

Kate – March blog



It has been a bit of a changeable month here in Greenwich, due to the weather. I have been repainting the wooden planks on the 'tween deck and cleaning in the lower hold, as well as starting to sand the t'gallant rail at the bow on the main deck of the ship in readiness for oiling and looking smart for the completion of the monkey fo'c's'le deck. We have also wrapped up many of the previously oiled and painted items at the *Cutty Sark* workshop in foam to keep them protected for transport back to the ship – creating what looks like a giant pile of presents in the process!

This month I have also been able to spend some time with Claire Denham, who is the *Cutty Sark* Conservation Research Advisor. Claire has an immense amount of knowledge about the *Cutty Sark*, and I got to learn more about the work that has gone into documenting the ship throughout its Conservation Project 2006-2012, and which continues to this day. I have also been able to visit the Prince Philip Maritime Collection Centre, the *National Maritime Museum's* new conservation facilities in Kidbrooke, and briefly meet some of the staff working to conserve the different collections. I hope to go back over the coming months to get a better insight into all of the different types of work being undertaken.

