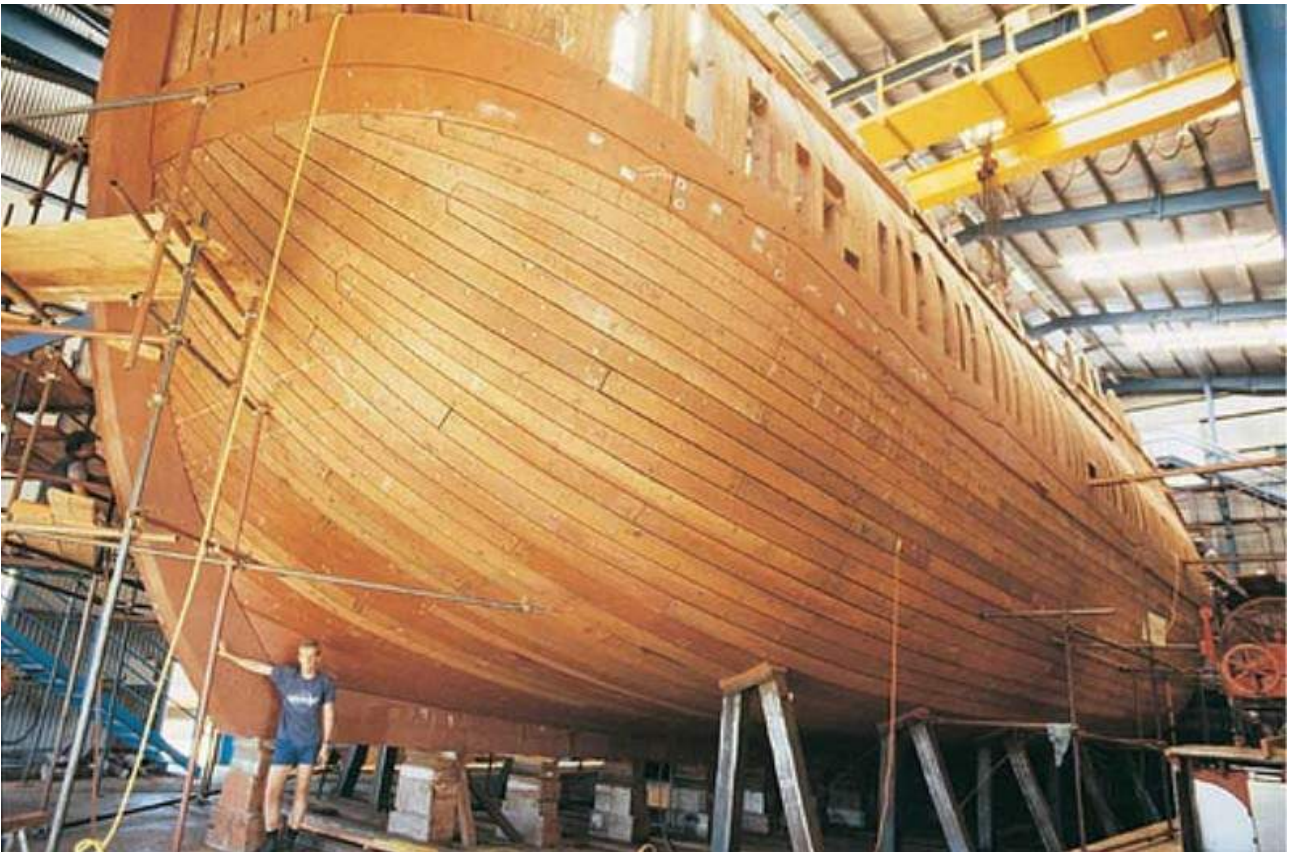


How to do a Bluff Bow Planking Job.

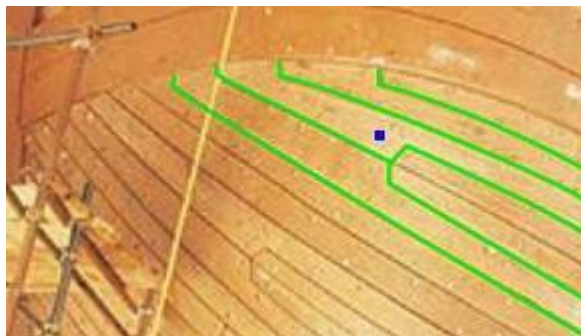
It has long been noted that planking the bluff bow of ships such as Endeavour and Bounty is quite a difficult job. The shape of the hull makes the planks want to sweep up severely, and presents problems to builders as they attempt to stop the planks ending in sharp points.

Here's a good example of full size practice for this type of ship.



Note the multitude of dropped planks to allow the lower planks to sweep up without having to narrow down to a point.

The wales are single solid timbers, and mark a definite upper edge to the run of the planks. The planks immediately below the wales are **hooked** to allow the plank behind to end at a half width. Notice also the interesting shape of the third plank (blue dot). This type of plank may require wider strips than what are normally supplied in a kit.



In this area four strakes are completely dropped to make room for the lower planks. Again the planks left are hooked to make a blunt half width termination.

It has also been noted by an experienced member of the board that the Garboard strake has been allowed to creep up the stem, and if this had been kept a little lower they may not have needed as many dropped planks.



We hope this makes planking your ship a little less frustrating. Please read this in conjunction with the planking tutorial as it deals with how to plan your planking.