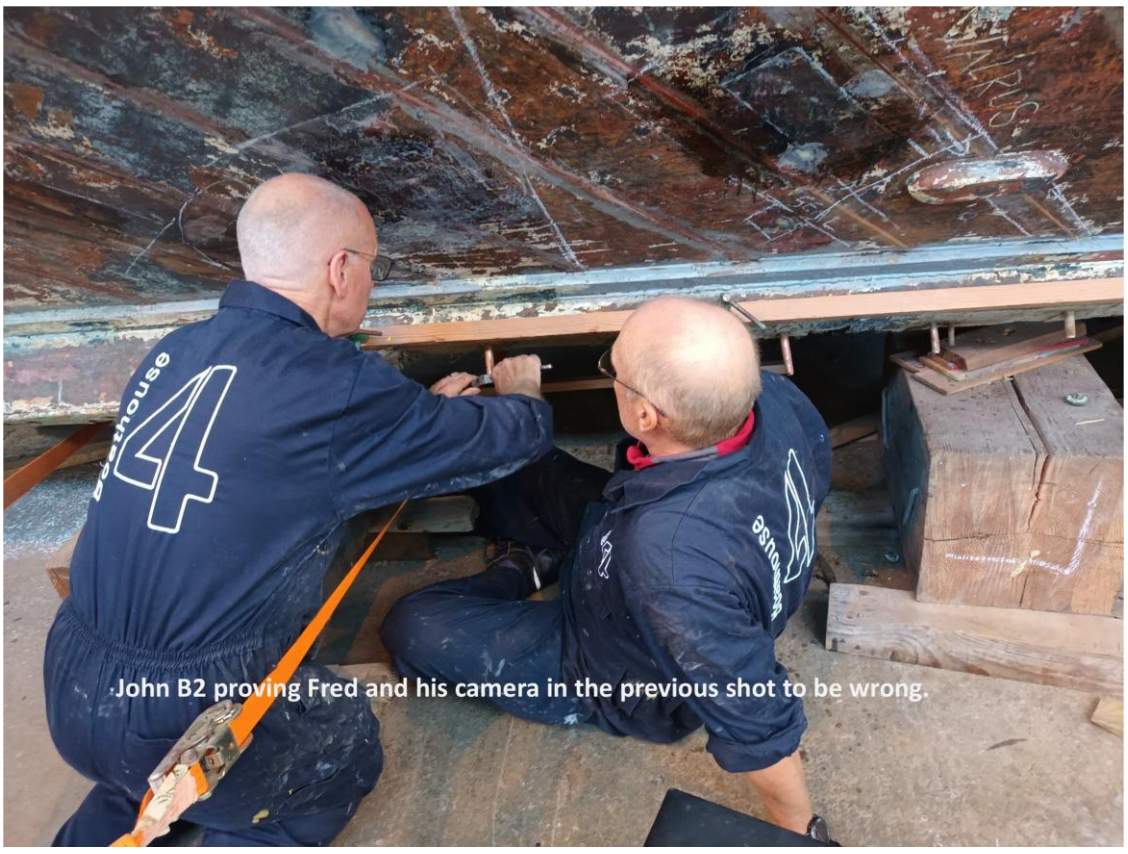


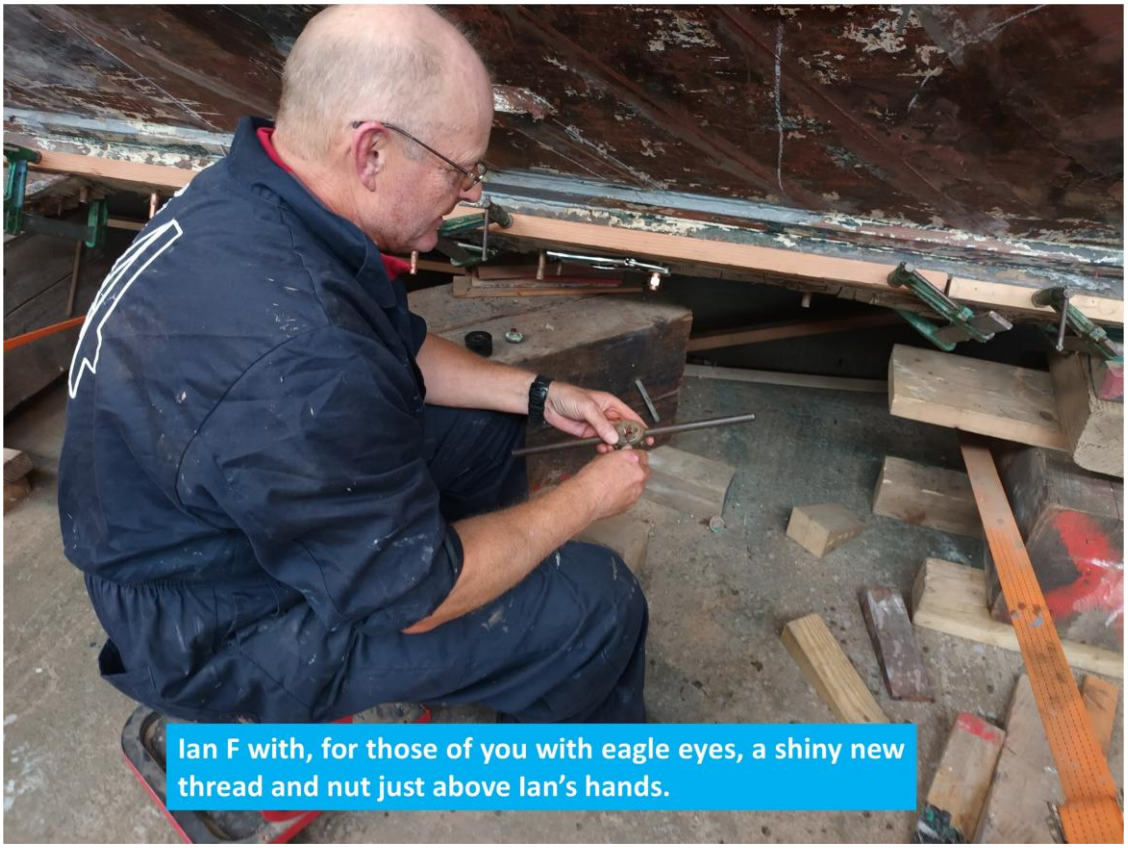
Ian F looking fairly comfortable with John B2 as they cut some new threads on old bolts.



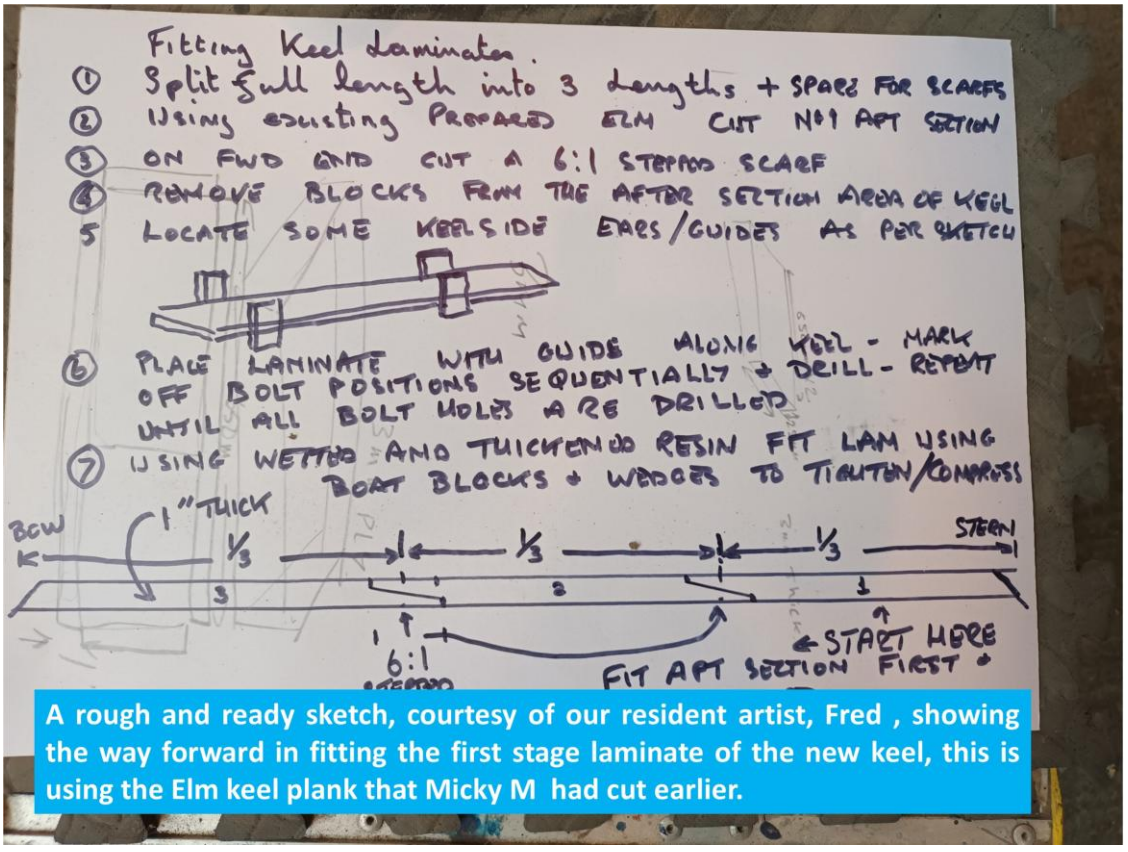
Ivan W pushing on flattening the wavy keel.


Thread cutting is such hard work as John B2 will verify, his prime role here appears to be keeping Ian's brow free from sweat.


John B2 proving Fred and his camera in the previous shot to be wrong.



Ian F with, for those of you with eagle eyes, a shiny new thread and nut just above Ian's hands.



A rough and ready sketch, courtesy of our resident artist, Fred , showing the way forward in fitting the first stage laminate of the new keel, this is using the Elm keel plank that Micky M had cut earlier.