

# Medway Queen Preservation Society

## Woodworking Team



The woodworking team's activities go back to the time before the rebuild when the ship was berthed in Damhead Creek on the Isle of Grain. Projects there included: Deck timber restoration and refurbishment, fitting of flying bridge timbers and reconstruction of the Captain's cabin. Frame construction was carried out at Damhead creek by volunteers incorporating some original panelling.

During the hull rebuild phase and the setting up of the Gillingham Pier base the volunteers worked alongside the apprentices. Projects at that time included construction of workbenches in workshop, paddlewheel facias, missing deck timbers, lower aft saloon companionway, stairwell covers and doors, skylight covers. The ships window frames were constructed by contractors but the apprentices and volunteers fitted the glass and beading. They also assisted the apprentices in adding a kitchen to the existing Visitor centre building.

As part of the Heroes2Sea cooperation the teams also built a complete wooden lifeboat.

### **Recent and current projects include:**

Paddle-shaft covers..

Internal doors and door frames.

New plinths for additional fire extinguishers.

Ramps and handrails for Visitor Centre. Plywood replaced with more durable decking and spindles.

Storage racks for screws etc. to increase storage and improve visibility.

Construction of easels (by "Woody") for art & photos event.

Replace caulking of promenade deck.

### **Future projects may include:**

Refurbishment of fiddly seats. Damaged timbers replaced. Require varnishing before re-fitting.

Completion of the Captain's cabin and construction of a Purser's cabin.

Fitting of side and deckhead panelling and bench seating.

Promenade deck handrails and kick boards.

Engine room handrails.

Fit wooden treads to promenade deck stairs.

Caulk and finish trim to flying bridge.

Upper aft saloon seating, bar and galley fittings.

Fitting out of lower aft saloon.

Promenade deck bench seating.

The woodworking team is also responsible for maintenance of machines and tooling used in their tasks, along with Risk Assessments for the section.

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