

Winter in the boatyard

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Winter in the boatyard is a good time for work to be done on the current restoration project, the *Antares*. This involves stripping the entire hull down to the bare wood including cleaning all the seams prior to recaulking and repainting. In addition some of the internal timbers need attention.



Stripping paint and removing caulking

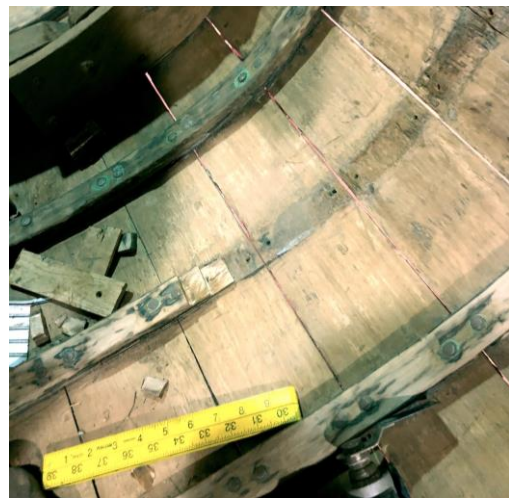


Mike Griffin replacing a section of frame

The *Antares* is a 33ft wooden motor fishing boat made in the '70s. She is unusual in that the hull planking is made from a hardwood called iroko, rather than a soft wood like larch. Mike Griffin is working on replacing some worn out oak frame sections with laminated timber inserts. The timber is oak strips which are heated and bent on a jig and glued together in situ. The laminate construction is very strong, compared with solid timber and is an efficient use of wood. The joints between the existing frames and the new parts are staggered for strength. The carvel planking is fastened to the frames with copper rivets.



Replacement frame in laminated oak



A staggered joint for strength

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