

The Laura Goulart Model

Arrival Day
March 2021

Had briefly
seen her in
January but
conditions
prevented a
good
inspection



The Real Laura Goulart

- The actual schooner was built in 1921 in Gloucester by John F. James and Sons
- Built for John Goulart and named for his wife Laura
- Built as a “hooker” fishing schooner
- Not an illustrious history

The Real Laura Goulart

Her somewhat sad history

- ✓ Lost a man overboard in 1936
- ✓ Sunk near the Percy & Small Boat Works (Bath ME.)
sometime around 1960
 - Bath boat yard restored as part of the Maine Maritime Museum
 - Laura Goulart hauled out of the water circa 1978 after 15 years submerged!
 - **Why the restoration is unclear**
- ✓ Sometime afterwards rebuilt as a dragger and renamed Catherine L Brown



Early Picture of Percy and Small Boat Works

The Laura Goulart Model

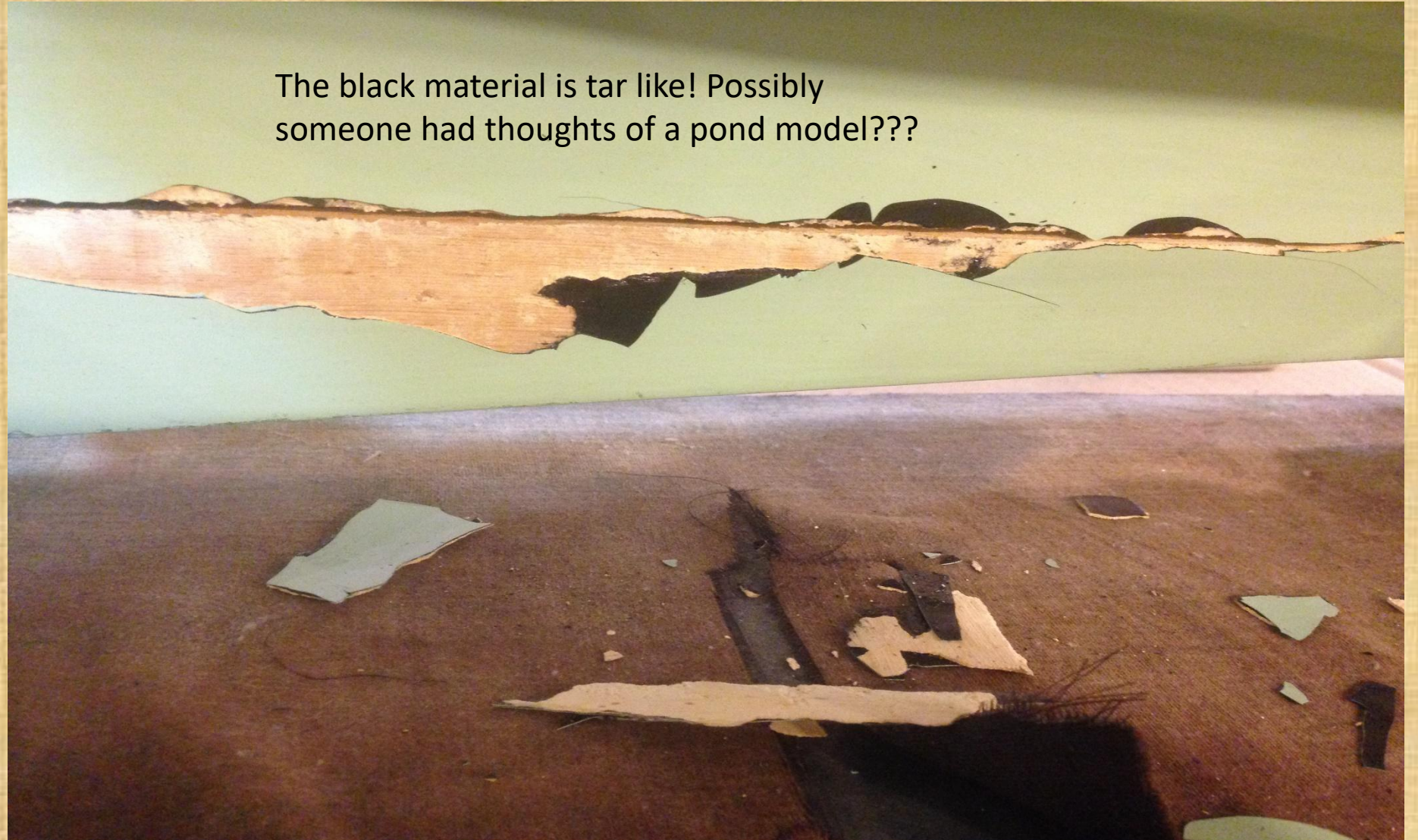
- Back to the model
 - ✓ The family lore is that it was built by the captain
 - ✓ A lift fashioned hull, hollowed out internally
 - ✓ Hand laid deck of $\frac{1}{4}$ X $\frac{1}{4}$ inch planks
 - ✓ As with some sailor models, scale was not a concern
 - ✓ Approximately 55" LOA and 48" tall

Never Saw This Coming

First order of business

- cracked keel
- paint

Note the paint chipping. All paint below waterline removed. Later realized most likely **lead paint!**



Really? Dirty isn't the right description!

Careful vacuum followed by wash
of deck and furniture

Sails washed in hot water and dish
detergent. UV and environmental
yellowing remained

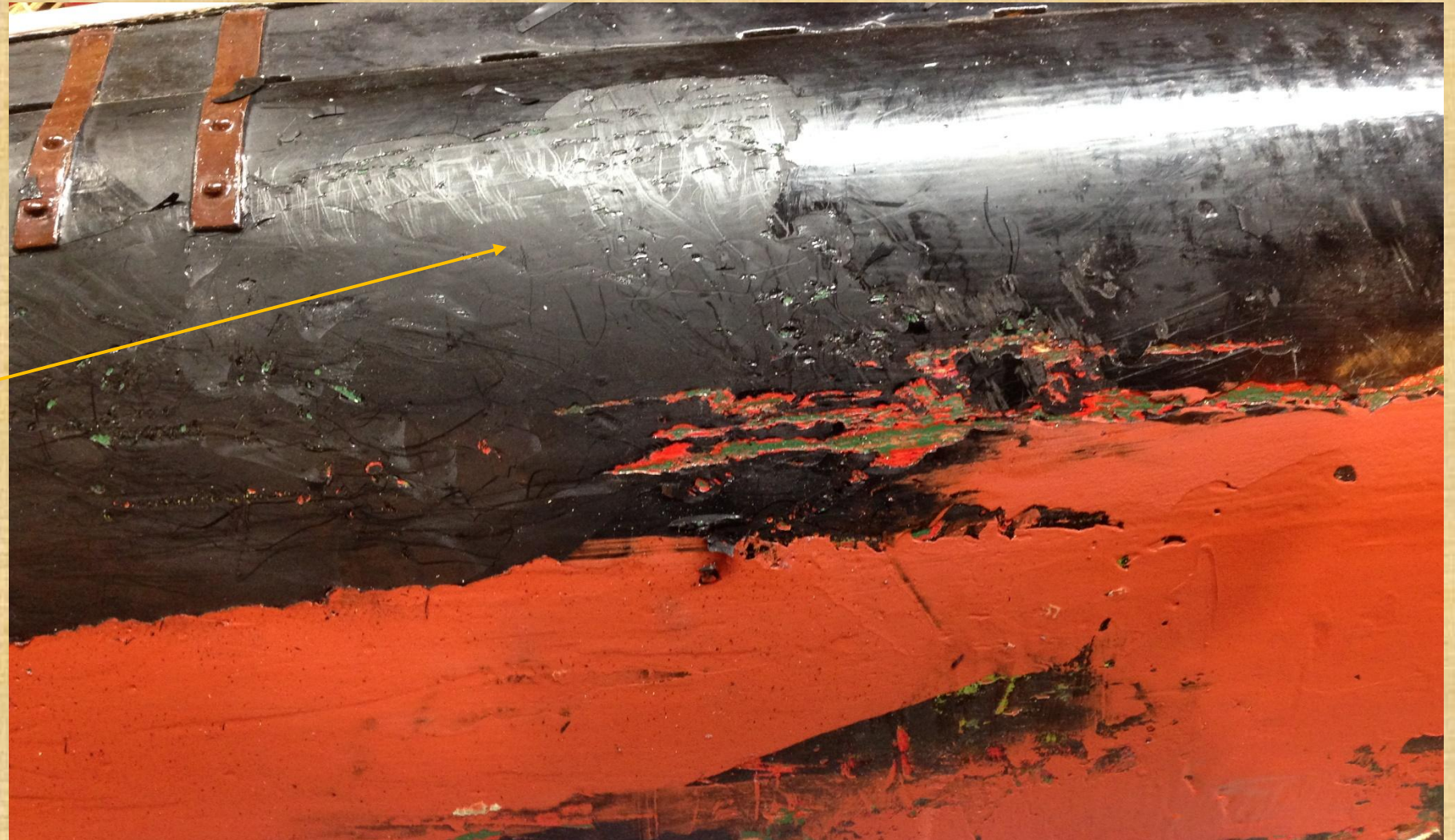


Model Defrocked and Cleaned Up

Almost ready for keel attachment. What to do with the hull tar like substance?



Hard Lesson: Maybe No Was The Answer I Should Have Given



Tar like underlayment
causing paint
adherence failure

Keel Reattached

Sucked it up and told myself something could be done about the paint issue!



Rage Easy Sand filler compound applied to refastened keel

Too, Too Many Hours on Hull!

Experimented with automotive primer! It worked! Four applications with wet sanding in between

Multiple application of Nitro Stan auto body glazing compound in between coats



Apparent Paint Success

Appears the auto body primer "ate" into the tar like substrate.

Multiple coats of Krylon spray (satin black and pistachio green) came very close to original paint scheme



Laura Goulart Done!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Replaced all running rigging and most standing rigging. Used Potter drawings of 1940 to rig more correctly. Built new stand

Estimated 70 hours to restore. Took at least double that!!!!!!



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away



No longer have a truck,
won't fit in the SUV