

Tying up loose ends.

When people see photos of Pellew on social media they often ask "How long did it take to make her from start to finish?" The standard answer is "Oh, about 3 years" and they're usually happy with that answer. But that doesn't take into account the 100s of hours of "other stuff" such as plumbing in the heads, soft furnishings, installing and testing the systems and all of the little finishing touches that "make a house a home" so to speak.

June has been a month of (quite literally) tying up loose ends to make Pellew look as good inside as she does out. This has involved a lot of sanding, oiling, painting, varnishing and cleaning below deck and installing the final fittings and lashings above.

I've enjoyed all of the work I've done this month. It's been very rewarding to see the transformation straight away and has really made a difference to how she looks over all. It has also been a great way to get to know her - I've sanded and oiled every cupboard and drawer and painted every nook and cranny.



Another loose end I tied up this month was completing my RYA Day Skipper Theory qualification! I sat my exam at the start of the month passed with flying colours. I'm really looking forward to putting my new skills into practice when the time comes.



We have two additional boats on the quay at the moment ready to be lifted out for work. One of the boats is a lovely wooden yacht called Penlena, who needs some planks replaced and her engine reconditioned. While the engine won't be worked on on-site, I was able to assist with lifting it and 2 large tanks out of the yacht. This also involved us moving Pellew out of the way which we did easily by hand without using her motor.



Who doesn't love a good before and after! These grating pieces out of the heads on Pellew are an example of some of the projects I've completed this month. They have been in the boat for some time and are in need of some TLC after being covered in dust and spots of paint. The one on the right is straight out of Pellew and the one on the left is after being sanded and ready for a fresh coat of oil. Quite the difference!



National Historic Ships are hosting a series of 'Instagram Takeover's' during the summer months, Mesha and I, with the help of the rest of the gang will be taking over during July to share what Team Shipshape gets upto behind the scenes. We'll also be hosting a Q&A to answer any questions you might have about the Traineeship or the projects we're each working on. Check out [instagram.com/nationalhistoricships](https://www.instagram.com/nationalhistoricships) to find out how to get involved.

Pupdate - Shipshape dogs, June.

I have finally seen some lovely dogs again - I gave them all extra cuddles to make up for the last few months.



Roy

'The Roy Boy'.

Gentle giant.

Fashionista - fluoro colours are so in this season.

Has a lovely Orkney accent.

Very good boy.



Candy

Faversham Oyster Hound.

Will chase and retrieve any ball or stick, or your money back.

Sails classic boats.

Facebook famous. Kind of a big deal.

Very good girl.



Flo

Has a Personal Trainer darling.

Has lost weight, thank you for noticing.

Not that bothered with other dogs.

Very good girl.