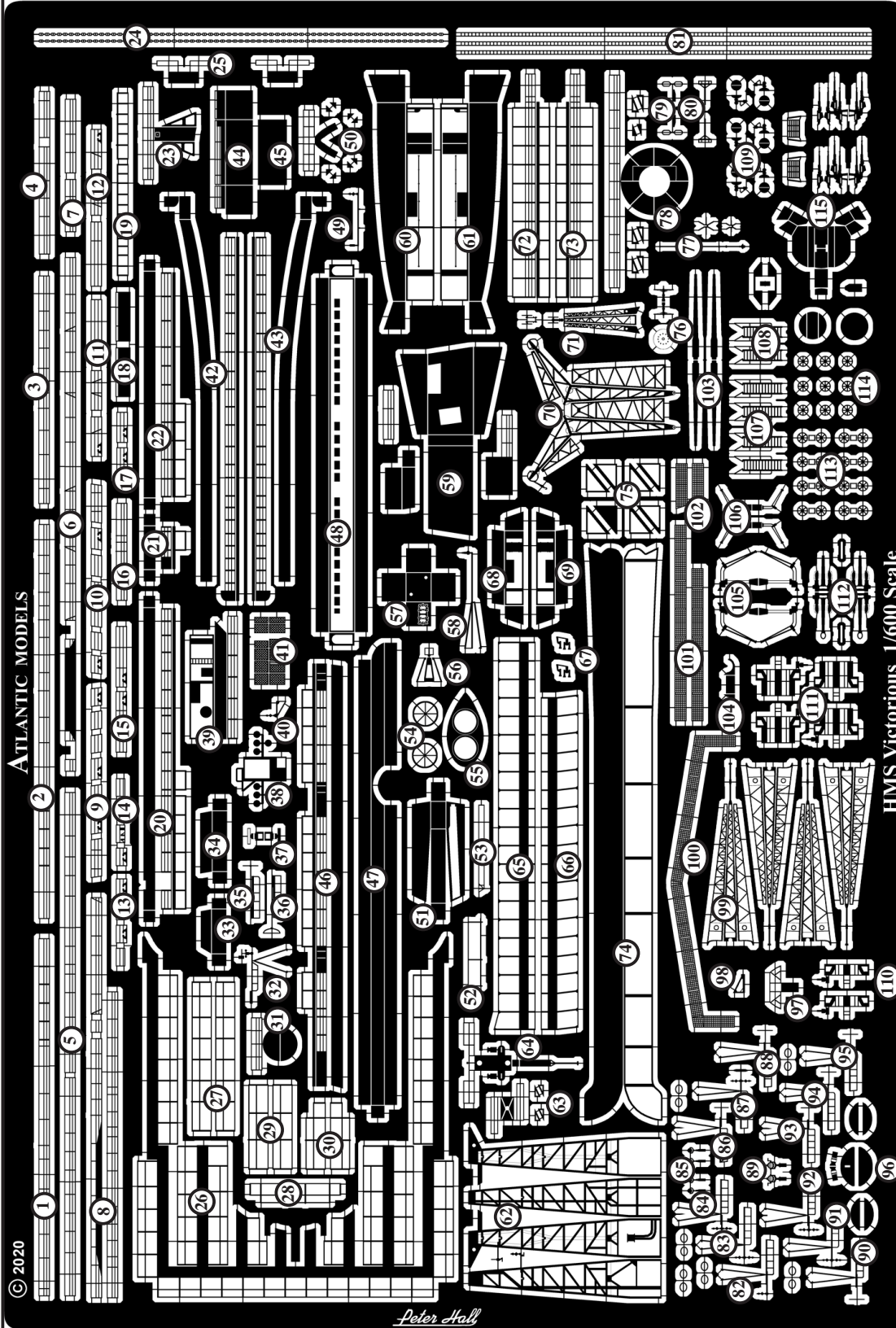


HMS Victorious Fleet Aircraft Carrier

Photo-etched detail set to fit one of the
 Airfix kits in 1/600 Scale

Photo Etched Parts List



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| 1. Railings (Sibd Fwd Gallery Deck) | 42. Bow Catwalk Sibd | 81. Vertical Ladder Stock |
| 2. Railings (Port Fwd Gallery Deck) | 43. Bow Catwalk Port | 82 to 95 Main Mast Yardarms |
| 3. Railings (984 Radar House) | 44& 45. Drop Tank Stowage | 96. 993 Radar Antenna Assembly |
| 4. Railings (Island Top Deck) | 46. Catwalk (Deck Angle Fwd) | 97. Bow Berthing Platform |
| 5. Railings (Alaskan Highway) | 47. Catwalk (Sibd Boat Deck Fwd) | 98. Island Gantry Port Side |
| 6. Railings (Port Aft Gallery Deck) | 48. Fwd Angle Deck Extension | 99. Folding WT Masts |
| 7. Railings (Island Aft) | 49. Antenna AJE/ AS177 | 100. Stern Safety Nets |
| 8. Railings (Sibd Aft Gallery Deck) | 50. Funnel Siren Platform | 101. Deck Angle Extension Safety Nets |
| 9. Railings (Quarterdeck Port) | 51. Port Crash Barrier Housing | 102. Mirror Platform Safety Nets |
| 10. Railings (Quarterdeck Sibd) | 52. Island Sibd Loading Rail | 103. Crash Barrier Arms |
| 11. Railings (Berthing Bay Port Fwd) | 53. Island Sibd Mag Loop Aerial | 104. Methanol Tank Bracket |
| 12. Railings (Berthing Bay Sibd Fwd) | 54. Funnel Cap Grills | 105& 106 Gallery Deck RAS Gantries |
| 13. Railings (Cable Deck Port) | 55. Funnel Cap | 107& 108 Inclined Ladders |
| 14. Railings (Cable Deck Sibd) | 56. Bridge Front DF Aerial | 109. 3" Gun Radar Antenna Dishes |
| 15. Railings (Aft Berthing Bays) | 57. 984 Radar House | 110.& 111 Whip Aerial Brackets |
| 16. Railings (FlyCo Roof) | 58. Bow Antenna Sibd | 112. Anchors |
| 17. Railings (Midships Berthing Bays) | 59. Mirror Sight Platform | 113& 114 Hose Reels |
| 18. Signal Platform Bulkheads | 60& 61. Forward Berthing Bays | 115. Sextuple 40mm Bofors Mounting |
| 19. Flight Deck Antenna Enclosure | 62. Main Mast Lattice | |
| 20. Catwalks (Port Aft Upper) | 63. Mast Top Pole Platform | |
| 21. Catwalks (Sibd Aft Upper) | 64. Mast Top Platform | |
| 22. Catwalks (Sibd Aft Lower) | 65. Over Hang Walkway Fwd | |
| 23. Island Aft Antenna Platform | 66. Over Hang Walkway Aft | |
| 24. Anchor Chain | 67. Aerial AYE/ AYD | |
| 25. Port Folding Antenna Platforms | 68. Aft Berthing Bay | |
| 26 > 30. Stern Walkway Assembly | 69. Aft Berthing Bay | |
| 31. Crane Jib Stowage Platform | 70. Boat Crane Jib | |
| 32. Bridge Roof Yardarm | 71. Fwd VHF Mast | |
| 33& 34. Port Catwalk (Arrestor Gear) | 72 & 73 Walkway Supports Outer | |
| 35. Antenna APH | 74. Alaskan Highway Decking | |
| 36. Antenna AJD | 75. Alaskan Highway Supports | |
| 37. Bridge Nav Radar | 76. VHF Mast Antenna Dish | |
| 38. Mirror Landing Sight | 77. Flight Deck Antenna | |
| 39. Angle Deck Front Catwalk | 78. 984 Radar Platform | |
| 40. Main Mast Top Pole Yard | 79. Antenna AGA/AGE | |
| 41. Engine Room Vent Grills | 80. Antenna 466 | |

1. Do not remove the etched parts from the fret until you are ready to use them.
2. Before assembly, soak the etched parts in a suitable solvent, such as white spirit, to de-grease the surfaces for painting. It is recommended that the entire fret be primed with an acrylic automotive primer, such as Halfords Grey Primer before assembling any of the parts.
3. Cyanoacrylate adhesive (Super glue) or contact adhesive such as a white PVA glue may be used. These can be applied with a pin or piece of stretched sprue.
4. When removing parts from the fret, place the fret on a hard surface, such as a smooth ceramic tile, in order to prevent parts bending whilst cutting through the holding tabs. It is suggested that a No.10 rounded type of modelling knife blade is used for this purpose.
5. When shaping or bending a part, a straight edged blade such as a chisel blade will give a good sharp corner, or alternatively an Atlantic Models Folding Tool ATT 01 or ATT 02 may be found to be useful
6. If a part is bent incorrectly, lay it on a hard flat surface and roll it flat with a cylindrical object such as a modelling knife handle.

Sextuple 40mm Bofors Mounting

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Fold the gun barrel stacks, 115G, so that the top most guns are towed inwards whilst remaining vertically positioned as so fit to each side of the centre plate 115C. Fit the gun assembly into the central well of the foot plate using the etched lines to locate....

Fold the footplate 115B to shape so that each side has a 90° fold making a central well running from front to rear. Next fold up the rear panel to 90° then shape to the curve of the footplate.

Fold up the front shields on etched part 115B to shape in stages. Firstly to 90° where attached directly to the footplate, then the second panel will fold across the front and fix in place against the edge of the footplate. The last panel is the top panel which will fold down and locate against the top edges of each of the shield panels.

Assemble the mounting plates and turntable, etched parts 115A, 115E and 115F as shown above. Fit to the underside of the footplate so that the recesses in parts 115A fit over the central well in the footplate as shown right. Fold the side braces of the ammunition racks, etched parts 115D to 90° so that they are parallel and fit to the side edges of the footplate as shown.

This assembly replaces the odd moulded gun that fits onto the forward position of the starboard gallery deck.

3" Twin Gun Mounting Radar Antenna

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Fit the antenna dish of etched part 109 centrally to the mounting as shown above. Fit the assembly to the central divider between the gun barrels.

Crane Jib Assembly

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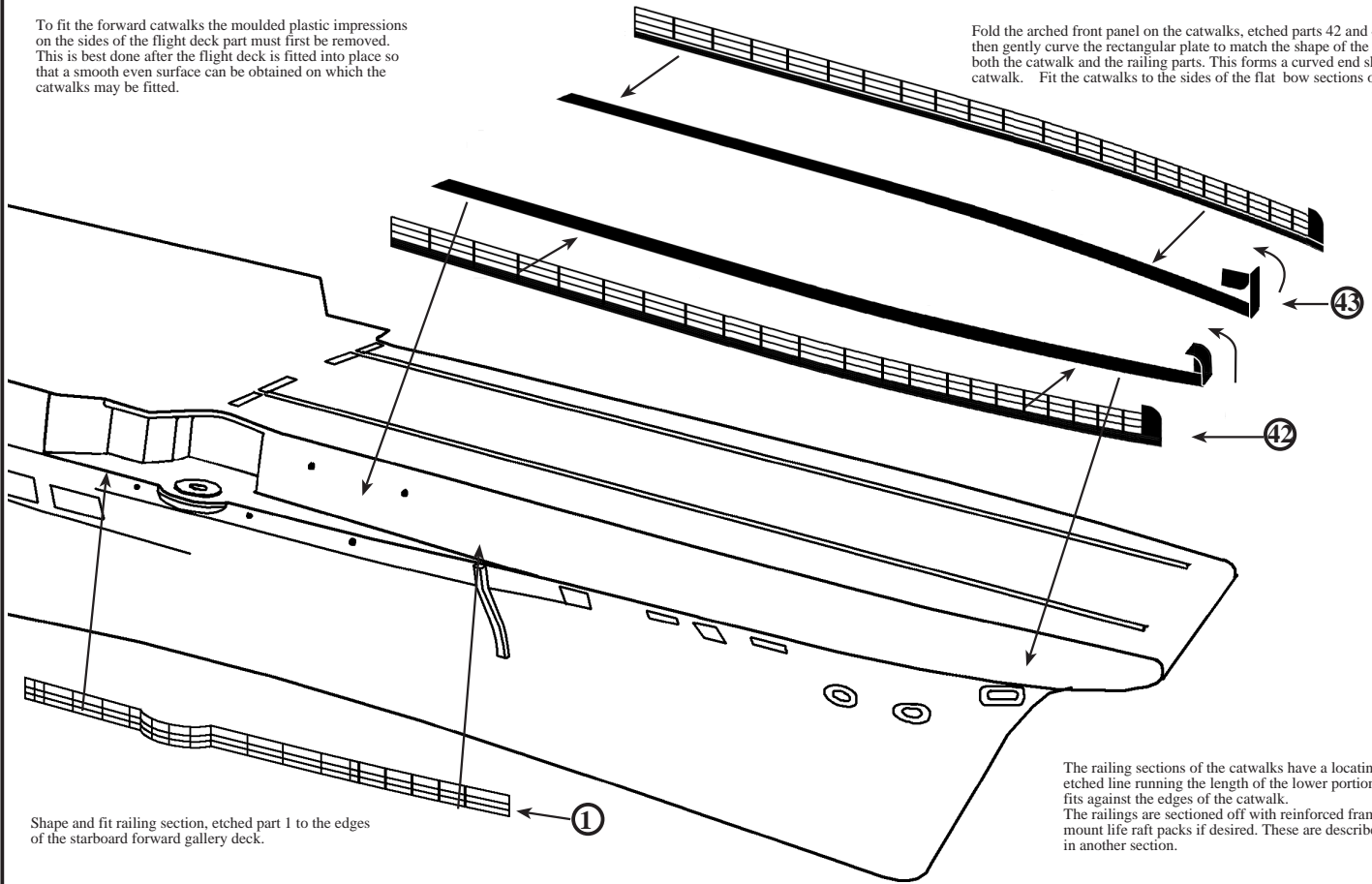
Fold crane jib, etched part 70, around to form a latticework box section. Secure the mating edges in to place with super glue.

Fit the crane jib on to the crane base at the locating points shown. Set at the required angle before applying adhesive. Cut two lengths of plastic rod or sprue to fit across the pulley points on the crane base and jib.

Forward Catwalk Assembly

To fit the forward catwalks the moulded plastic impressions on the sides of the flight deck part must first be removed. This is best done after the flight deck is fitted into place so that a smooth even surface can be obtained on which the catwalks may be fitted.

Fold the arched front panel on the catwalks, etched parts 42 and 43, to 90° then gently curve the rectangular plate to match the shape of the arches on both the catwalk and the railing parts. This forms a curved end shield to the catwalk. Fit the catwalks to the sides of the flat bow sections on the hull.



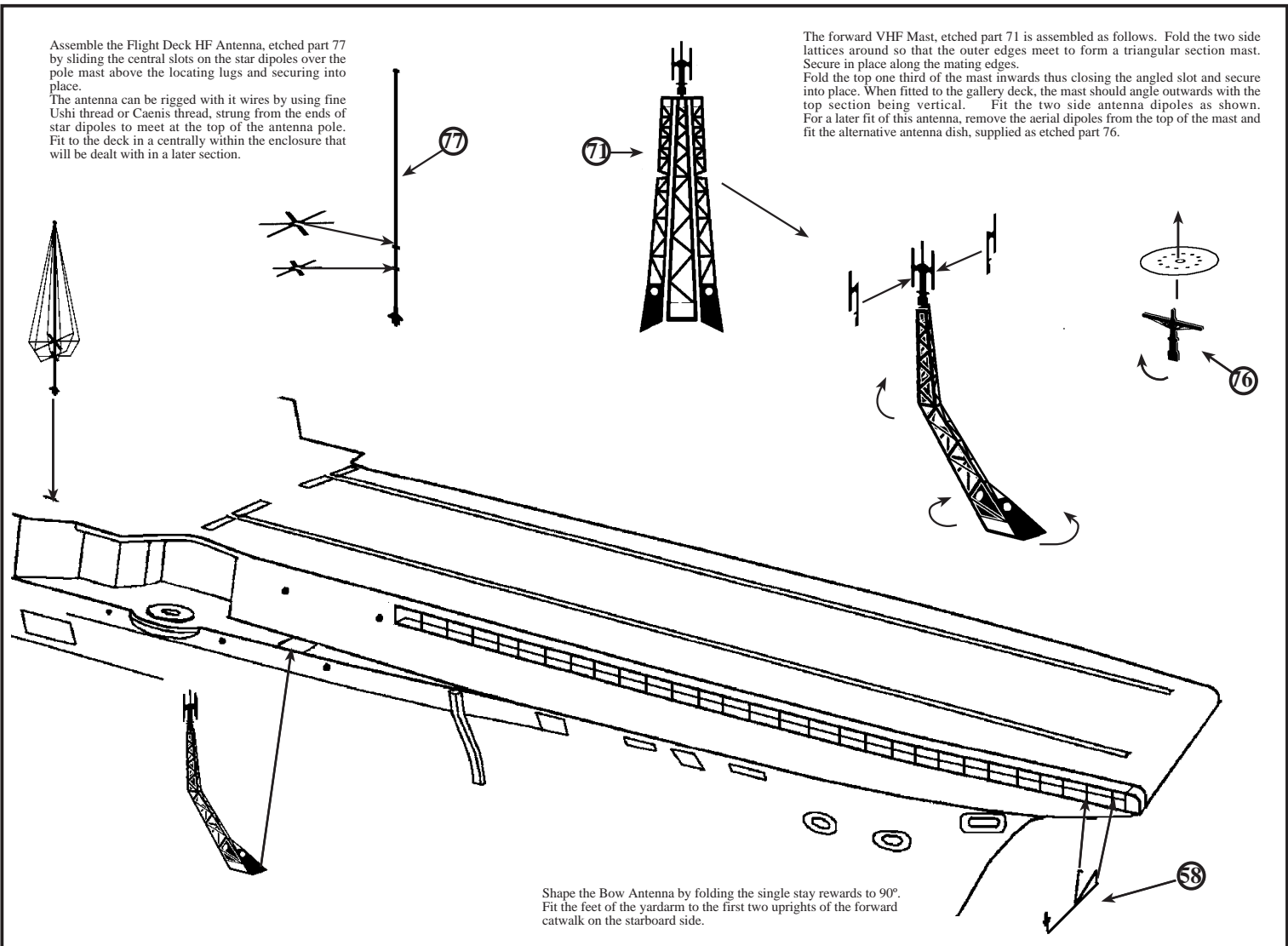
Shape and fit railing section, etched part 1 to the edges of the starboard forward gallery deck.

The railing sections of the catwalks have a locating relief etched line running the length of the lower portion. This fits against the edges of the catwalk. The railings are sectioned off with reinforced frames to mount life raft packs if desired. These are described later in another section.

Starboard Forward Antenna Assembly and Location

Assemble the Flight Deck HF Antenna, etched part 77 by sliding the central slots on the star dipoles over the pole mast above the locating lugs and securing into place. The antenna can be rigged with its wires by using fine Ushi thread or Caenis thread, strung from the ends of star dipoles to meet at the top of the antenna pole. Fit to the deck in a centrally within the enclosure that will be dealt with in a later section.

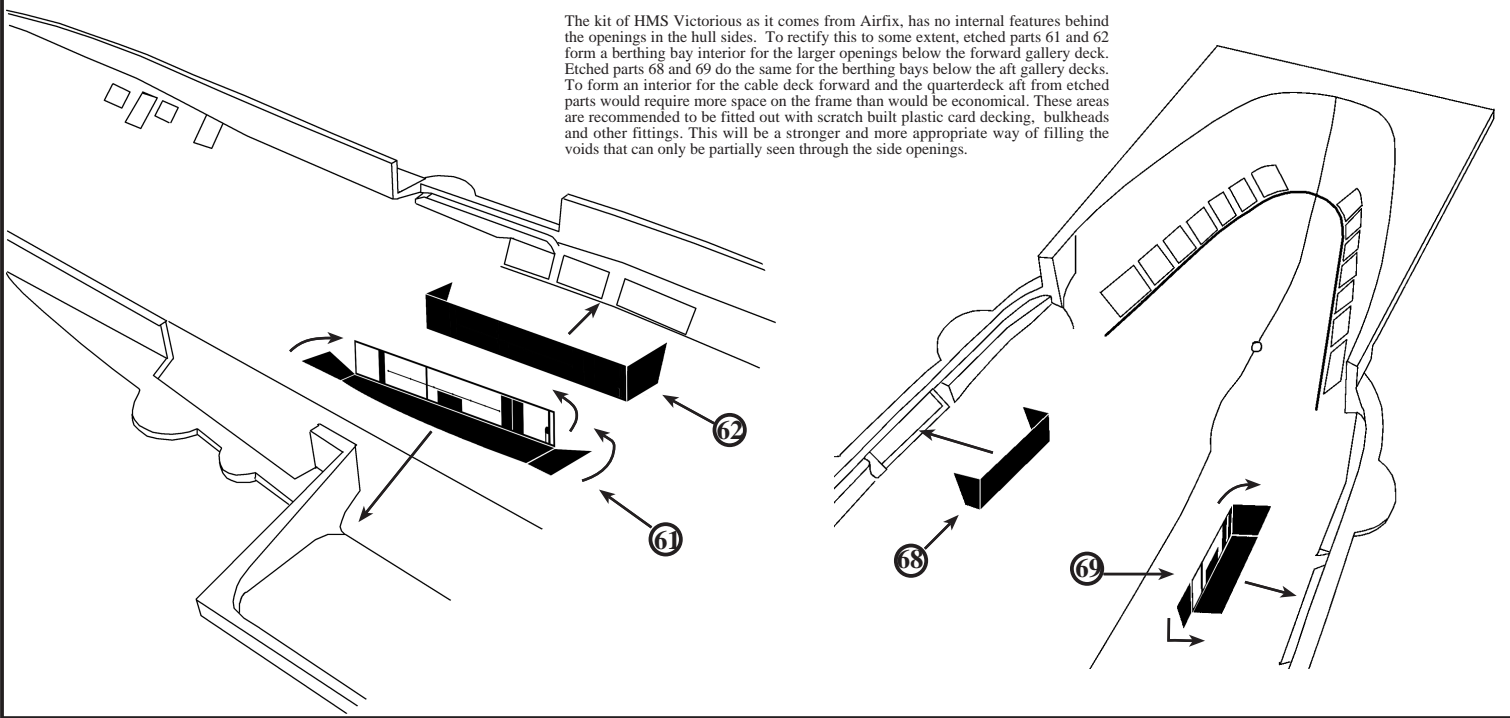
The forward VHF Mast, etched part 71 is assembled as follows. Fold the two side lattices around so that the outer edges meet to form a triangular section mast. Secure in place along the mating edges. Fold the top one third of the mast inwards thus closing the angled slot and secure into place. When fitted to the gallery deck, the mast should angle outwards with the top section being vertical. Fit the two side antenna dipoles as shown. For a later fit of this antenna, remove the aerial dipoles from the top of the mast and fit the alternative antenna dish, supplied as etched part 76.



Shape the Bow Antenna by folding the single stay rewards to 90°. Fit the feet of the yardarm to the first two uprights of the forward catwalk on the starboard side.

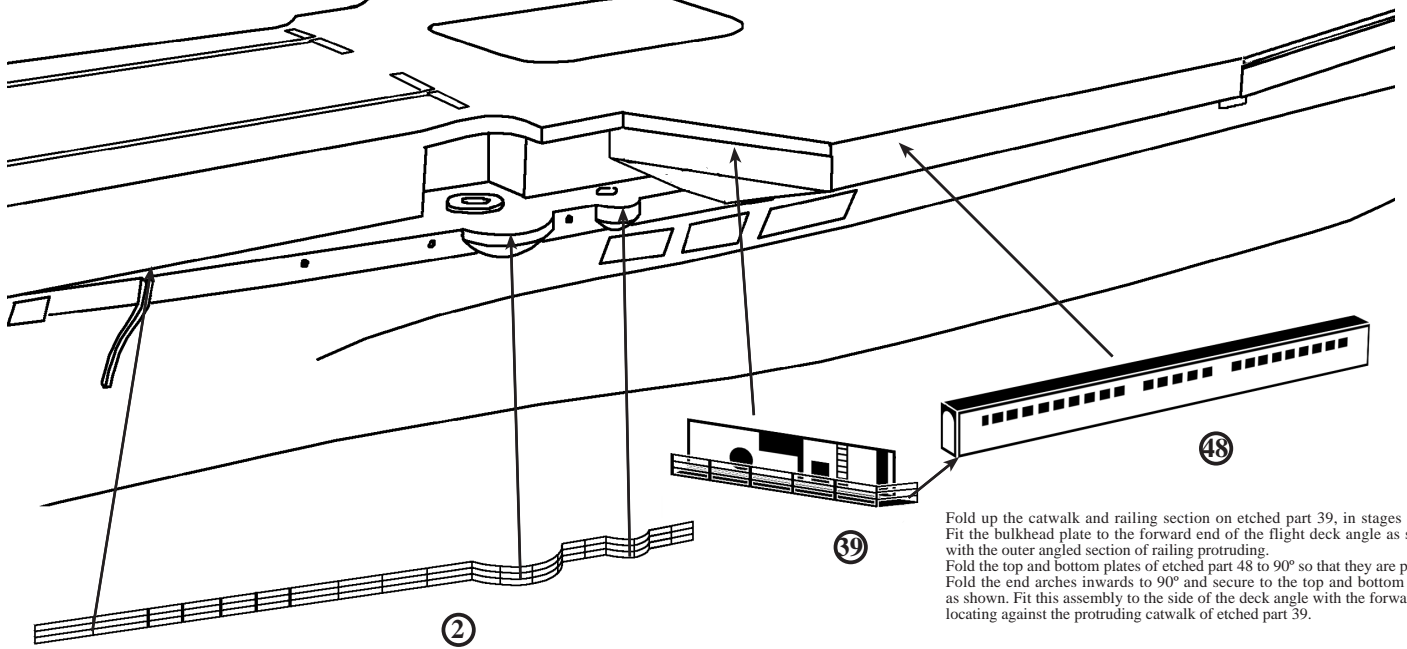
Interanal Weather Deck Assembly

The kit of HMS Victorious as it comes from Airfix, has no internal features behind the openings in the hull sides. To rectify this to some extent, etched parts 61 and 62 form a berthing bay interior for the larger openings below the forward gallery deck. Etched parts 68 and 69 do the same for the berthing bays below the aft gallery decks. To form an interior for the cable deck forward and the quarterdeck aft from etched parts would require more space on the frame than would be economical. These areas are recommended to be fitted out with scratch built plastic card decking, bulkheads and other fittings. This will be a stronger and more appropriate way of filling the voids that can only be partially seen through the side openings.



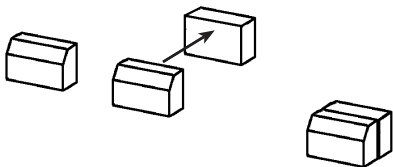
Port Angle Extension Fittings

Shape and fit the railings section, etched part 2, to the edges of the Port Forward Gallery Deck as shown.

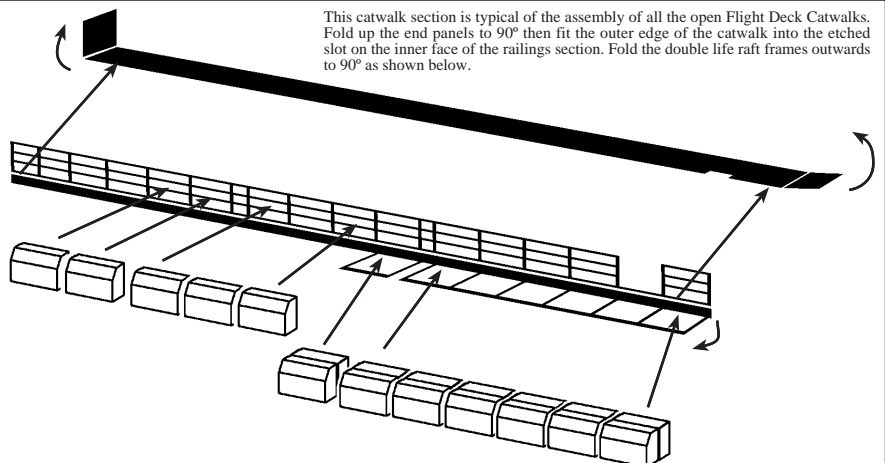


Fold up the catwalk and railing section on etched part 39, in stages of 90°
Fit the bulkhead plate to the forward end of the flight deck angle as shown with the outer edge section of railing protruding.
Fold the top and bottom plates of etched part 48 to 90° so that they are parallel
Fold the end arches inwards to 90° and secure to the top and bottom plates as shown. Fit this assembly to the side of the deck angle with the forward end locating against the protruding catwalk of etched part 39.

Catwalk and Life Raft Pack Assembly



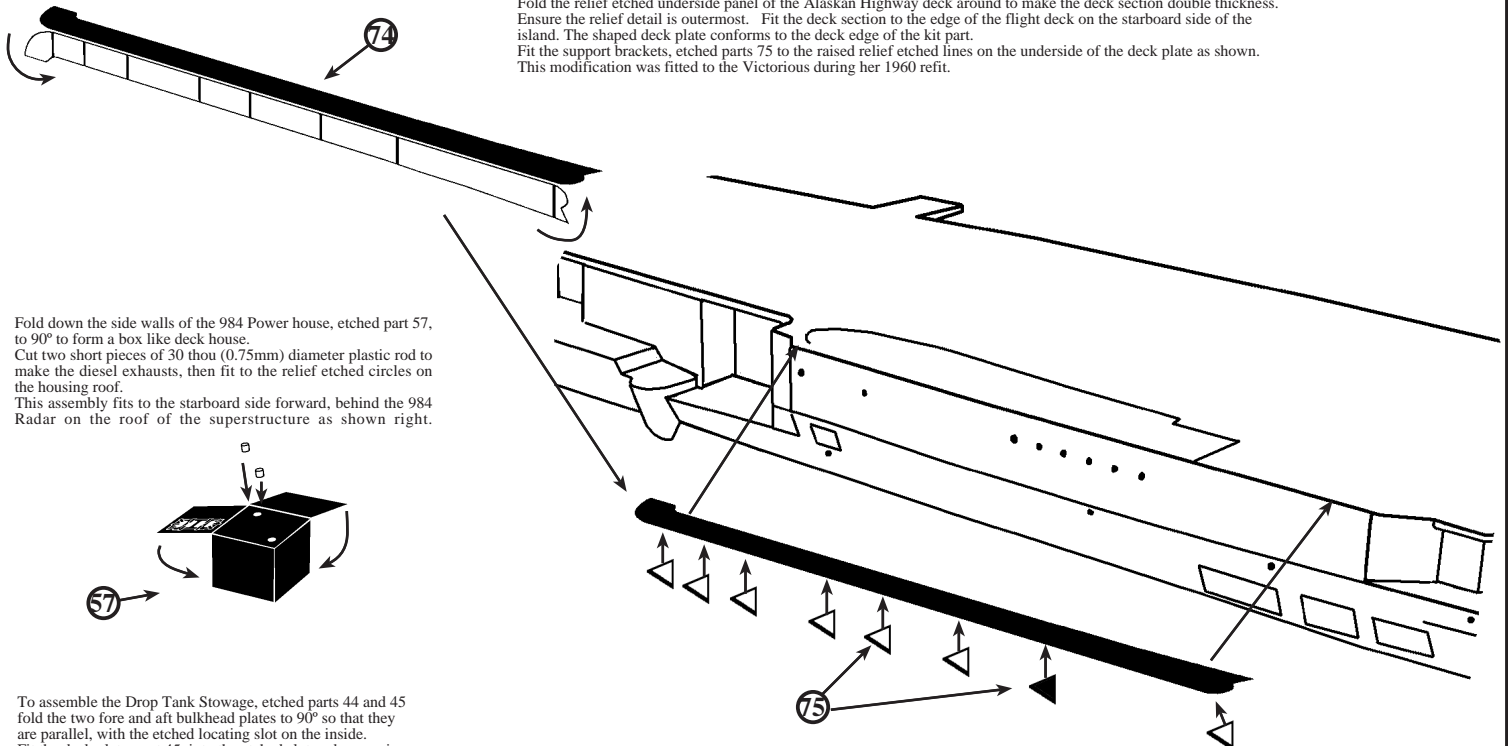
This section deals with the construction of the life raft and survival packs that are fitted to sections of the catwalk railing.
The single life raft packs are made simply by cutting 3mm lengths of 80thou x 40thou (2 x 1mm) plastic strip to the amount required, and putting a bevel on the top outer edge as shown above.
The singles are fitted directly onto the reinforced frame sections of catwalk railing as shown right.
The double liferaft/ survival packs are simply made the same way with two pieces fixed together. The bevel will be only on the outer one.
These are fitted to the frames that are foled out to 90° at the bottoms of the catwalk railing sections.
The plastic strip recommended for use is that produced by Evergreen. This can be obtained online from any reputable model or hobby outlets.



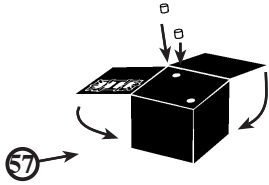
This catwalk section is typical of the assembly of all the open Flight Deck Catwalks. Fold up the end panels to 90° then fit the outer edge of the catwalk into the etched slot on the inner face of the railings section. Fold the double life raft frames outwards to 90° as shown below.

Alaskan Highway Deck Extension and Island Modifications 1960 Fit

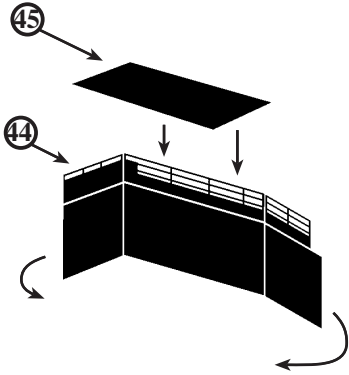
Fold the relief etched underside panel of the Alaskan Highway deck around to make the deck section double thickness. Ensure the relief detail is outermost. Fit the deck section to the edge of the flight deck on the starboard side of the island. The shaped deck plate conforms to the deck edge of the kit part. Fit the support brackets, etched parts 75 to the raised relief etched lines on the underside of the deck plate as shown. This modification was fitted to the Victorious during her 1960 refit.



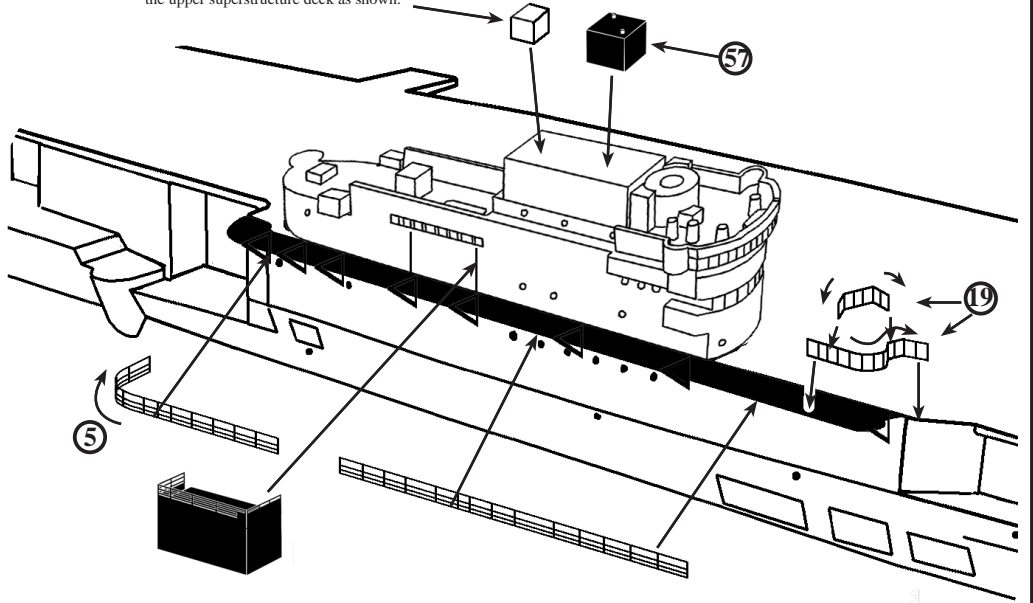
Fold down the side walls of the 984 Power house, etched part 57, to 90° to form a box like deck house. Cut two short pieces of 30 thou (0.75mm) diameter plastic rod to make the diesel exhausts, then fit to the relief etched circles on the housing roof. This assembly fits to the starboard side forward, behind the 984 Radar on the roof of the superstructure as shown right.



To assemble the Drop Tank Stowage, etched parts 44 and 45 fold the two fore and aft bulkhead plates to 90° so that they are parallel, with the etched locating slot on the inside. Fit the deck plate, part 45, into the etched slot and secure in place.



Make a small deck house out of plastic strip cut to 3mm x 3mm x 3mm and fit centrally to the rear of the upper superstructure deck as shown.

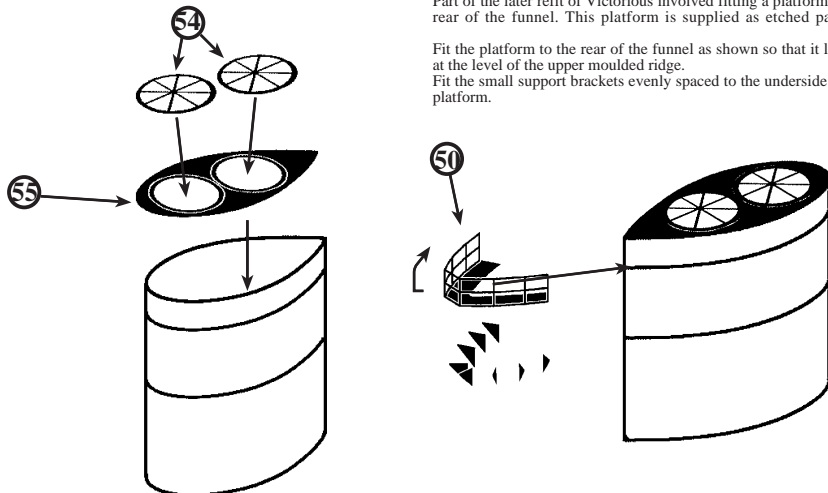


Fit the aft section of the railings, etched parts 5, to the edge of the Alaskan Highway deck as shown. Fit the Drop Tank Stowage so that it comes up against the end of railing section already fitted. Fit the forward section of the railings, etched part 5, to the edge of the Alaskan Highway deck as shown. Shape the larger single railing section, etched part 19, to fit the forward end of the Alaskan Highway deck as shown right. Shape the smaller section as shown then fit to the flights deck so that the end stanchions fit against corresponding stanchions on the outer section of railing. This forms an enclosure for the antenna array etched parts 77.

Funnel Details

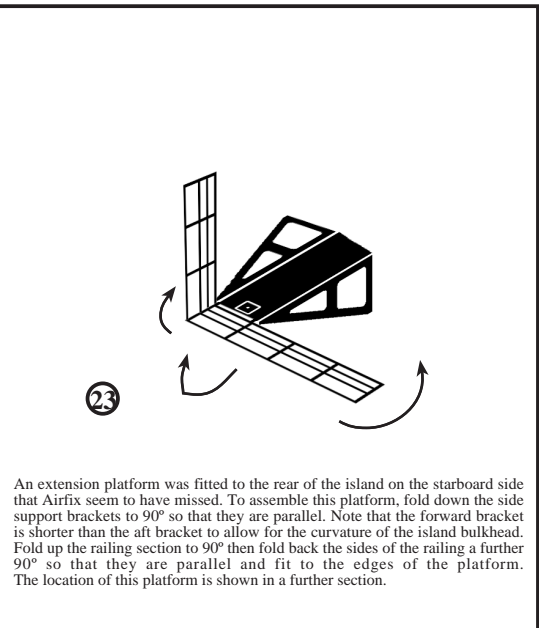
Part of the later refit of Victorious involved fitting a platform to the rear of the funnel. This platform is supplied as etched part 50.

Fit the platform to the rear of the funnel as shown so that it locates at the level of the upper moulded ridge. Fit the small support brackets evenly spaced to the underside of the platform.



Fit the Funnel Cap, etched part 55 directly on to the top rim of the funnel supplied in the kit. The edges of the plastic parts may need to be leveled with a file before fitting the etched part. Fit the Funnel Cap Grills, etched parts 54 to the relief etched circles on the funnel cap.

Island Aft Antenna Platform

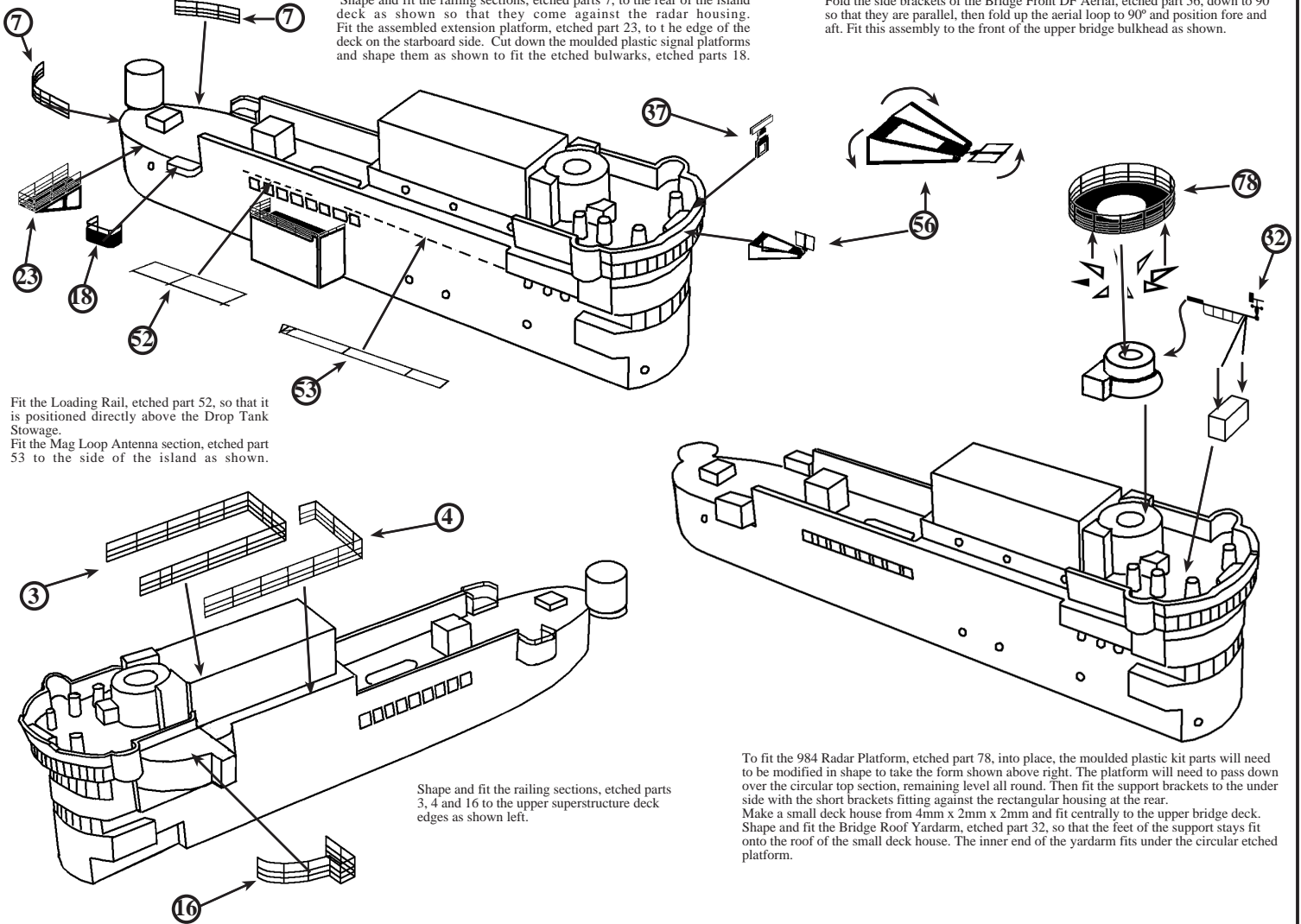


An Airfix extension platform was fitted to the rear of the island on the starboard side that Airfix seem to have missed. To assemble this platform, fold down the side support brackets to 90° so that they are parallel. Note that the forward bracket is shorter than the aft bracket to allow for the curvature of the island bulkhead. Fold up the railing section to 90° then fold back the sides of the railing a further 90° so that they are parallel and fit to the edges of the platform. The location of this platform is shown in a further section.

Island Fittings and Locations

Shape and fit the railing sections, etched parts 7, to the rear of the island deck as shown so that they come against the radar housing. Fit the assembled extension platform, etched part 23, to the edge of the deck on the starboard side. Cut down the moulded plastic signal platforms and shape them as shown to fit the etched bulwarks, etched parts 18.

Fold the side brackets of the Bridge Front DF Aerial, etched part 56, down to 90° so that they are parallel, then fold up the aerial loop to 90° and position fore and aft. Fit this assembly to the front of the upper bridge bulkhead as shown.

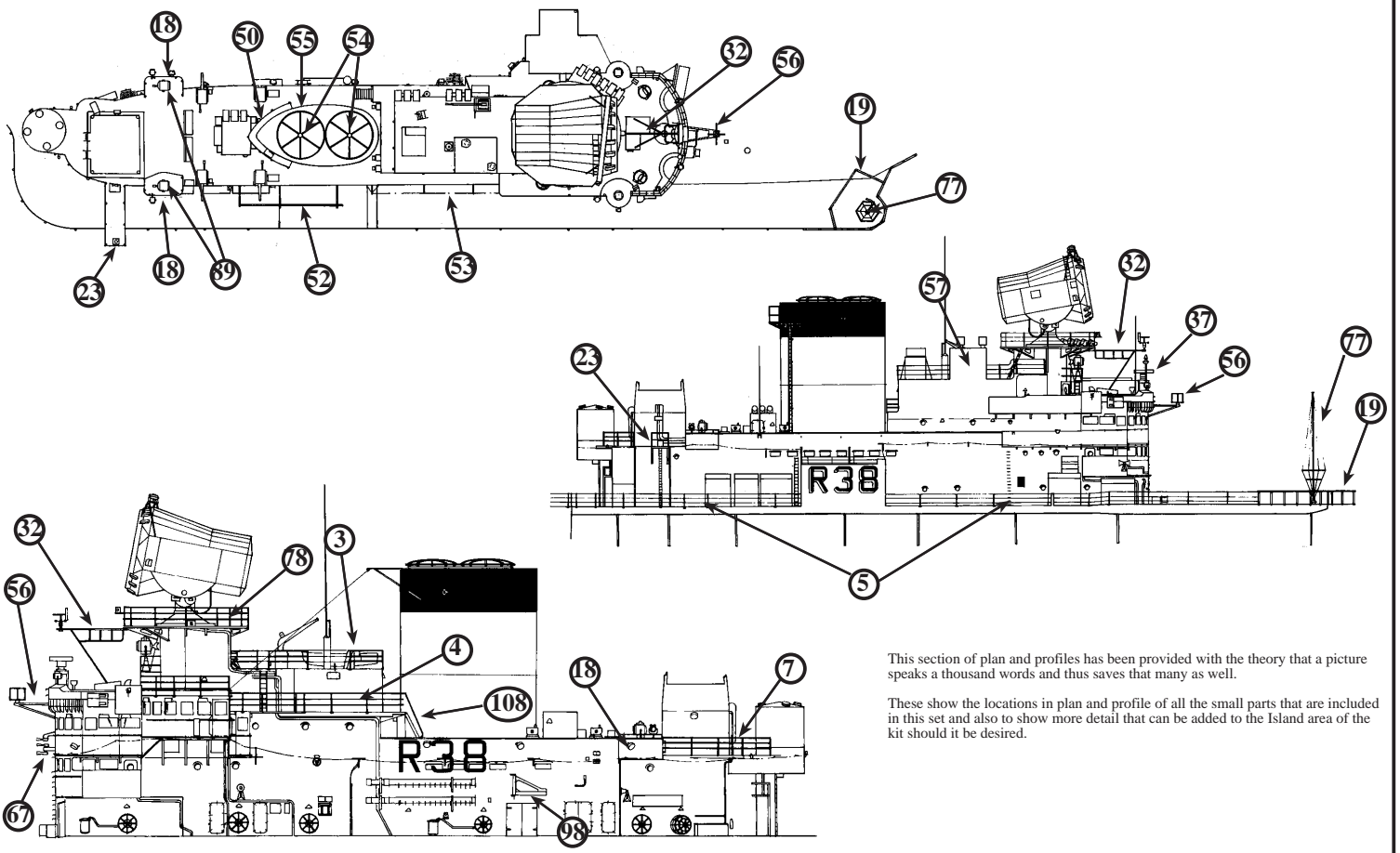


Fit the Loading Rail, etched part 52, so that it is positioned directly above the Drop Tank Stowage. Fit the Mag Loop Antenna section, etched part 53 to the side of the island as shown.

Shape and fit the railing sections, etched parts 3, 4 and 16 to the upper superstructure deck edges as shown left.

To fit the 984 Radar Platform, etched part 78, into place, the moulded plastic kit parts will need to be modified in shape to take the form shown above right. The platform will need to pass down over the circular top section, remaining level all round. Then fit the support brackets to the under side with the short brackets fitting against the rectangular housing at the rear. Make a small deck house from 4mm x 2mm x 2mm and fit centrally to the upper bridge deck. Shape and fit the Bridge Roof Yardarm, etched part 32, so that the feet of the support stays fit onto the roof of the small deck house. The inner end of the yardarm fits under the circular etched platform.

Island Plan and Profiles Showing Fittings Locations



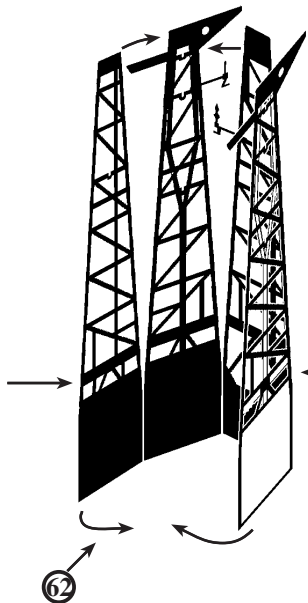
This section of plan and profiles has been provided with the theory that a picture speaks a thousand words and thus saves that many as well.

These show the locations in plan and profile of all the small parts that are included in this set and also to show more detail that can be added to the Island area of the kit should it be desired.

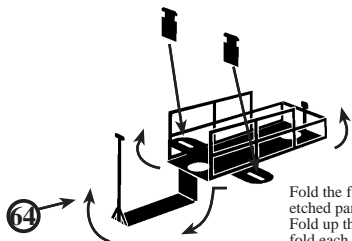
Main Mast Lattice Assembly

Fold the Main Mast Lattice, etched part 62, around in 90° steps. Gently bend the top section inwards so that the edges of each of the lattices meet. Secure these into place.

Fit the Port Forward and Starboard Aft Yardarms to the positions shown on the corners of the mast lattice. The yardarm stays are located to extra frame sections in the lattice frame pattern.

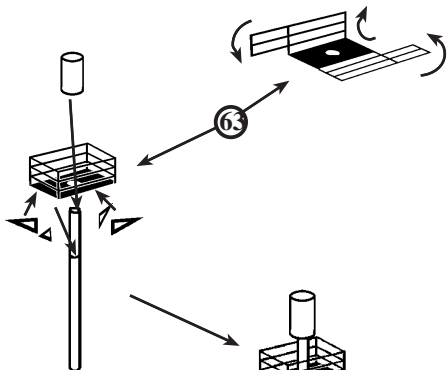


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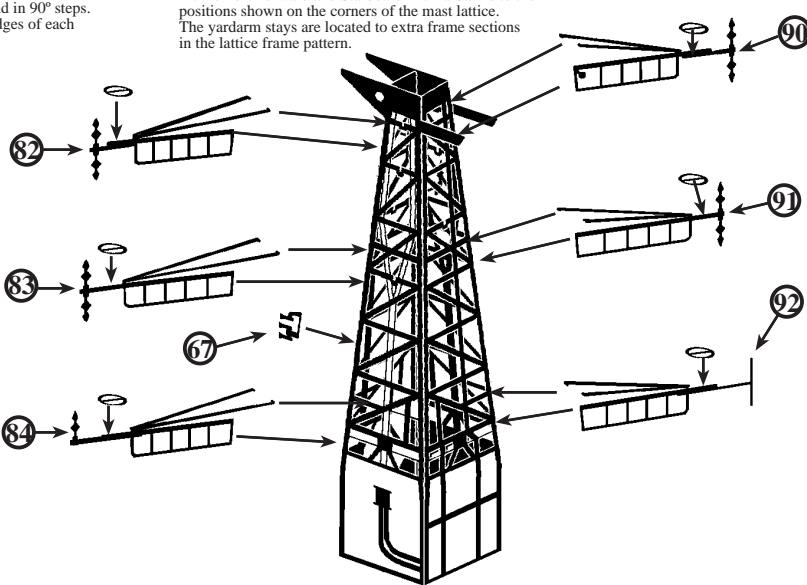
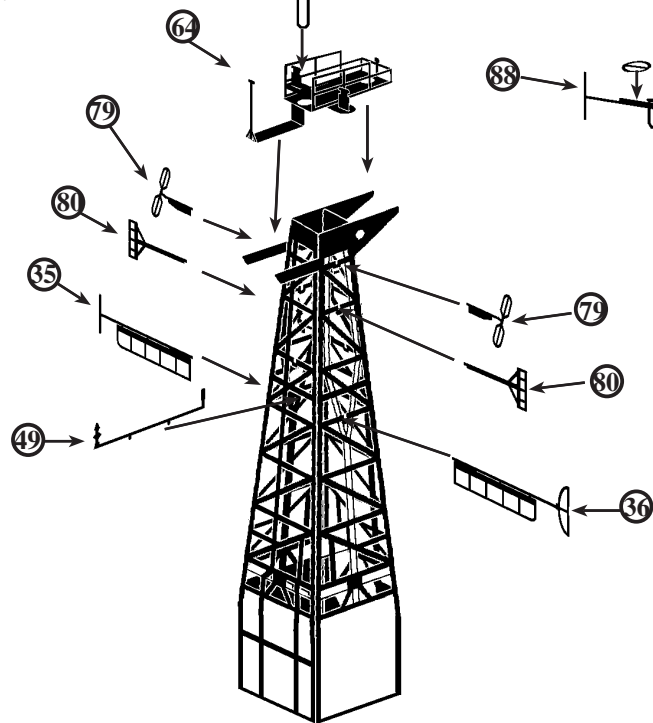


Fold the front extension of the mast platform, etched part 64, so that it is stepped down. Fold up the railings to 90° at the rear, then fold each of the side sections to 90° so that they fit on to the edges of the platform. Fold the front pole up to 90°. Fit the small sensor domes to the side plates as shown.

Fold up the railings on the mast top pole platform, etched part 63, and shape to fit the edges of the platform. Cut a 10mm length of 25thou diameter plastic rod to make the mast top pole. Fit the platform 3mm down. Cut a 3mm length of 2mm diameter plastic rod to make the homing beacon for the mast pole top.

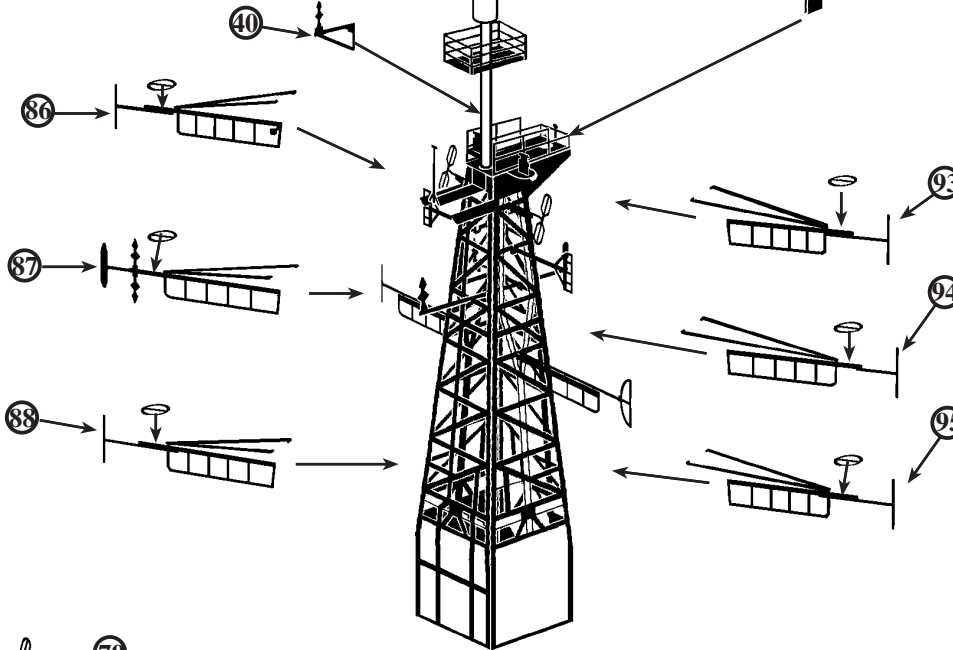
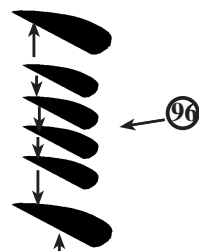


Fit the mast top pole assembly to the forward etched recess on the mast platform



Laminate the smaller cheese shaped plates together so that they are double thickness, then laminate them together again and fit them between the two larger cheese shaped plates.

Ensure that the smaller cheese shaped parts are fitted centrally to the inner surfaces of the larger parts. Fit the mounting post centrally to the underside of the bottom plate aft folding in half to double the thickness. Fit this assembly to the aft etched recess on the mast platform.

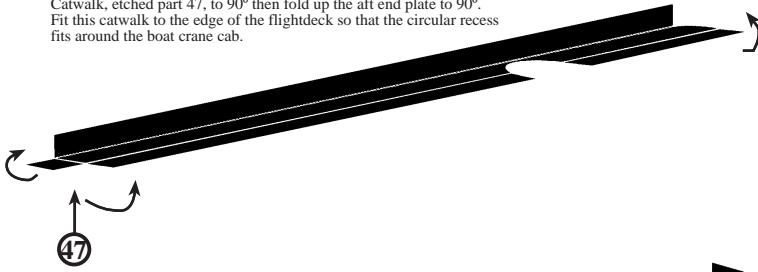


Fit the Port Aft Yardarms, etched parts 93, 94 and 95 to the corner positions on the mast lattice as shown. Fit the feet of the yardarm stays to the additional frame sections within the mast lattice pattern. Fit the Starboard Forward yardarms, etched parts 86, 87 and 88 in the same way. Fit the small loop antennas provided to the tops of yardarm horizontal bars, beyond the points of stays.

The Mast Top Platform assembly, etched part 64, is fitted to the top edges of the lattice mast so that the sides of the platform locate along the tops of the side lattices. The forward extension platform is stepped downwards and sits between the two extensions from the tops of the side lattices and slightly above. These can be links together by some thin plastic strip at the outer end if desired. Fit the double ended antenna AJE/AS177, etched part 49, so that it passes centrally through the mast and protruded from the front and rear lattices. The lugs on the bottom of the antenna pole locate behind the recesses in the front and rear lattice horizontal bars. Fit the antenna yards, etched parts 36 and 37, to the side positions as shown. Fit the antennas 466 to the mid side positions, with the antennas AGA/AGE, etched parts 79 in the recessed positions above.

Catwalk and Whip Antenna Assembly

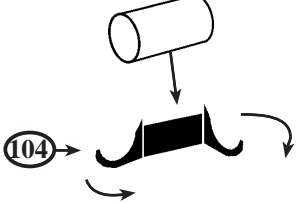
Fold up the long front and rear bulwarks of the Starboard Boat Deck Catwalk, etched part 47, to 90° then fold up the aft end plate to 90°. Fit this catwalk to the edge of the flightdeck so that the circular recess fits around the boat crane cab.



This Catwalk, etched parts 22, is located on the Starboard aft side of the Flight Deck. Fold up the end panels to 90° then fit the catwalk into the relief etched slot that runs the length of the inside bottom panel of the railings. Repeat the procedure for the smaller catwalk that fits aft of the larger catwalk, with a gap wide enough to fit the methanol tank between them.

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Fold the support arms of the Methanol Tank Bracket, etched part 104, forwards to 90° so that they are parallel. Cut a 5mm length of 1.5mm diameter plastic rod to make the methanol tank, and fit into the brackets as shown.



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Fit the methanol tank assembly to the side of the Flight Deck between the two sections of catwalk.

This section of Catwalk fits to the Port side of the angled flight deck forward of the Mirror Landing Sight Extension. This section is constructed in the same manner as the previous catwalks but the open end forward joins up to the rear of the enclosed deck extension, etched part 48.

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WT Whip Aerials were fitted to the sides of the ship at the aft positions. The diagram here shows the assembly and location of the Port side WT brackets as these are the most complex. Fold up the side frames of the Aerial Brackets to 90° so they are parallel, then fold up the end section of railing so that the edges attach to the sides of the bracket. Next fold the aerial base mount to 90° and attach the outer end to the aft side bracket. A length of wire can be cut to fit on the mount if desired. The brackets are now fitted to the sides of the catwalk where the etched lines are placed. The bottoms of the brackets pass underneath the catwalk and fit against the ships side.

The brackets for the WT aerials on the Starboard side are smaller, etched parts 110, but are assembled in the same way. These are fitted to the ships side at deck level on the aft gallery deck where there is an access gap in the railing just aft of the centre section

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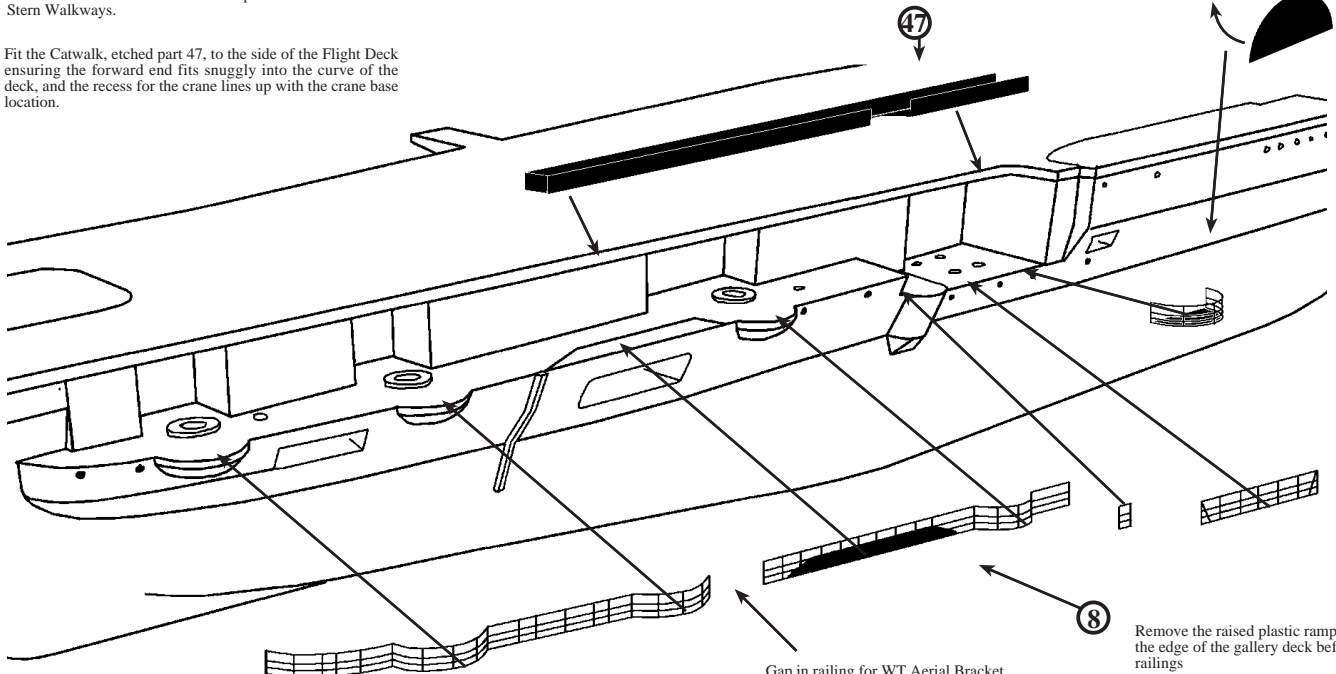
Starboard Aft Boat Deck Railings Location

Shape and fit the railing section, etched part 8, to the edge of the aft gallery deck. Note that the aft section of railing should allow a gap between the aft stanchion and the ships side to allow access to the Stern Walkways.

Fit the Catwalk, etched part 47, to the side of the Flight Deck ensuring the forward end fits snugly into the curve of the deck, and the recess for the crane lines up with the crane base location.

Fold the deck section of the crane jib rest, etched part 31, in half so that it is double thickness. Then shape the railings to fit around the curved deck edge. Fit this part to the edge of the forward end of the boat deck mating up with the short section of railings, etched parts 8.

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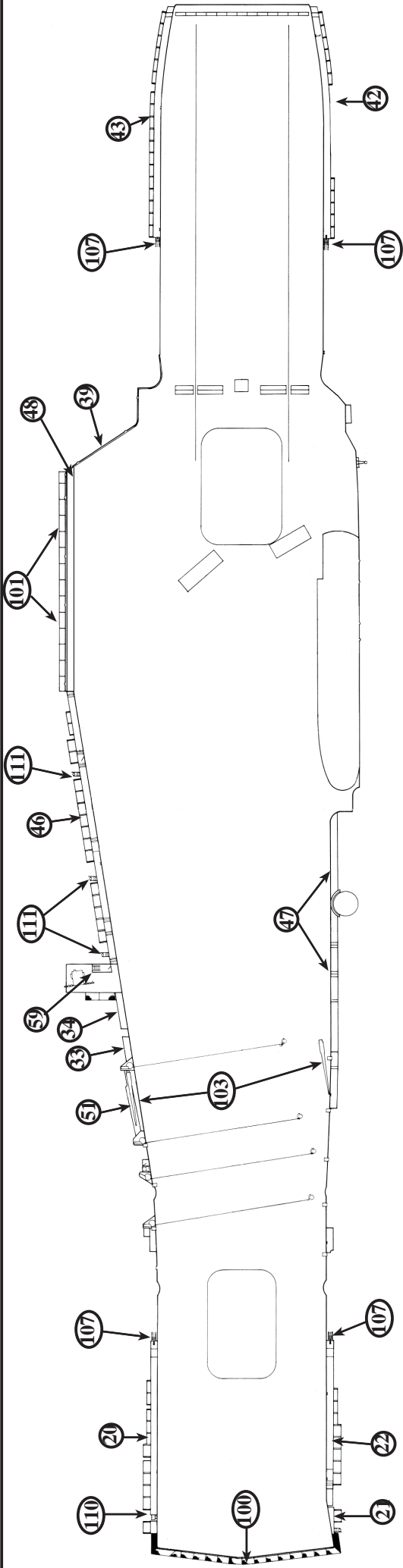


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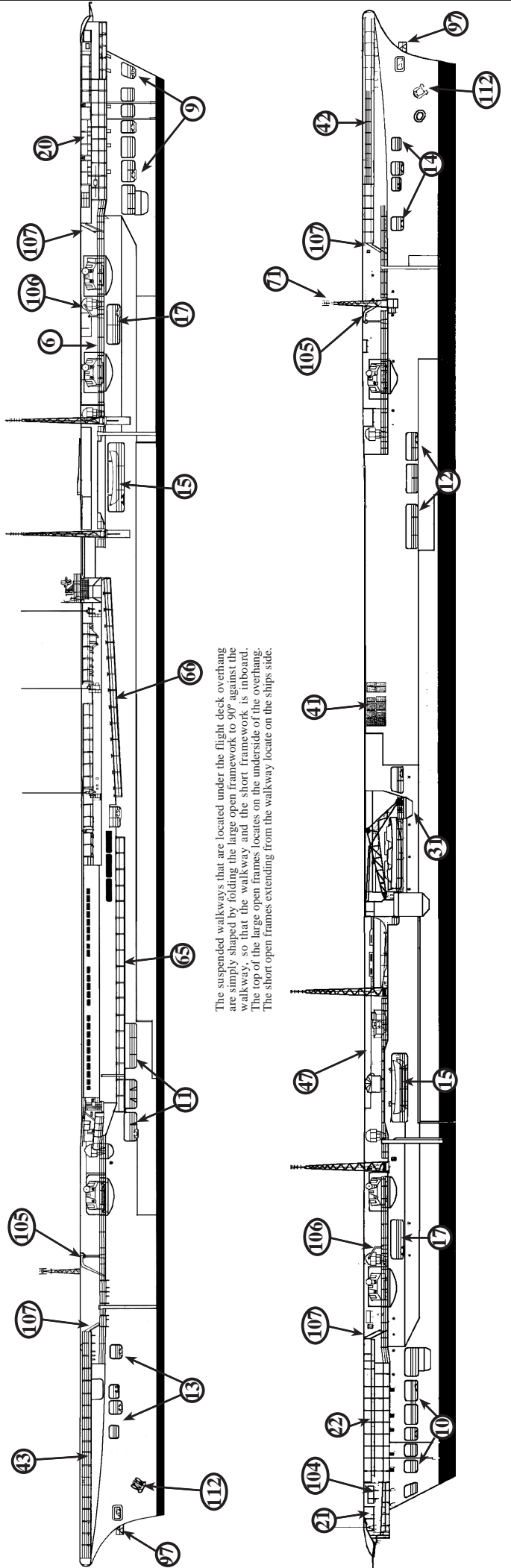
Gap in railing for WT Aerial Bracket etched part 110

Remove the raised plastic ramp section from the edge of the gallery deck before fitting the railings

Plan and Profile Hull Fittings Locations



This section of plan and profiles shows the location mainly of the railings sections that are located within the hull. These also show where smaller items are located where it is difficult to do so on a small diagram.

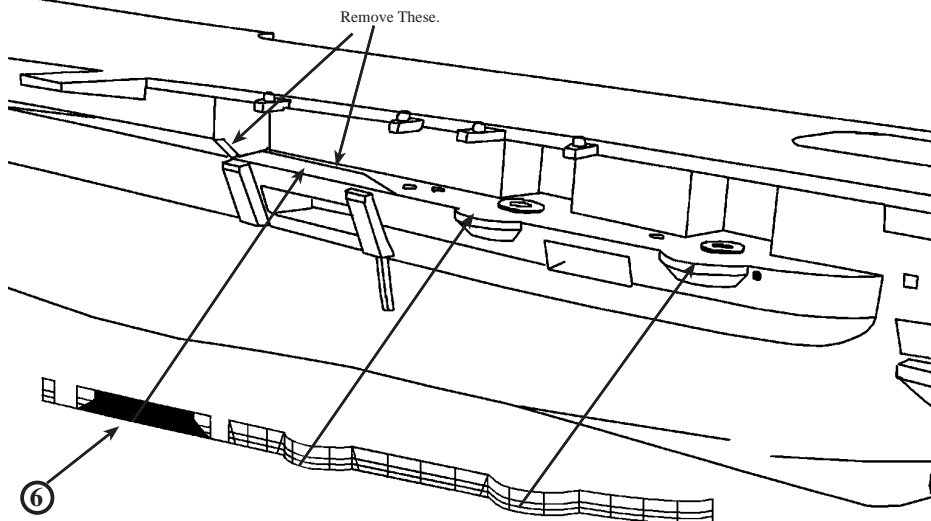


The suspended walkways that are located under the flight deck overhang are simply shaped by folding the large open framework to 90° against the walkway, so that the walkway and the short framework is inboard. The top of the large open frames locates on the underside of the overhang. The short open frames extending from the walkway locate on the ships side.

Starboard Aft Boat Deck Railings Location

Before attempting to fit any details to the Port Gallery Deck area, First remove the raised ramp moulding from the edge of the deck above the aft berthing bay opening. Also remove the moulded angle in the forward corner of the deck to allow the railings to fit against the bulkhead.

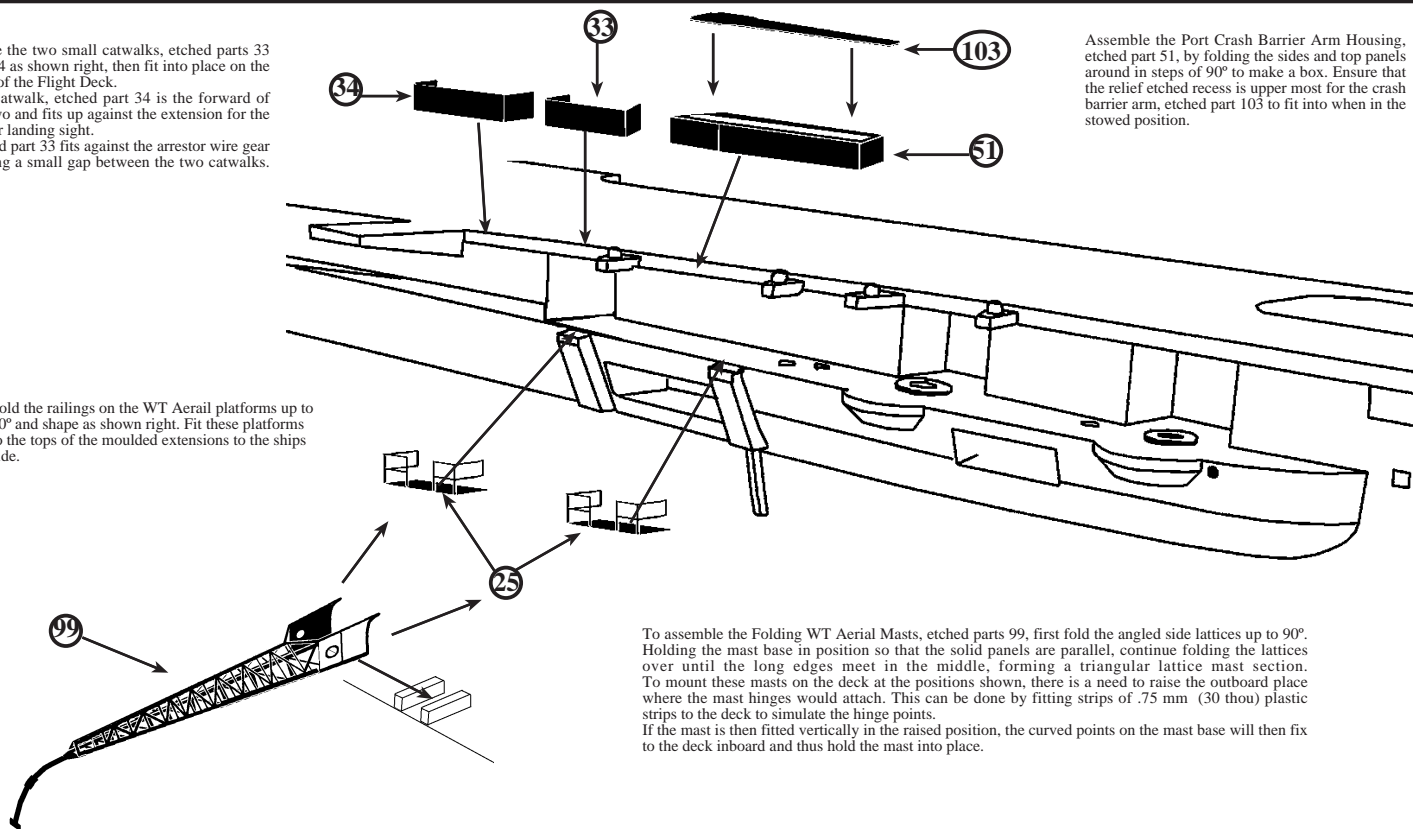
Shape the railing section, etched part 6, to fit the edges of the Port Aft Gallery deck, gently curving to fit the gun deck extensions. Allow a gap between the last stanchion and the ships side where the Stern Walkways join the Gallery Deck at the aft end. Ensure that the gaps in the forward section of railing align with the two folding antenna extensions on each side of the aft berthing bay.



Folding WT Mast and Port Aft Flight Deck Catwalk Location

Shape the two small catwalks, etched parts 33 and 34 as shown right, then fit into place on the edge of the Flight Deck. The catwalk, etched part 34 is the forward of the two and fits up against the extension for the mirror landing sight. Etched part 33 fits against the arrestor wire gear leaving a small gap between the two catwalks.

Fold the railings on the WT Aerial platforms up to 90° and shape as shown right. Fit these platforms to the tops of the moulded extensions to the ships side.

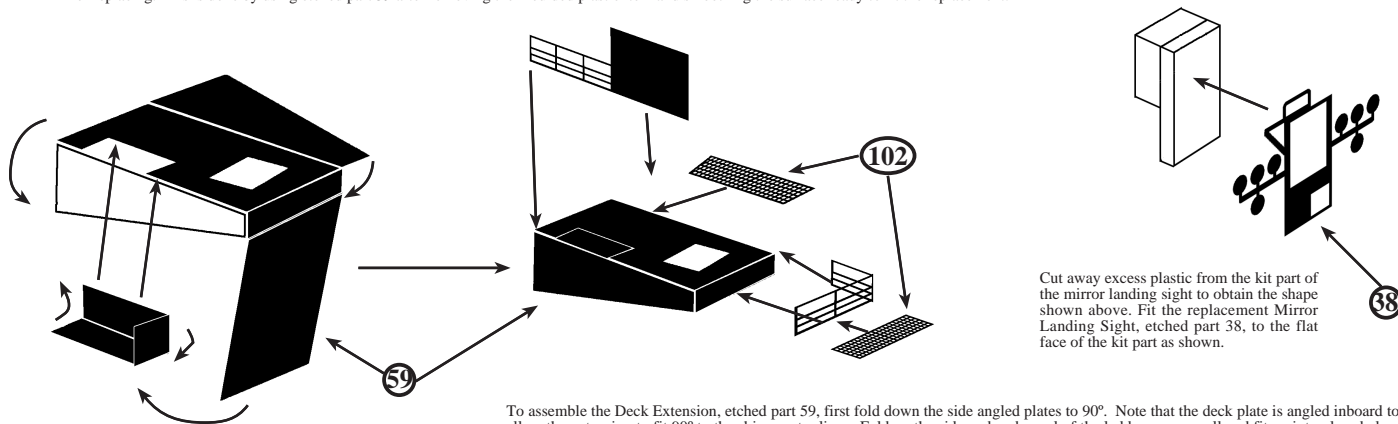


Assemble the Port Crash Barrier Arm Housing, etched part 51, by folding the sides and top panels around in steps of 90° to make a box. Ensure that the relief etched recess is upper most for the crash barrier arm, etched part 103 to fit into when in the stowed position.

To assemble the Folding WT Aerial Masts, etched parts 99, first fold the angled side lattices up to 90°. Holding the mast base in position so that the solid panels are parallel, continue folding the lattices over until the long edges meet in the middle, forming a triangular lattice mast section. To mount these masts on the deck at the positions shown, there is a need to raise the outboard place where the mast hinges would attach. This can be done by fitting strips of .75 mm (30 thou) plastic strips to the deck to simulate the hinge points. If the mast is then fitted vertically in the raised position, the curved points on the mast base will then fit to the deck inboard and thus hold the mast into place.

Mirror Landing Sight Deck Extension Assembly

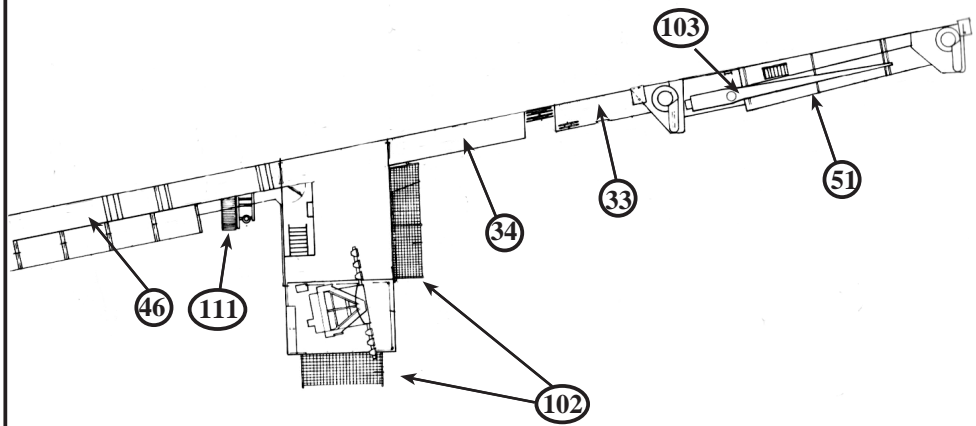
The Mirror Landing Sight Deck Extension that is moulded onto the kit part of the Flight Deck, is dimensionally too small and is a prime candidate for replacing. This is done by using etched part 59 after removing the moulded plastic item and smoothing the surface ready to fit the replacement.



Cut away excess plastic from the kit part of the mirror landing sight to obtain the shape shown above. Fit the replacement Mirror Landing Sight, etched part 38, to the flat face of the kit part as shown.

To assemble the Deck Extension, etched part 59, first fold down the side angled plates to 90°. Note that the deck plate is angled inboard to allow the extension to fit 90° to the ships centre line. Fold up the side and end panel of the ladder access well and fit up into place below the rectangular opening. Fold the outer and underside panels down in steps of 90° so that the whole extension is an enclosed box when fitted into place on the edge of the Flight Deck. Shape and fit the railings sections as shown, then fit the safety nets, etched parts 102, when the assembly has been fitted into place with the catwalk, etched part 34, fitted as shown in the previous section.

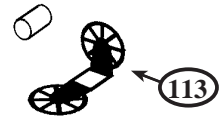
Deck Extension and Catwalk Plan Port Side



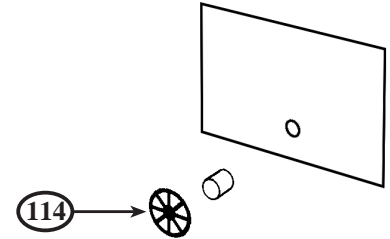
This plan view of the Port Side of the Flight Deck shows the locations of the various parts in relation to each other in the area of the Mirror Landing Sight. Previous sections have dealt with the assembly of these individual parts, which are so close together in some cases overlap. This diagram should help to clarify their locations

Hose Reel Assembly

This diagram shows the assembly of the hose reels found at various locations. The freestanding reels, etched parts 111, are found in the catwalks on each side of the Flight Deck.



Cut a 1mm length of 0.5mm (20thou) diameter plastic rod or stretched sprue, and fit to the centre hub of the hose reels. Fold up the sides of the free standing reels and cut the plastic rod to fit snugly between them.



Fit the single sided reels to the sides of the Island Inboard and just above deck level as shown above. The diagram at the bottom of Page 6 give a good indication of the location of these reels

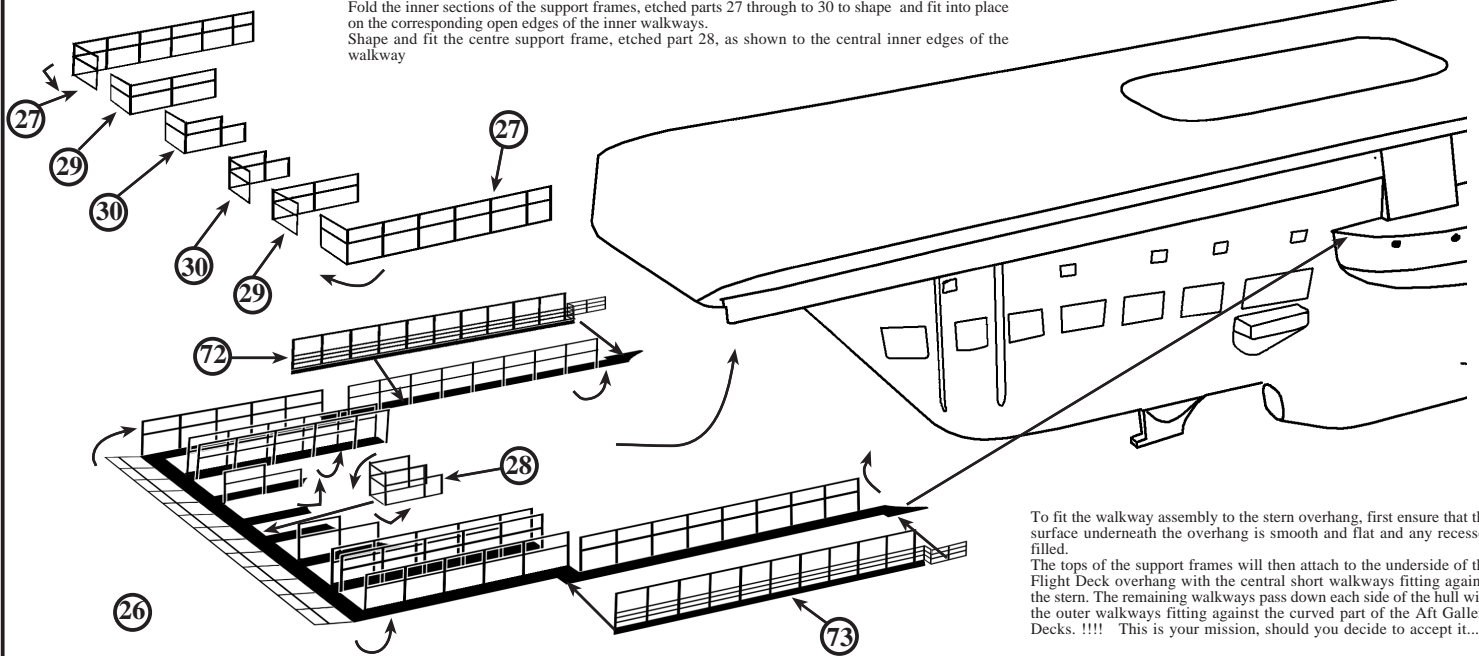
Aft External Walkway Assembly

The assembly of this series of walkways that were fitted underneath the stern Flight Deck Overhang is not for the faint hearted. To get all of the support structure to fit into the proper place may be too much of a challenge for some, therefore the inner sections of the support structure have been designed in such a way as that they can be omitted if desired.

To begin assembly, first fold up all the support frames fitted to the edges of the Walkways, etched part 26 to 90°.

Fold the inner sections of the support frames, etched parts 27 through to 30 to shape and fit into place on the corresponding open edges of the inner walkways.

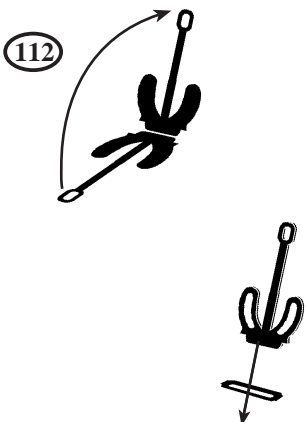
Shape and fit the centre support frame, etched part 28, as shown to the central inner edges of the walkway



To fit the walkway assembly to the stern overhang, first ensure that the surface underneath the overhang is smooth and flat and any recesses filled.

The tops of the support frames will then attach to the underside of the Flight Deck overhang with the central short walkways fitting against the stern. The remaining walkways pass down each side of the hull with the outer walkways fitting against the curved part of the Aft Gallery Decks. !!!! This is your mission, should you decide to accept it.....

Anchor Assembly



Fold the anchors, etched parts 112, in half as shown above and secure into place, with the relief etched detail outermost. Fit the lower part of the anchor through the slot in the tripping plate and secure into place. Make three of these to replace the kit parts.

Other Instructions

1. This detail set is designed to fit the original Airfix kit of HMS Victorious from the 1960s and the subsequent re-releases of the kit from time to time. As time has gone on, the moulds have become worn and a lot of the kit parts need replacing. The aim of the detail set is to replace some of the parts where possible and to guide towards any scratch building that may be necessary. The set will also provide the extras that are needed to enhance the kit further and make it a reasonably accurate and presentable part of a collection.
2. The plans used to make this detail set are those supplied in the Anatomy of the Ship HMS Victorious by Ross Watton. Due to the lengthy career of HMS Victorious and the changes that were made to her, even in her last years of service, have meant that a narrow time frame has had to be taken with this set of detail parts. The set is aimed directly at the Airfix kit as fitted and the period just into the 1960s. So many changes were made after that point with new aircraft and equipment, that to satisfy the later years as well would mean a huge set of parts, that would not be economically viable. Maybe a later set will be introduced if a later set of aircraft is released.
3. It is recommended that the instructions are read through completely before starting work, to familiarise yourself with the contents of the detail set and the application and assembly of the parts. Use these instructions in conjunction with the kits instructions for the best result.
4. Stock lengths of vertical ladder, etched parts 81, have been supplied to fit to bulkheads, platforms, masts and walkways as required. Cut the length needed to fit.
5. Stock lengths of anchor chain, etched parts 24, have been included should anyone want to model the ship in a diorama, sitting at anchor.