

Painting The Hull

By Roger Lowe, Shrimper 618 (2006)

Roger Lowe has recently (2006) repainted the hull of "Curlew", Shrimper 618. His notes outline the steps taken, plus a few suggestions for making things easier and may help others decide whether to paint or not.

Curlew was bought in 2004, she had been neglected for a couple of years as you can see:



The following photos show the white hull at epoxy stage. I had removed the rubbing strake to re varnish, simple but laborious as there are loads of screws. The trick in painting is to have 2 of you doing it – one rolling, one tipping off. I did it on my own and it is harder – but achievable. If hit hard, as my accident proved, the paint doesn't flake, and I was impressed by the top coats' adherence to the epoxy primer and the epoxy to the gel coat.



Curlew went afloat in May 2005, and is kept in a "poled" mooring where she gets some knocks every now and again. Roger's views are: " I think she looks a lot better, time will tell on the longevity of the colour but the guy from Blakes said at least 4-5 years. Like "%*! to a blanket springs to mind. Do it again? Yes but in a shed with 2 painters and I would thin the epoxy and top coat a little more to get a better "Flow" finish. I can see my face in it, but with my visage I am not sure that's a recommendation."



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