

Ithaka Work Party

Please consider joining us this weekend to work on Ithaka. We have two events scheduled. Friday at 5:00 pm till dark (during the social sail time) and Saturday from noon onward.

There is plenty of work that needs to be done. Please join us.

Working on a club boat is the best way to learn how the systems work.

We have a number of tasks that need to be accomplished:

1. Repair the steaming light. This navigation light indicates to others that we are underway using the engine. We suspect that the bulb may just be burned out. Anthony will get us a new bulb and we will hoist someone up the mast to change it. Without this light working we cannot sail after dark.
2. On a recent trip the knob that locks the hatch in place got jammed and subsequently broken off in the port arm that supports the hatch. We will attempt to drill out the old screw and clean up the threads. A replacement knob has been ordered.
3. The bilge of the boat needs a complete cleaning. Debris from shoes eventually settles in the bilge and has the potential to foul the bilge pump. We need to completely clean out and wipe down the bilge.
4. One of the compass guards has broken off from the base. We will build a fixture from the intact guard to assist in the rewelding and repair of the broken guard. This requires a board and some small screws.
5. The washdown pump isn't working. We will need to troubleshoot the problem. We have a new push button for the pump that can be installed on the bow to support this pump. We also have a new push button for the anchor windless that can be installed at the same time.
6. We have a new 3D printed cap for the starboard shroud. This cap needs to be permanently attached with a screw. This job will entail drilling two holes and installing the retention screw.
7. Ithaka is due for an oil change. We have the oil and filter onboard. Using a dipstick pump this messy job will suck out all the old oil, change the filter, and refill the engine with new oil. Saturday we may also change out all the transmission oil as well.
8. The engine is still leaking fuel into the engine compartment. We fixed one leak by installing a rubber seal on the leaking fuel line. We need to identify the fitting that is leaking so we can install a seal on that line as well.
9. The headliner (ceiling of the boat) is sagging in various places. I will get some new screws and we will attempt to reattach it to the ceiling. Once the headliner is in place, we can use foam tape to reattach the teak strips that are between the panels. This is a pretty labor-intensive job that needs to be done.
10. The ice box freezer compartment lid was tweaked so that it no longer stays shut. This project will attempt to repair this damage.

This is a pretty large list so many hands will definitely help get it done easier. We have work for all skill levels.

Thank you for your help.

Dave Swartz