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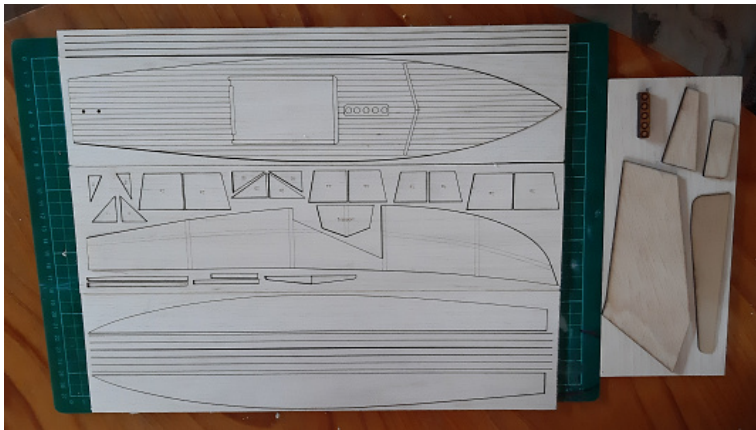
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## Grandsons Elver

This is one with a difference - found this 15" Elver vane sailboat by Vic Smeed in a 1980 copy of Model Maker (revived). Made up two kits to sail with grandson. Laser makes cutting out so easy - but also highlights the shortcomings of old plans. This is one of the kits - spot the deliberate mistake - forgot to do the cut out for the skeg. Easy enough to rectify as its only 3mm Balsa. Keel Skeg & Rudder from 3mm Liteply - vane from 1/32 ply



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## 3rd kit cut

Have to restart projects as another Elver is required for the other grandson .  
Decided to use the old 3' wide balsa i have - must be really ancient - both makes  
are history long ago . So picture attached . As soon as this third boat is at the  
same stage as the others will continue the blog as they all have to be finished by  
November.....One for a Birthday and the other coming to visit in  
December.....



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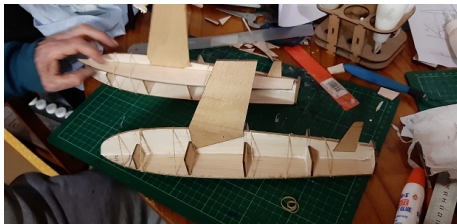
## Photos

Better half taking some photos - will post those as we go along. Sadly started late  
as I had the dreaded lergy so will probably have to finish them on my own. Martin  
- the parts are all there - transom is very undersize - first photo was of the actual  
cut parts - with the laser its so easy as I said - and you can minimise wastage.  
Unfortunately most of the formers are slightly undersize and F1 too deep. Will  
amend the cutfile as errors are found - that's how you get it right in the end

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Skinny bits are the chine - everything except mast & booms shown in original photo. Planking is vertical bits of 3" wide 3mm balsa. if you look closely you can see the problem with the formers.



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## Problem Bulkheads

This photo gives a much better idea of the problem with the undersized bulkheads/formers. Next post will be after fixing bulkheads and fitting steering vane tube for rudder. Hopefully interior sealed too prior to planking.

