



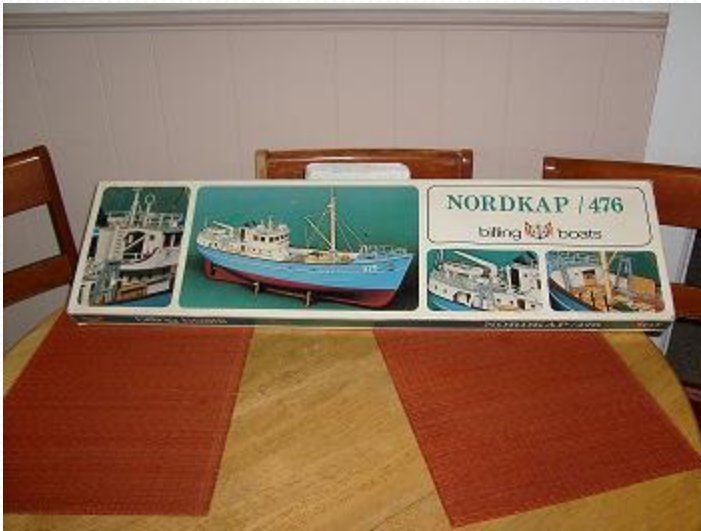
“Ol’ Nordie”

My build of the Billing Boats’ 476 Nordkap

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In the Beginning...



My friend Harold found this old kit
And asked if I wanted to build it. I never
built a wooden model before (always a
plastic model builder) but the boat looked
Awesome! I decided to make it for my
friend.

It's been a labor of love!

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Getting started...

This being a 20 year old kit when I received it, I needed to take stock of the wood. I cut it out, numbered it, and started the hull.

Measure and fit twice before gluing is the key. Double check the bulkheads are in the correct order.



Mounting the deck pieces



The decking mounted to the bulkheads was done prior to planking.

Starting the planking

Starting from the top I began to set the planking. I butted them as closely as possible and wood filler will fill in the gaps



Alternating Sides

I read it was a good idea to alternate side while planking to make sure the hull does not come out of align .



The Stern



This photo shows the planking after wood filler has been applied, allowed to dry, and a “first” sand. The view also shows the stern panels installed.

It’ll take more filler and sanding to make it all smooth!

Finishing the stern

The stern view
after a skim coat
of filler and some
sanding.



Superstructure



I started the superstructure that I placed (not glued) on the deck.

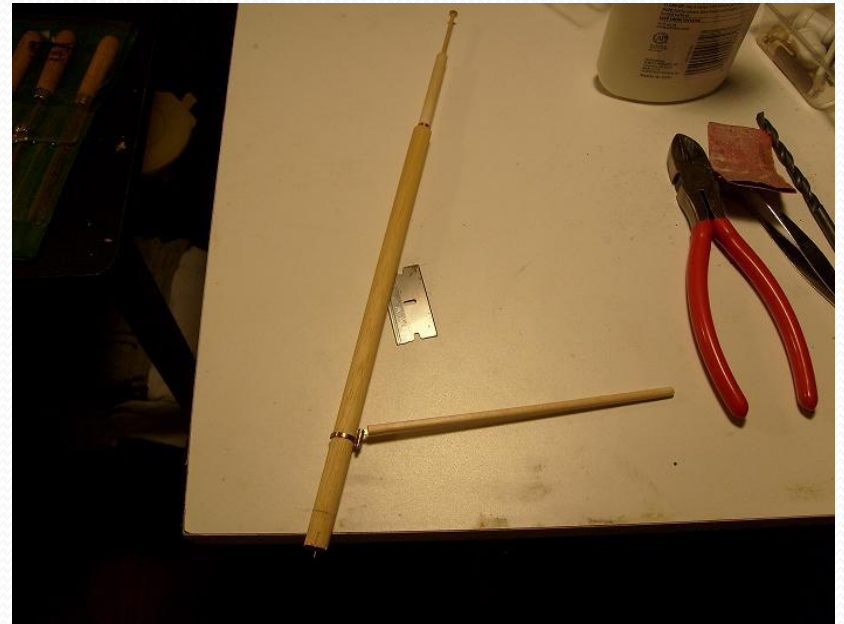
(Notice some of the lines that can be seen on the hull. This will come back to haunt me!)

Assembling the cabin

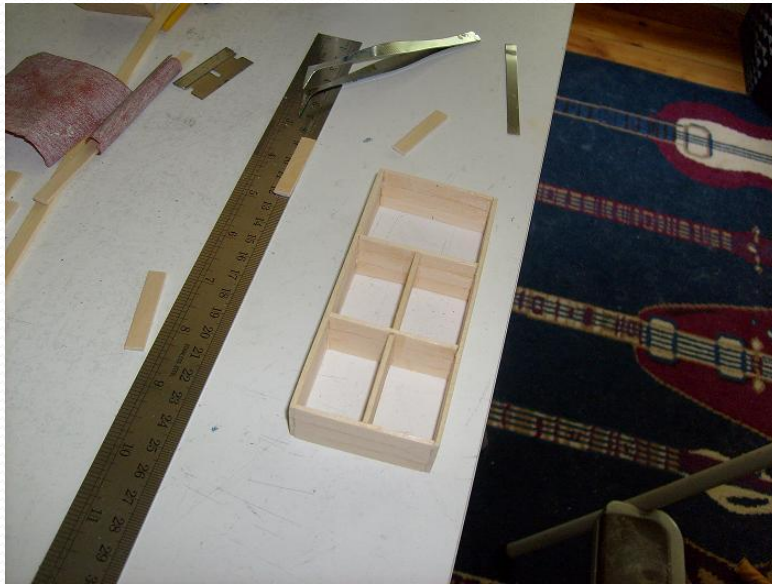


Starting the mast

Assembled the mast with boom being fitted. Note the mark on where it'll fit into the hull later.

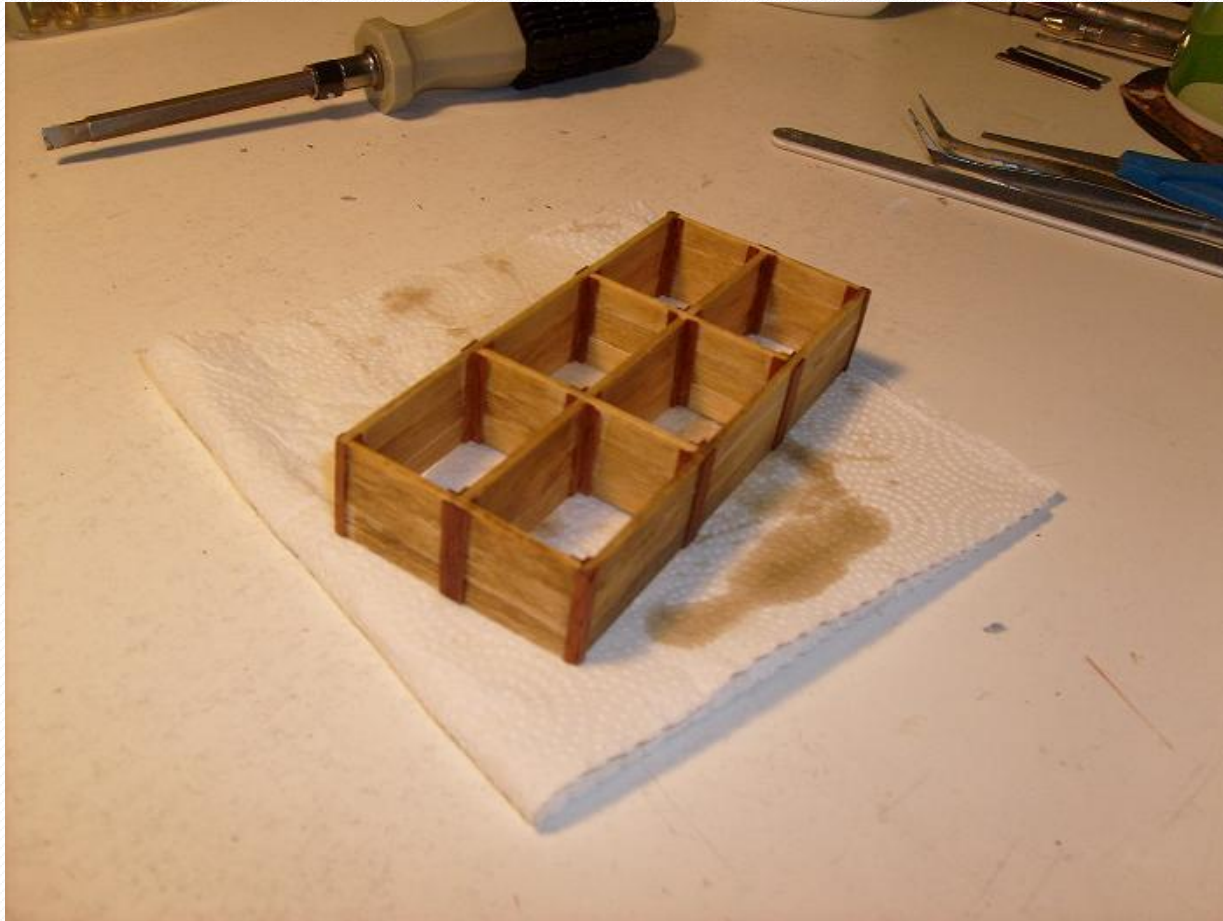


Building “fish-boxes”



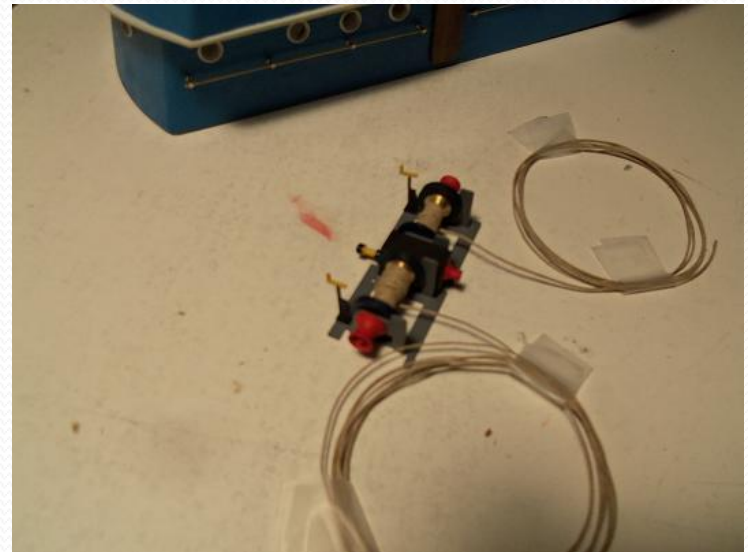
Building some fish-boxes that will go onto the deck. These will add character to the boat later.

Stained my fish-boxes



Adding the cables to the winch

Wrapped the cables around the winch to get ready for future mounting.



Planking the deck

Stained the decking and overlaying on the deck. What an improvement! Notice the staggering of the planking.



Painting of the hull...



Painting showed off the lines I left behind! I had to strip the paint, add more wood filler, and sand until “really” smooth.

The lesson was not lost on me...gloss paint will show imperfections. I’ll apply another skim coat of filler and sand as smooth as possible next time!

See those awful lines on the hull ☹️



This looks better!



Water line and decals added



Applied the decals, painted the water line, and installed the rudder & propeller.

Planking the deck.



Plastic was not an option...



The boat came with a plastic lifeboat that was to be painted. However, you cannot beat the look of real wood! I overlaid the plastic with some scratch build wood pieces that were stained.

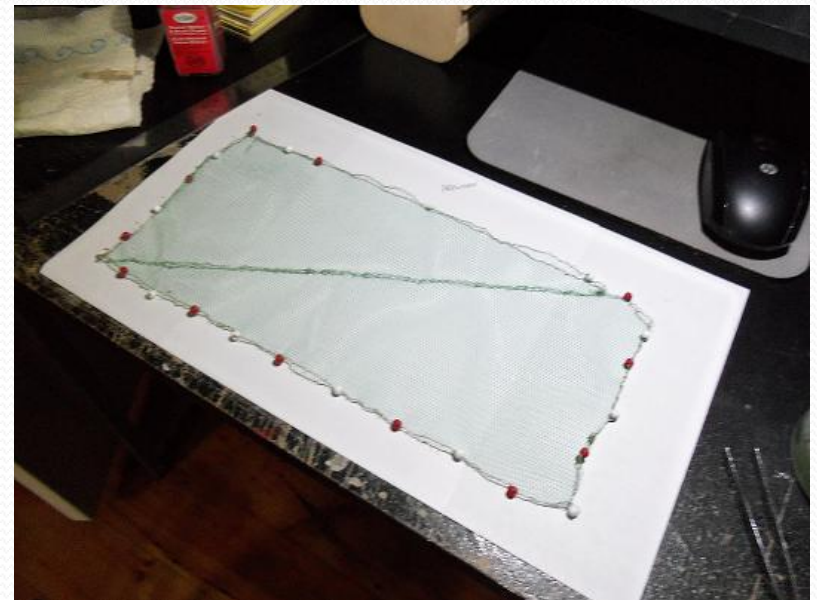
Wood being glued to the plastic



The net construction

The net was cut and sewn with the buoys added at the right intervals.

It was painstaking to be honest
but necessary to make an
authentic fishing trawler!

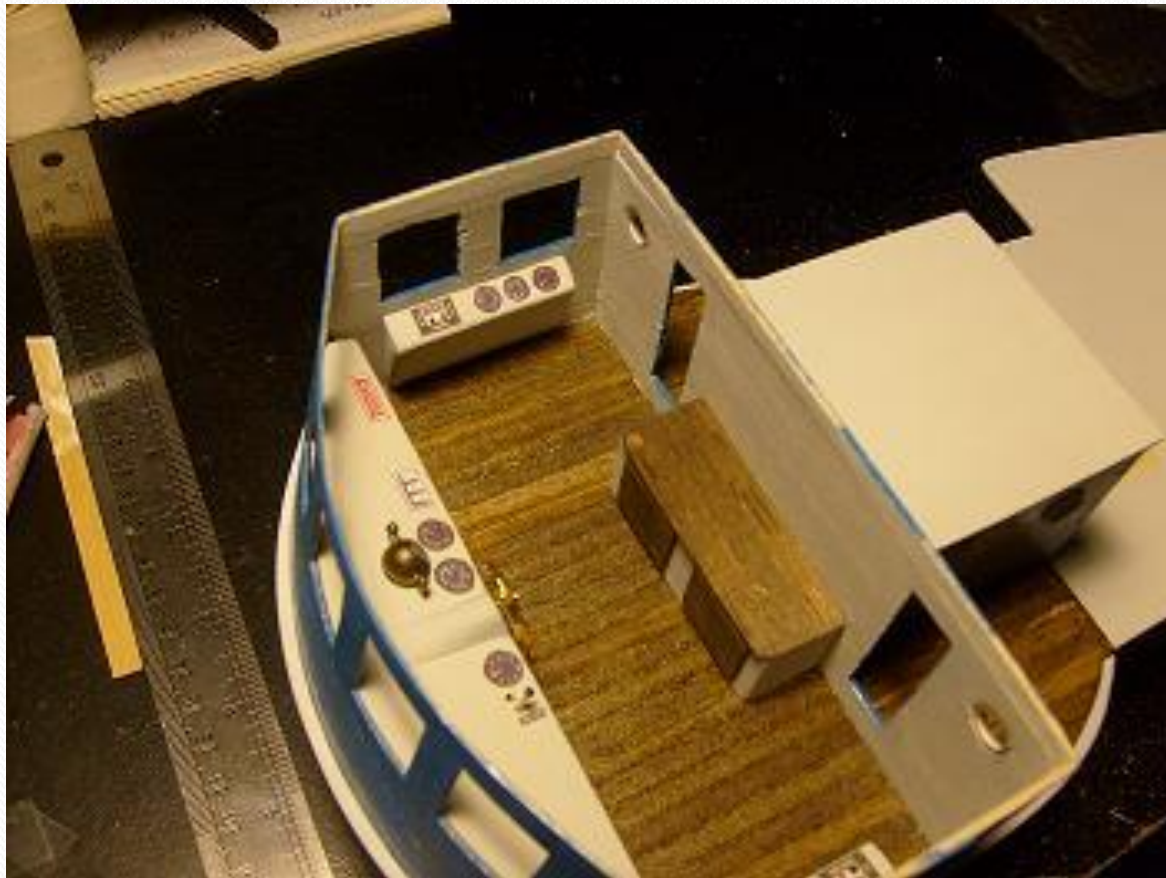


The wheelhouse...



I put together the wheelhouse and painted it. It looked plain so I added some embellishments.

Wheelhouse looking better!

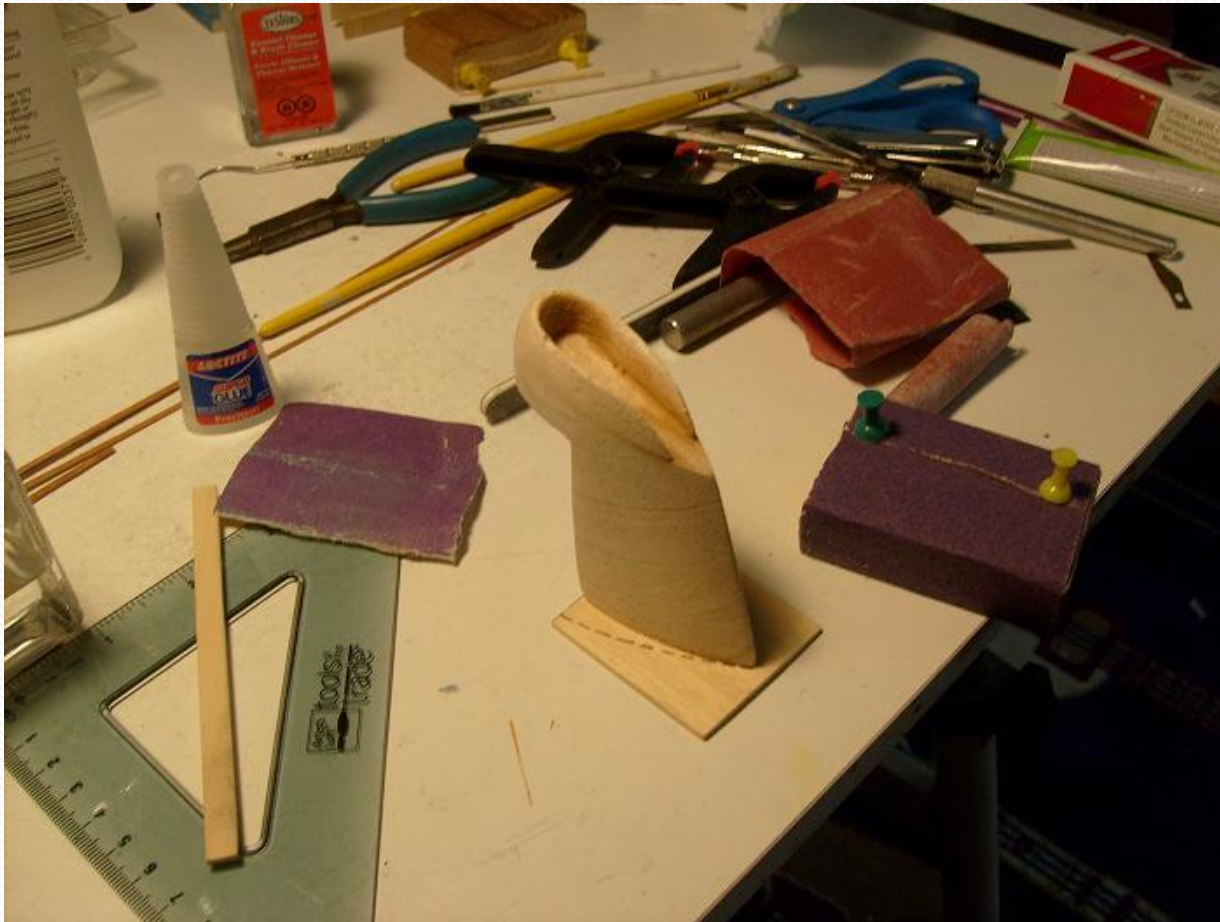


Placing the cabin & wheelhouse



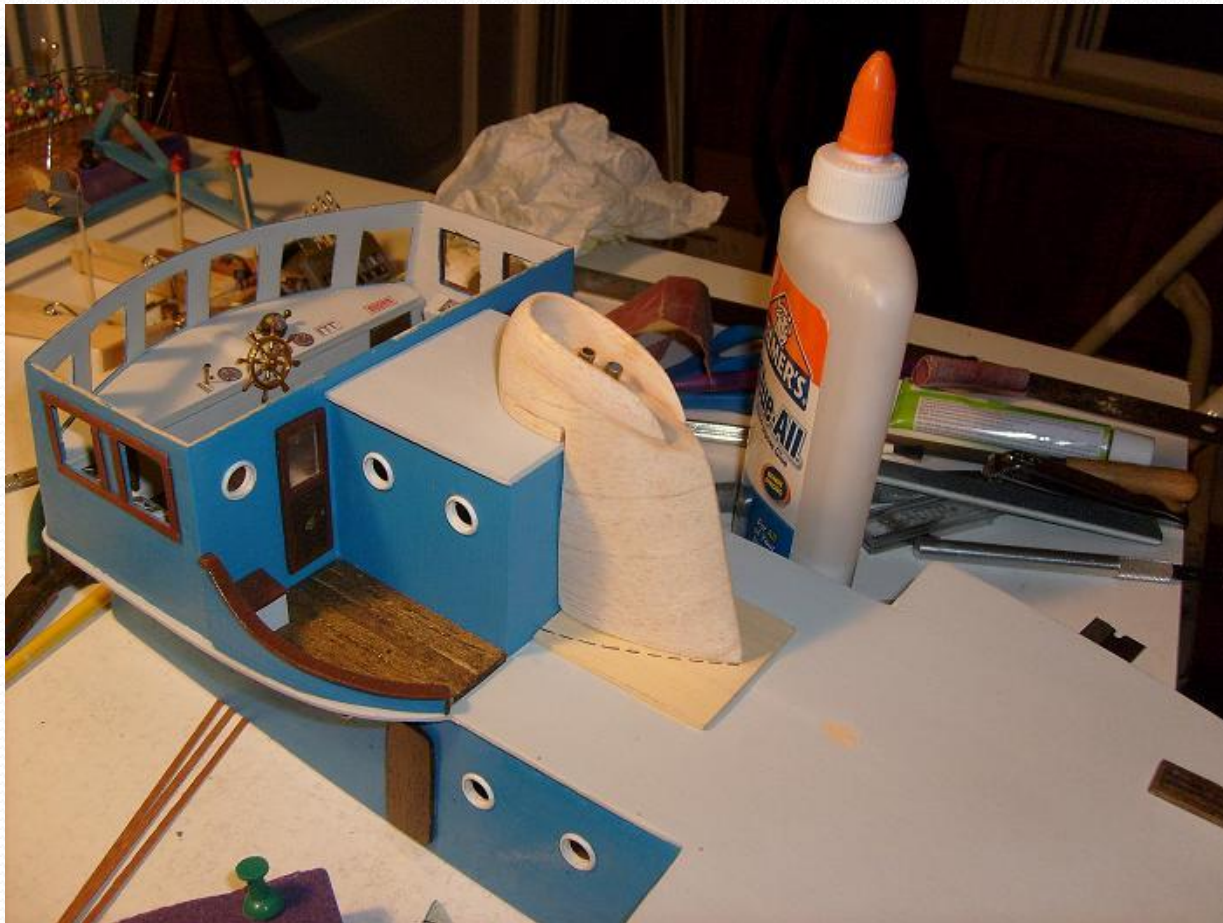
After the construction and painting the superstructure was placed on the deck for a “look-see”.

The funnel

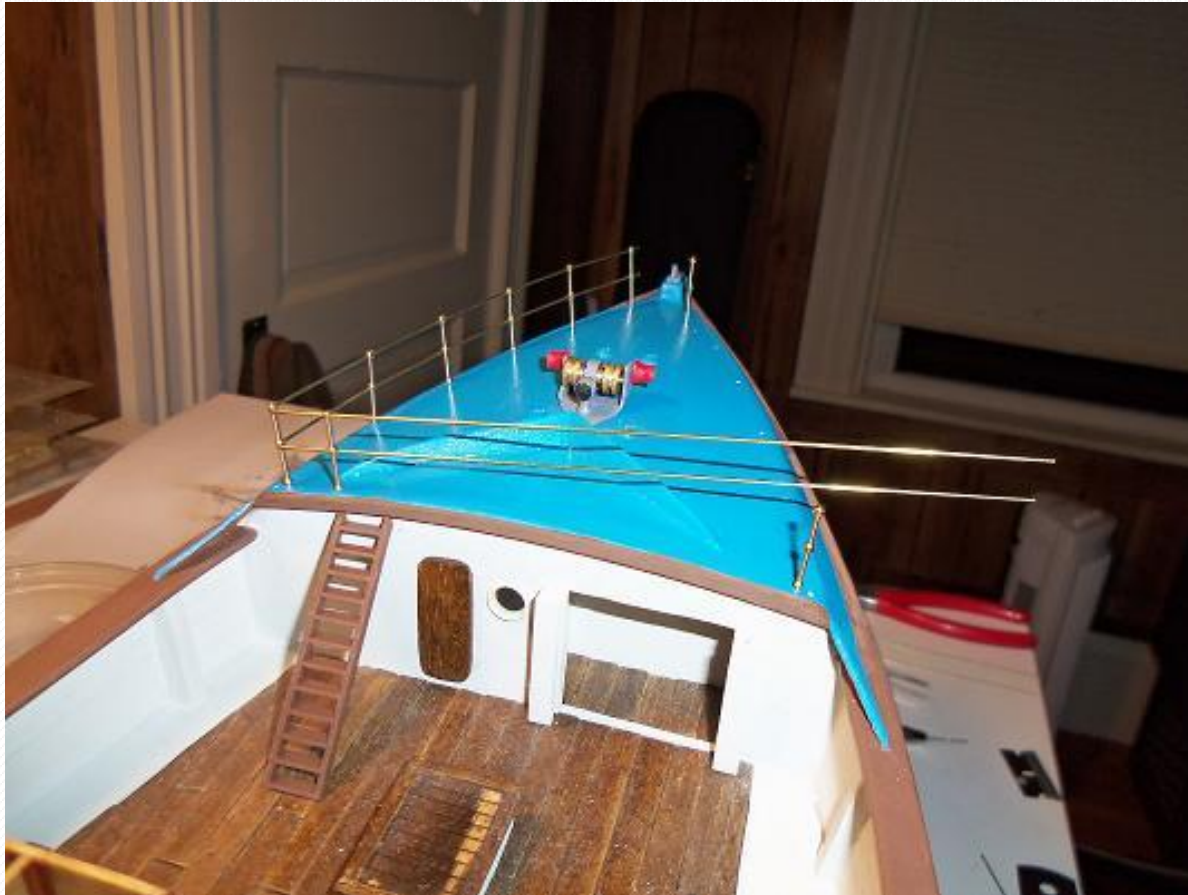


The funnel was constructed bending the wood according to the directions. Lots of sanding and smoothing.

Mounting the funnel



Stanchions and Railings...



The Wheelhouse Roof is Added

I cut out and mounted the wheelhouse roof.

Note that it is much easier to do this when the structure is not mounted to the boat. That'll come after the wheelhouse & cabin are finished.



Windows added.



Mast constructed and placed



With mast placed...



I placed (not glued) the mast to review the look. I'll paint before installing permanently.

Mast painted and installed...



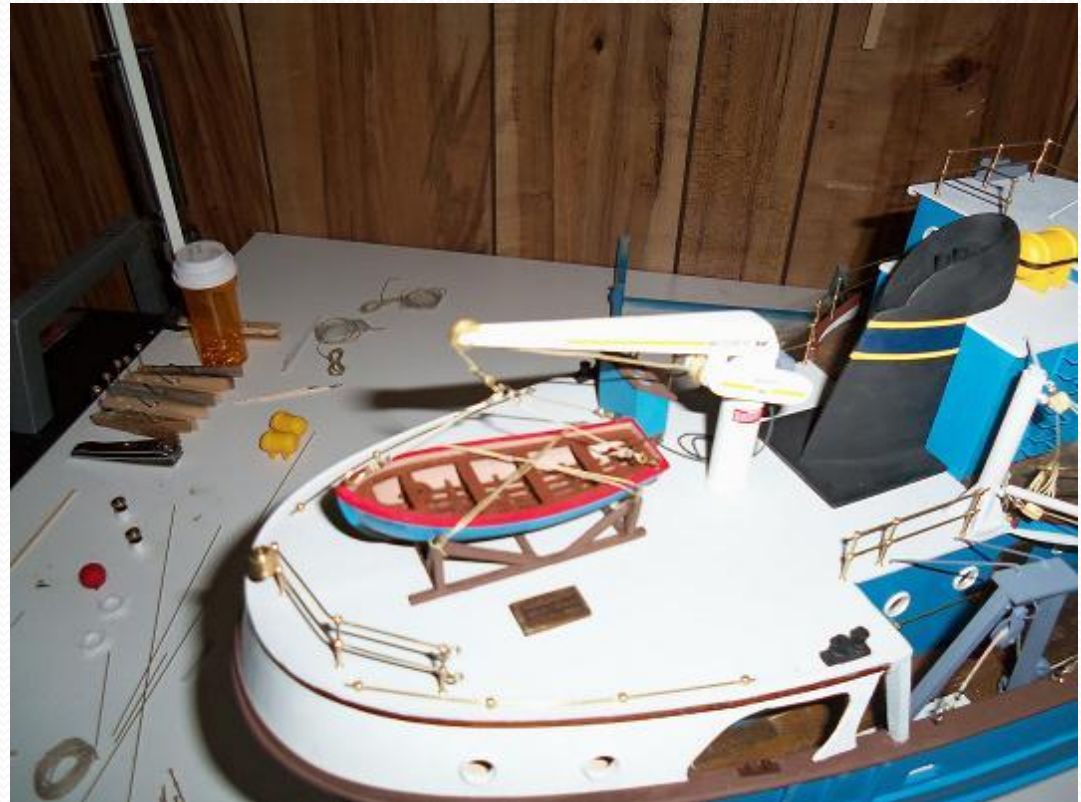
Mounting the crane.



Stern deck with crane and lifeboat

After my finished paint job and installing the stanchions, railings, etc., I mounted the crane and my customized life boat.

I am proud of the detail shown!



Finishing the bow & deck



The devil is in the details for an authentic looking ship.

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