Ocean water is being pumped out by the gallon on the lower port side of the HMS Bounty II, currently biding its time at Samples Shipyard in Boothbay Harbor. The HMS Bounty II was supposed to sail in Maine OpSail 2000 last summer but failed to meet Coast Guard standards due to excess leakage problems. For three months the famous tall ship, best known for its lead role in Mutiny On The Bounty (1962), starring Marlon Brando, will remain at Samples for serious repair, leakage among one of
them. The 1960 HMS Bounty II was specifically built in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, for this movie produced by MGM Studios in replication of the original 100 foot long 1787 Bounty. The Bounty was previously owned by the Tall Ships Bounty Organization but put her up for sale just last year at an asking price of $1.5 million. The current owner, Robert Hansen, paid much less for the majestic tall ship due to her condition. After she is fully restored, she will return to her owner in New York.