

Report No 28

Chatham

Saturday 19th November 2011

An excellent day weatherwise for working on the VIC with brilliant sunshine and perfectly calm water in the basin.

Derek organised a posse from the Kent to remove the life raft from the VIC, which will be taken to Seaweather for servicing later this week. He also removed the navigation lamps and light boxes from the wheelhouse. Derek then fixed the new Just Text Giving banner to the side of the ship and put out additional mooring lines for the winter.

Ruth, assisted by me, coated the tarred marline to the lower splices of the rigging with Stockholm Tar.

Tony, Steve and Jim worked in the engine room draining down the boiler and all bits of the engine and pumps that don't naturally empty themselves. Jim drained the salt water circulating system for the condenser and bilge pump, while Tony and Steve drained the donkey pump, feed pump arrangement and Worthington Simpson pump. They also removed the manhole and mudhole doors from the boiler. It was agreed not to pump the bilge out, as it was far too oily and other methods for emptying the bilge were discussed.

Jean kept everyone happy with plentiful amounts of tea, organised lunch and did all the washing up too!

The work party was attended by: Derek, Louise, Tony, Jean, Jim, Steve and Ruth

Next Working Party will be Saturday 3rd December

Reminder: AGM Saturday 3rd December