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paddle tug Aid

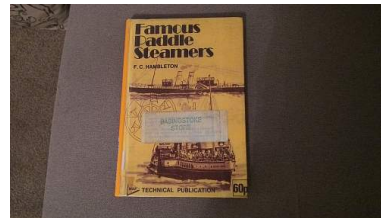
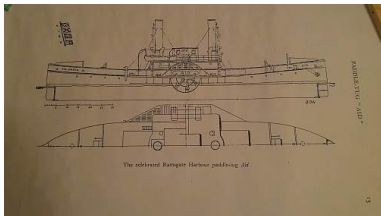
by marky



20th Oct 2017

paddle tug Aid

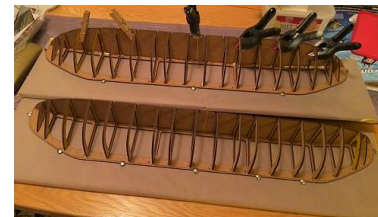
Wife bought me a nice little book cheaper than the original cover price ,decided nice little paddle tug would be the next project enlarged the drawing in the book to desired size hull will be 30"(760mm)long keel and frames were laser cut will build the hull and plank then cut out for the paddle boxes ,don't know if this is the right way but it made sense to me



22nd Oct 2017

off and running

keel frames and deck together ,couldn't remember if you planked in two halves and then joined together so put it together and will plank alternative sides some fettleling and sanding to do first .



25th Oct 2017

paddle boxes

while the paddles are on the drawing board being redrawn as I drew them with 8 spokes then realised there should only have been 7 thought i would have a stab at the paddle boxes ,bendy MDF and bendy ply yah beauty made it slightly easier to get the curves .long live the wood workshop scrap bin or as the good lady calls it the back bedroom .



4th Jul 2018

Colour change

The green looked too drab so changed to a nice blue only fiddly bits to do I hope

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Cheers Marky



28th Oct 2017

paddles

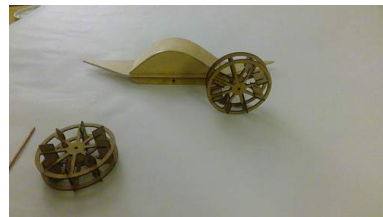
after a few attempts trying to master the CAD drawing malarky i think I finally got it to do what i wanted ,it was so much easier with a pair a of dividers , pencil and a ruler but alas the laser doesn't do old school .Very pleased with the results .?



29th Oct 2017

paddle build

Started to put the wheels together ,joy of the laser is it fitted together nice and neat?



1st Apr 2018

slow progress

As promised, some pictures as she sits at the moment, lots of fiddle bits to do but with fingers all swollen up will have wait ,3D printed some seagulls which can be seen in some of the pictures .Cheers Marky



16th Dec 2017

cowl vents

Another coat of paint for the cowl vents ,my wife thinks they look like Kenny from South park ,some paint on the hull only black and white photos only detail of colour is that the funnels are yellow ,hull is matt black below water level and decided on a really dark matt green for above water line pictures don't really show the colour well ,maybe once white water line is added will show up better or should maybe take pictures in natural light



31st Oct 2017

superstructure

So while things dry on the paddles started on the superstructures, yard manager on board with hands in pockets old school no hard hat .next stop decking and hull

1st Nov 2017

Question

Whilst things are sticking and drying ,I noticed in the book it mentions "at bow and stern were short "turtle deck" covers ,the drawings not very clear and looking on internet got lots of info about garden decking. So question is,is it a curved cover as seen on the bows of trawlers? or am I barking up the wrong tree. Any help appreciated book also says these were removed later on in her career so I can omit them if need be.

Cheers Marky

8th Dec 2017

wheelhouse

So whilst the hull saga continues ,thought I would do some work on the wheelhouse deck funnels are the tube that gas welding rods come in ,3D printed the vent cowls long live thingyverse ,the rails are 1.6mild steel gas welding rod and the stanchions 20mm x1.6mm split pins soldered at the joints ,the only colour mentioned in the book was yellow funnels so went for a subtle matt shade rather than bright gloss used the same colour for the vents

27th Nov 2017

gorilla glue

Not done much since the last update ,wife had to go into hospital so boat on back burner whilst on chicken soup duty .gorilla glue and ratchet strap have done the trick hull and ribs are back together although inside looks as its been attacked by a strange alien growth ,shall now boldly go in with dremil and scalpel and clear the growth ."keep me a kipper I'll be back for breakfast"(red dwarf)

9th Nov 2017

Hull

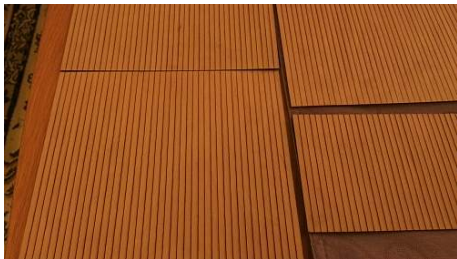
Well it took a little while but the planking on the hull starting to take shape ,planking is 10mm strips of 1mm thick aero birch ply, nice and bend, time to order up the family size tin of filler.



10th Nov 2017

Decking

Hot off the laser the sheets for the decking ,have used strips (coffee stirrers)for decking previously but thought if I can access the technology why not use it. decking is 1.5mm thick oak faced ply sheet 1m x500 lasered every 5mm then cut to the desired sizes



16th Nov 2017

semi disaster

Came home today to what looked like a disaster but after a few well chosen words it wasn't as bad as first thought for some reason known only to the glue one side of the hull timbers had come off the ribs, the same glue was used on all the planks working from the keel up, alternating sides ,anyway a liberal application of gorilla glue at the effected area and some ratchet straps seem to have done the trick will leave the straps on for 24 hours and hope for the best.?