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I joined the *Cutty Sark* team as trainee one week ago and it has been a busy few days already!

I have had a thorough tour of the ship from down in the bilge and lazarette to getting out in harness on the glass canopy which surrounds the ship at the waterline.

At the moment, the ship's monkey fo'c'sle deck is being replaced. My first main tasks have been to help sand and oil pieces of the timber capping removed to the *Cutty Sark* workshop as part of this process. It has been very satisfying to remove the varnish and see the new shiny oiled surface build up layer by layer!

I have also been helping to scrub the decks in order to stop winter algae build up and put down insect blunder traps as a preventative conservation measure.

I am looking forward to seeing what is next in store and getting involved with as much as I can!