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Billing Andrea Gail

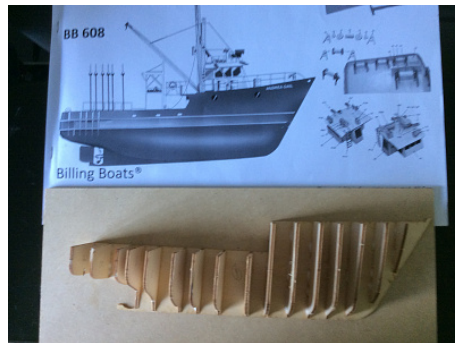
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27th Jun 2019

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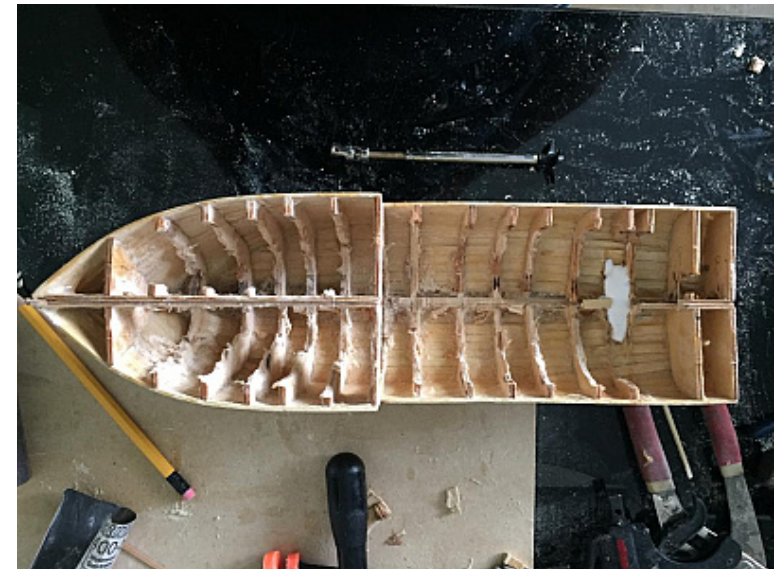
I kind of got tired of my last bill blog the fishing boat . But my son got me a model of the Billings Andrea Gail for my 70th birthday so I'm re-energized about building her the model is only 36 cm by 10 cm & was a static model that I plan on converting to R/C The model was a 2 part hull so a lot of re engineering will be needed to make room for R/C stuff . P/S I thought I'd like to build a small boat as it gets to be a hand full take them to the pond . ?



28th Jun 2019

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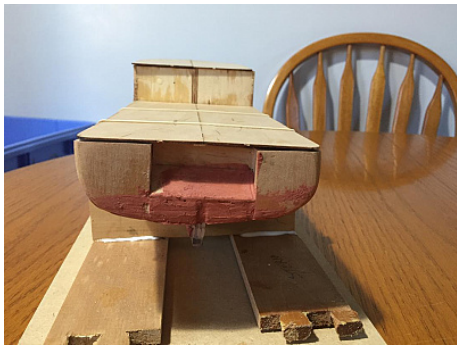
Took a few days & it's a little messy but hull cleared out . Also built a stuffing box , motor shaft & prop . Next thing will be a motor from the friendly Skycraft hobby store . Probably a speed 280 Graupner brushed motor .



30th Jun 2019

Billings Andrea Gail

Made a stand up as the kit one would not work as it was for a static model .Stern parts made of 6 parts I used some solid wood in this area kit had balsa blocks & I use a lot of bondo glazing & spot putty to fix all the imperfections .



22nd Jul 2019

painting etc. On Andrea Gail

Went out to my hobby store & bought some paint & man hobby paint sure is expensive these day's . Because the model was never made to be a R/C boat a lot of thinking has to go into how to get into the hull to change batteries & if anything go'es wrong with the electronics you need to find a way to remove decks to get into her for repairs . Still a lot of fine details to complete but I'm almost there . I would like to post a video of her maiden voyage but not to sure how to do that .



18th Jul 2019

Andrea Gail continued

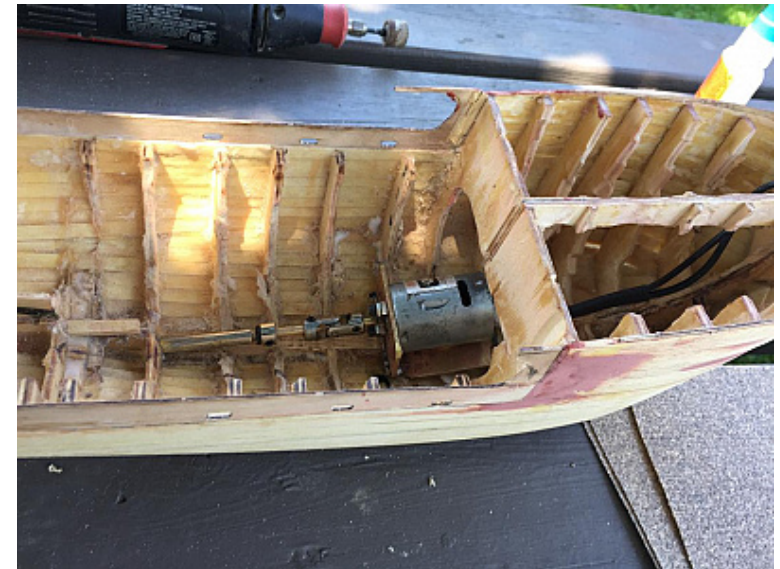
Got around to the railings & some of the crane hardware . Haven't done a lot other than wiring up all the electronics had to use a older transmitter as the newer 2.4 g transmitters don't have servo reverse switch's my rudder was backward's . Made up two battery boxes for 5 AA rechargeable batteries to make 6 volts used a holder for 4 & added a single holder for the 5th battery



4th Jul 2019

Billing Andrea Gail

Had to make a motor stand for the Graupner 400 brushed motor . Took quit a while to line up & glue in place .Used Brass 2 brass plates silver soldered to make a 90 & drilled holes for 2.5 mm motor screws . I have a Deans Marine speed control that's older than me but works well on 6 volts . P/S the guy with the fish isn't me & I can't edit to put a me photo in

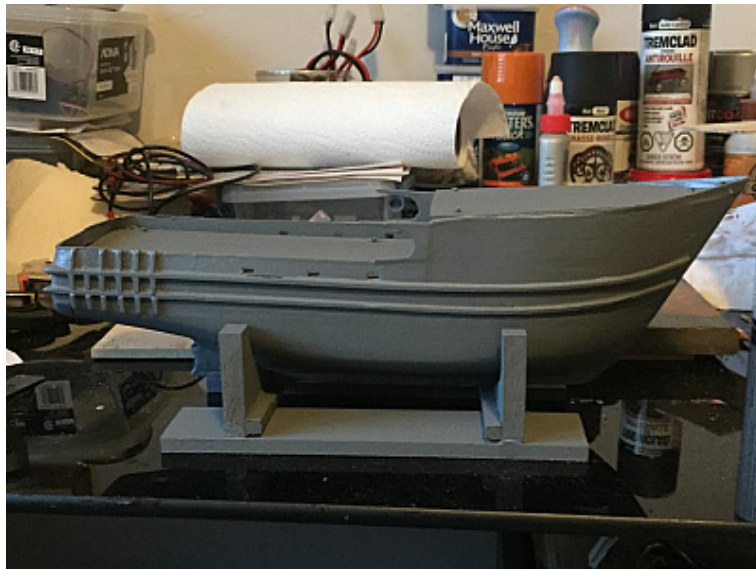


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Got a handle on battery placement & all the electronic things . I will use 1.2 v rechargeable to make 6V's . Put a coat of primer on model lots of imperfections that need fixing



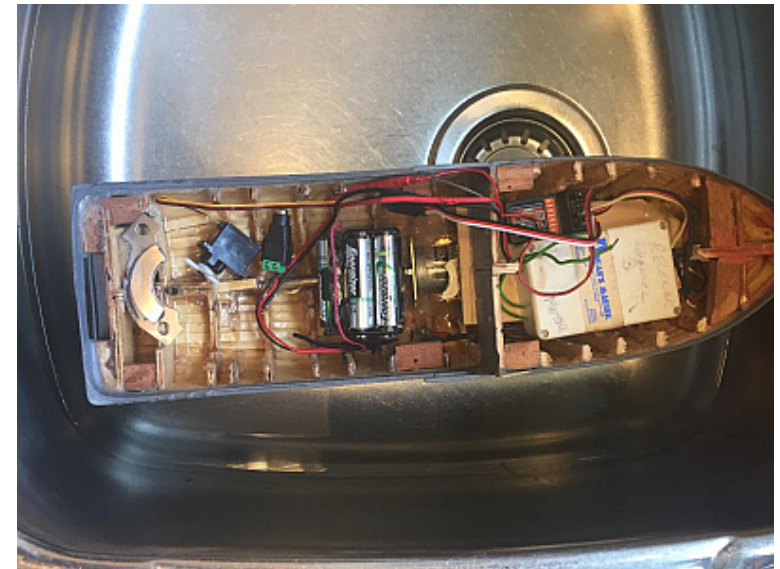
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12th Jul 2019

Sink Test

Well all the thing's needed to R/C Andrea Gail are in temporary so a sink test is needed to check water line & balance . I'm using magnets from a couple of no functional P/C 's to hold down main deck . PS the guy with the fish isn't me I don't like fishing it's a very boring hobby .



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