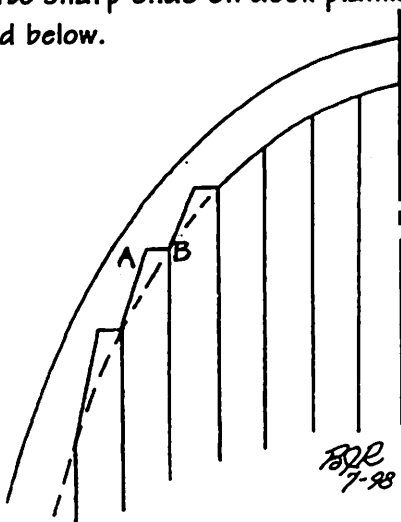


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Idea by Bob Graham

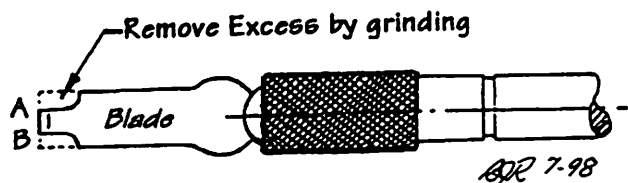
As you know, a technique called nibbing is used to eliminate sharp ends on deck planks. This is illustrated below.



Nibbing Configuration

If you have attempted it, you will have found that it is extremely difficult to obtain a close fit. Furthermore, it is a problem to keep the fit of the flat end (A - B) the same from plank to plank. If there is a wide variation in A - B, or if there are uneven gaps between mating edges, the deck will have a sloppy, unprofessional appearance.

Bob Graham has developed a tool that greatly alleviates both problems. It is an Xacto blade ground to the width A - B as shown below. I leave it to your imagination how this tool would simplify the problem of making accurate uniform nibbing joints.



Modified Xacto



Cartoon by Sergio Aragones

Mayflower Group

July, 1998

Fifteen people were at the meeting on Sunday afternoon at John Bakker's house. Two of the plank on frame *Rattlesnake* models were brought in as well as Bill Wicks' impressive model of the 100-gun ship of the line *Prince of 1670*. A large plastic model of the French ship of the line *Le Soliel Royale* was brought in for discussion.

Bill Wicks has installed the wiring for the lights that will provide internal illumination for the *Prince*. The approach is to build channels for wiring on the sides of the masts (below deck). The lowest deck is almost complete, and portions of the ceiling and riders can be seen at the bottom.

The two *Rattlesnake* models look very good. In fact, all nine people who are building these models are having good success. The status ranges from individual frames being built to almost complete hulls.

The *Le Soliel Royale* model is being extensively upgraded. It will be interesting to see a highly upgraded plastic model when it is finished. So far, it's looking good.

Remember, you will be welcome at the Mayflower group meetings regardless of what you are building. (See the front page for the address and time of the meetings.)

For Sale!

Model Shipways PHANTOM, solid hull, new in box \$100.00
 Corel FLYING FISH, POB, hull construction started. \$100.00
 Seryal RACEHORSE, POB, 80% complete, \$200.00
 Artesania Latina EILEEN, RC, new in box, Call
 Artesania Latina SWIFT, POB, hull started, Call
 The frigate Essex, plank on frame, frames glued up and ready to cut out, made from maple, includes plans by Portia Takakjian and the *Anatomy of the Ship* book Essex \$250.00
 Bill Crovella, 2429 San Emidio, Bakersfield, CA 93304, telephone 805-323-5658 Bill will be at the August meeting with these items.