

Bronwen – March 2019

Trying to rig a main mast with complications ...

So when I arrived in Brixham, all three boats were there having just come from Polruan, and they were in a little bit of disarray. *Provident's* main mast had only just been brought back on the boat, so the majority of my first month was spent setting-up the running rig.

One of the first jobs was block maintenance and reassembling. I've written some model instructions below:

- Sand the block, until you have no fingerprints
 - Try to keep things organised
 - Clean with turps
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 - Set up blocks for varnishing, preferably hanging in inventive places with wire, not string; try to do as many as possible to create a bit of an obstacle course.
 - LABEL BLOCKS (for future usefulness)
 - Varnish
 - Wait to dry
 - Varnish
 - Varnish
 - Varnish x3
 - Because you have labelled the blocks, knowing which ones go where and which parts belong to which one is a simple task and shouldn't take any time.
 - Clean and grease the pin and sheave
 - Put blocks back together (hammers are useful... also making sure the clearly labelled blocks and the clearly labelled pin and sheave match up)
 - Find appropriate tally plate and have fun with the drill!
- After this I then leathered the topping lift blocks and pennants to stop bashage and chaff.

Here are a few photos:



