

# HULLO

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*"You might want to make yourself comfortable. I may be down there for awhile."*

# **TIMBER HITCH**

In the last issue I showed the knot - Timber Hitch and it reminded me of when I was a Boy Scout and at camp at Fiddler's Farm.

We had the farmers permission to fell a very large elm tree. The tree grew in the steep bank next to the brook and where we cut it it was about four feet diameter.

We were concerned, because of its shape, that it might fall across the brook and so one of our number shinned up the tree and fastened a hay rope. The rope was pulled tight by all the scouts on the hill.

The rope was elastic and the tree swayed. Suddenly the tree gave way. The wrong way! The scouts were dragged down the hill as the tree fell across the brook damming the stream.

A large cross cut saw was used to cut a length of about six feet off the tree to clear the stream.

Because the log still caused a blockage and was in between two high banks we had to roll it downstream to a place where one bank had lowered.

This is where the **Timber Hitch** came into use.

Our Scout Master put the rope around the log so that when we pulled it rolled.

We were all standing in the stream and we pulled about four time after the scout master fixed the knot.

Then, he said pull, and he hadn't fixed the knot and so we all fell backwards into the water!

Eventually we arrived at the low part and the farmer brought his old mare. He fixed a rope to the log and the horse started. The rope broke and the old mare went off like a Derby winner.

***Don***

# MAINTAIN YOUR OUTBOARD

**By Trevor Jones**

I used to maintain my boat on a yearly basis.

The “Tell Tale” was, I thought an indicator that the water impeller was OK.

One Sun, off the head one pot went down and we just made it back to base.

On a strip down one of the cylinder heads had a hole in the top.

This meant a big repair. If you have a outboard engine

serviced as a matter of course the impeller is replaced.

If you replace the impeller yourself the cost is £13.00. The Impeller for the Clubs outboard has been replaced this season.

In the diagram you will see that the one on the left is the new one and the right is the old one (it has chips and has a fixed shape )



## Dear Hull BSAC Member

There are still 3 places left on the Oban Trip this year - this will be from 3rd - 7th October staying in Chalets and diving from our own RIBs.

Craig Plant is running the trip and calculates the cost to be in the region of £260 pounds. That hopefully covers :-

4 Nights in Puffins chalets

The Travel costs ie. Fuel for getting there and back.

Boat hire and Boat fuel.

What isn't included is :- Lunch & Evening time meals, Beer and Air.

We will travel up on the Thursday and Dive Friday Saturday & Sunday we hope to do two dives a day. Then travel back down on the Monday.

The Dives we hope to do are the Breda (14 to 30 metres) Thesis (16 to 30m) Hispania (24 to 30m) Rondo (5 to 50m) Meldon (8 to 10m)

The first figure being to the deck the second to the sea floor. We will also do some scenic dives and scallop dives. Obviously weather permitting.

Please contact Craig if you are interested in joining us or need any further information:

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