

# CONSTRUCTION OF THE “JOHN OXLEY”

## Part 3 – The Completion

The observant among you will note that the starboard lifeboat is absent, however it is nearing completion and so I thought I would conclude this series of articles on that note.

The remaining bits and pieces have all been scratch built but I'm not at all certain every detail has been captured as there were many differences between the plans I have and later photographs.

Suffice it to say it was an enjoyable project and one that has set me well on the way to scratch building in the future.



*View from aft-note the cover over the emergency steering gear can be removed to show the mechanism - why build it if it remained hidden!*



*The mysterious black ring was a lifebuoy in the making - a suitable sized o-ring. The small skiff I unashamedly confess is covered to avoid the frustrations of building the interior. There was a deckhouse installed between the skylight and the mast during her period in the RAN but I am assured that this will not appear on the restored vessel!*



*The forward end of the vessel. No commercial fittings were used in this area. Note the 1:1 scale MG in the background*





*Finally, an overall view. Note the card lighthouse in the background, I think there might be a few members with these items after Expo!*

Watch this space for the next project.

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