

Worshipful Company of Shipwrights
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Dear Colonel Cole-Mackintosh,

I am writing to confirm my successful completion of the Level 3 Boatbuilding (Advanced) Diploma and the Boatbuilding and Restoration Diploma at Falmouth Marine School, Cornwall, which was kindly part funded by Worshipful Company of Shipwrights. Firstly, I would like to apologise in the delay in this reaching you. As you can imagine the past couple of years has been tricky; returning to work after navigating through the Covid-19 pandemic and all the fallout from this has certainly been a challenge and a major adjustment. I am delighted however that I have completed the diplomas, receiving a grade of Distinction for both, and returned to work at The Island Trust. I have also subsequently been promoted from First Mate to Skipper of Moosk, the oldest heritage boat in the fleet. My diplomas certainly contributed to this progression of my career, as I now have a much higher understanding and capability for the refit jobs we undertake.

During the course I developed my knowledge and the skills required to understand restoration and construction of traditional and modern boats. I learnt about materials and techniques, as well as legislations and health and safety precautions. I worked with a variety of hardwood, plywood, and fibreglass over the course, manufacturing specific components for traditional vessels and learnt specific terminology used within the marine industry such as 'spiling'.

Here are some examples of some of the work I completed whilst taking my diploma:



**Assessment Project:
Stem & Breasthook**

Assembly



Toolbox



**Assessment Project: 'Bessie', Truro River
Yacht Grating**



Oyster boat Project

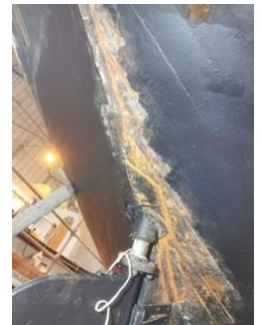
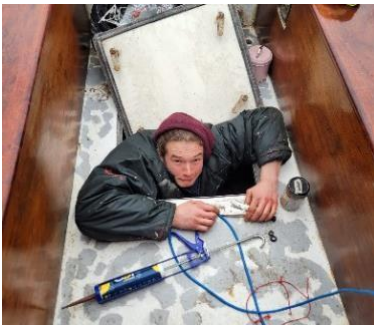
These skills, combined with my improved knowledge, have immensely helped to prepare for my return to work with The Island Trust. Understanding how boats are made, and also how to restore and repair them, has proved invaluable for my work. It has greatly improved my confidence and allowed me to face my new challenging role as Skipper with a belief that I can manage it, and I am really enjoying this progression in my career.

Since returning to work I have completed various projects on board that I would not have been able to undertake before. I have built a new chart table for Moosk and replaced a sole board, which are

both quite tricky tasks to match shapes and bevels of the boat, but the skills that I developed on the diploma have enable me to successfully do the work which I have found very rewarding. I am now able to both identify what work needs to be completed and understand the techniques required to complete the work, much of which I feel happy to complete myself.



Sole board I made for Moosk – an Island A chart table I made for Moosk Trust Boat



Refit work on Moosk – Winter 2022/2023

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights for your support. It has made a real difference to my life, ambitions and my professional progression. Apologies once again for the delay in this reaching you, but I am extremely grateful for your funding.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Dumbelton



Me on Moosk, as Skipper for The Island Trust