

VIC 96 Work Party Notes

1st May 2012



Above are a couple of photos of progress on the stern all cut back to good metal and probably plated by now with the big hole patched and the frame heated and beaten a bit more into line. Acorn will finish that bit and the top strip and D section and move on to the bits either side once we check the cost so far. They know we can afford their man for a week, which should be enough to do all the stuff at the stern area, but maybe not the bits forward by the two short ladders. The bottom scraping is now beginning to look positive as Acorn have water blasted the flat bottom on Monday and we are now scraping the paint and rusty areas. With the blasting done it shows up quite a lot of rusty areas, but we have worked out how to deal with it and probably got 25% of it scraped yesterday and hope to get it all scraped by tomorrow night. I will check with Malcolm as to whether he will paint it, or we should do the first coat as he suggested last week, as it looks as if we will need to blowlamp it to dry it then paint it as we go. If it goes to the weekend we could paint it and anti-foul it one coat per tide.

2nd May 2012



Finished scraping half the ship. Blow lamped, then painted one third of the bottom up to the top chine, see photo. Painted all of the port side from the bottom chine up to water line. Cut plate and fitted. Welded the repaired plate in the gutter, see photo. (Jason heated; Julian hit it until it fitted) Jason is a good welder, right up to the joins and rivets.

Present Jason from Acorn, Dave Carter, Julian, Joanna and Luke Swift

Tomorrow (Thursday) we will start about 3pm on the bottom again, Jeremy is coming during the day to do things on deck as well.

We will be working late on Friday, probably can get down about 4pm Joanna and I will stay overnight to start at 5am Saturday to catch the early tide. Dave Carter is coming early as well. Help welcome! If not early 8am would be good to help get the scaffold boards back up.

We are also planning to catch the late tide Saturday evening which will give us 5pm to 9pm or when it gets too dark. Help with boards, lights, tea etc would be appreciated. Julian Joanna Luke and Josie are planning to do the evening shift. Should just be painting by then.

Please let Julian know if you are able to help on 07802 453232 or email him at julian@julianswift.com



Julian and Joanna Swift
2nd May 2012