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At the start of this month, we brought Pioneer out to her mooring and did any last bits of rigging and painting that was needed. We also had a few leaky deck seams which needed repitching. I have been going out to her a couple of times a week to wet the decks. If a wooden deck dries out the wood shrinks and creates gaps between the planking letting water seep through.



I have had a chance to go dingy sailing with some friends this month. It's been a brilliant way to get out on the water while Pioneer is not running. I found that dingy sailing gave me a much better understanding of sail theory as everything that you do has an instant effect on how the boat sails.

I found some old wooden planes at Pioneer that were a bit worse for the wear so I restored them by getting rid of the rust and sanding back and oiling them. I also cut some rot out and putting a graving piece as well as filling some cracks. It was quite satisfying restoring them. *Audacity* was also picked up this week after her paint job. I gave her a good polish until she was reflective.



I got a chance to work in the gig workshop with the apprentices this month. I made the forward cox knees on the current gig. It was quite difficult to fit them as there were many angles to contend with but it was a brilliant learning experience.

At the end of the month, I made a sculling oar for a customer. I really enjoyed spar making at IBTC and it was interesting to learn how to shape an oar's blade. I have finished the woodwork and just need to spend a bit of time varnishing it. I was pleased with how it turned out and loved the creative process.

