



# SPUNYARN

HARDWAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Prize Winners of 2018

## SAILING INTO A NEW YEAR FAIR WINDS FOR 2019

Despite the disappointment of the Dinner & Dance cancellation, better late than never, the prizegiving was held in the club on a Sunday afternoon.

For the first time in many years it was attended by all but one of the trophy winners, eager to puff their chests and celebrate their achievements throughout this year. Maybe this is further proof of a change in the winds and peoples expectations, a consideration for future prizegiving events (with a little tweak!)

# "Dear Editor,

Your description of the bonfire night celebrations in the last Spunyarn brought to mind bonfire night 1964. Early in October 1964 while I was visiting Wells-next-the-Sea, in Norfolk, I had the opportunity to acquire an old Lymington Scow which was in serious need of substantial TLC and as I was not very happy with the small plywood dinghy I used as a tender to Dunlin (Z15) I thought I would refurbish it in the spring and give it a new lease of life as my tender.

It was 10ft. long and had a small transom bow. It also had 3 broken ribs, one rib was missing, and the paint was flaking off all over. My car at that time was a Morris quarter ton van with a roof rack so it was lashed on top and we set off back to London.

At that time we lived in a flat with no access to a garden so the scow was driven around London for a couple of weeks on top of my van and spent quite a lot of time in the car park at County Hall where I worked and had a special relationship with the car park attendants. The next time that we drove to Gosport the scow was duly unloaded but I discovered that it was too awkward to get into the garden of 34 Chapel Street (150 yards from the club and which we owned as a weekend place) without taking down the back fence which was not part of plan A. Plan B was to put it in the Club compound so me and Ann with the help of Ken (Glamour) carried it round and put it in the far corner out of the way.

The next time we came to Gosport was in late February 1965 and as I fancied myself as an amateur shipwright I was looking forward to the challenge of steaming some timbers to fit the ribs. I walked into the compound carrying my tools and a length of cast iron rain pipe with one end blocked with a concrete plug and went over to the corner where we had left the scow - but it wasn't there. Somebody must have moved it! I toured the compound but could not find it. Of course! Some one must have nicked it. I went into the clubhouse and the first person I met was Ted Milborn (Club Mooring Officer):

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**"Ted! Someone has nicked my Lymington Scow"**

**"What?" said Ted " I didn't know you had one"**

**"Yes" I said " I got it last October and put it in the far corner of the compound. I am going to do it up and use it as tender for my Victory boat"**

**"What is it like?"**

**"It has a transom bow, three broken ribs and the paint is all flaking off."**

**There was a short pause. Then something happened which I had never seen before nor since. Ted Milborn looked embarrassed. Then he said:**

**"Pete, you've had a bit of bad luck. We put it on the fire bonfire night"**

**"YOU DID WHAT?"**

**"Well, we were clearing rubbish out of the compound to build up the fire and the scow was obviously a wreck and too far gone to be worth anything and nobody seemed to know who it belonged to, so we burnt it."**

**"IT WAS MINE"**

**A very sharp exchange of views took place. It wasn't very long but I discovered I knew a few expletives which weren't very polite.**

**With the hindsight of the 54 years since then, and calm reflection, the club probably did me a favour really. I got several weekends' sailing that summer which I would have missed if I had carried out my plan to refurbish it."**

**I note with interest and approval that the new rule 30 includes the statement "The club will not tolerate ... wilful destruction of property either to others or the club"**

**PETER KIRBY.**

**Club Compound in 1960's »**



# WINTER WONDERLAND

The Children's Christmas party was a success and young and old enjoyed the entertainment provided by Adam the Music Man. Followed by the traditional picnic box and a visit to the grotto which wowed with a theme of 'Winter Wonderland' and a special guest the big man himself.. Santa, despite this time of year being his busiest period!

Many thanks to Erika Dyke, Santa and the elves for organizing and running the event, to the galley for supplying the food and to Adam the Music Man for keeping the children out of mischief.





## CRUISER RACE

### WINNERS

1. **Jim Seager - Avalon**
2. **Sue Roberts - Aidos**
3. **Brian/Ben Salmon - Boomerang**

A total of seven boats lined up for the start.

Thank you to Steve & Miranda who took time out from the race to take this great photo

# BOXING DAY RACING

## DINGHY RACE

### WINNERS

1. **Scott Butler**
2. **Mike Lee**
3. **Jeff Jackson**

A total of four dinghies took part.

Thank you Bianca Cornick for supplying the photo



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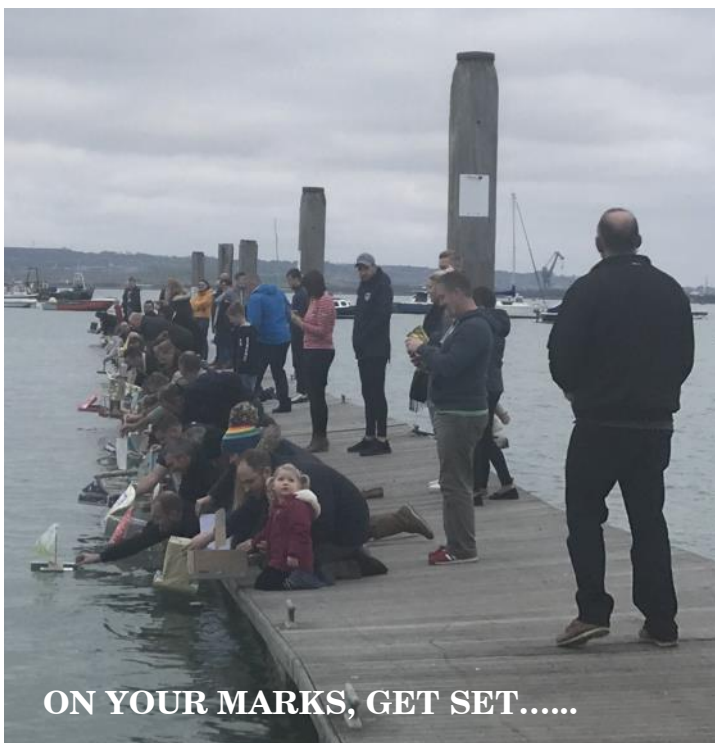
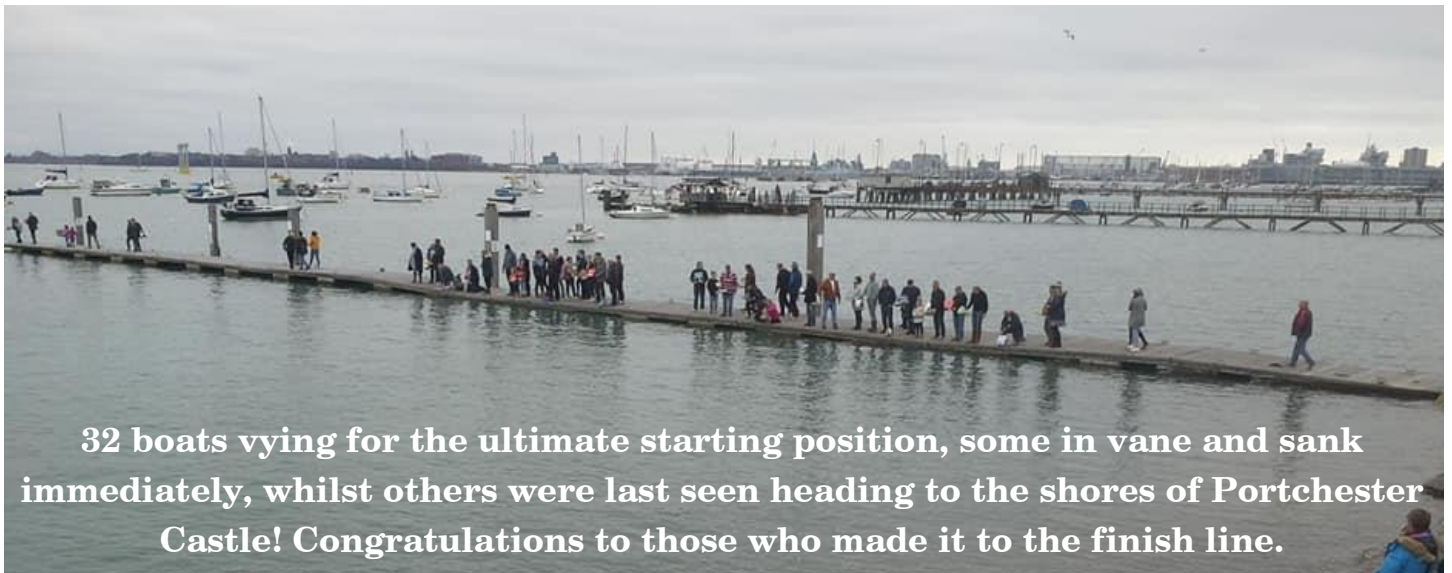
# PAPER BOAT RACE

## WINNERS OF UNDER 18'S

1. Olive & Edi Seager
2. Rory Mizen
3. Ollie Davis

## WINNERS OF OVER 18'S

1. Brian Aitkenhead
2. Mikey Barron
3. Jack Roberts





## GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

December is full of festive favourites for members of all age groups and one of the most popular for the adult members is the annual Christmas raffle. The board went up early in October and it quickly became obvious that this year was going to be a big draw as the board filled quickly.

The usual selection of beer, spirits, chocolate and the like were topped off with three major prizes of £200 cash, a Samsung tablet and a floating hand-held vhf radio. Some members enjoyed a three course Christmas lunch organised by the galley contractor prior to the draw, and everyone enjoyed a free mince pie and mulled wine during the event.

The lucky winners of the three top prizes were Ian Potter with £200, the tablet went to the bar girls Kay & Jade and the floating radio was won by Tom Aitkenhead. Thanks goes to Erika and Rich Dyke who orchestrated the whole event. Extended thanks also goes to the rest of Erika's family who were press ganged on the day to help make it happen.

### Energy Saving Reminder

**If you are the last to  
leave the room,  
please turn off  
the lights!**



### KEITH'S CRACKS

Take my advice.  
Don't use the new Tesco dating  
service...  
My mate did and he ended up with  
a bag for life...



# CHRISTMAS CUPCAKE CLASS

SEE PAGE 10 for details of next class



# HAPPY New Year 2019

New Years Eve celebrations had the club room bursting at the seams with standing room only for most of the night. (thank goodness for the extension!)

Music provided by a disco saw youngsters bopping and the older members aided by alcohol up dancing the night away and welcoming in 2019.

At the stroke of midnight everyone congregated out on the balcony to admire the great spectacle provided from numerous firework displays being held all around Portsmouth Harbour.

Many thanks to the DJ Les for a great nights music, the galley for supplying basket meals and to the bar staff who were kept on their toes all evening



**Hardway Sailing Club**

# **74th Annual General Meeting**

**Friday 11th January 2019**

**1930hrs**

**Venue: The Clubhouse, 103 Priory Road, Hardway, Gosport. PO12 4LF**

The club bar will be open prior to the meeting, but will close when the meeting commences and will remain closed for the duration of the meeting. Once the meeting is closed the bar will reopen for normal service until time is called at 1130 hrs.



**The Club Committee board is now displayed in the clubroom!**

**Do you have some spare time and are you willing to make a difference?**

## **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, Nobody**

A team had four members called **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody**, and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done. **Everyone** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it.

Nobody realized that's **Everybody's** job.

**Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

# Cupcake Class

*A perfect treat to relax , meet new friends and gain new skills which will teach you how to decorate & yummy cupcakes with an "Under the Sea" theme*

**Monday 14th January 6.30-9pm**

**Limited Spaces Available**

**everything is provided and with free hot drinks**

**£20.00**

**Please book in with Ali @ The Galley with a non refundable £5 deposit to secure your place**

**[alinjut@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alinjut@yahoo.co.uk)**



# BURNS NIGHT



## A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

### ROBERT BURNS

**Friday 25th January @ 19.30 pm**

**Hardway Sailing Club**

#### Menu

**Scotch Broth Soup**

**Haggis, Neeps and Tatties**

**Cranachan**

**A wee Drum**

**Book at the Galley with a £5 non refundable deposit**

**£17 per person**

**Closing date to book 18th January**

**ANY QUERIES CONTACT TOR [v-stokes@hotmail.com](mailto:v-stokes@hotmail.com)**









## HSC CLUB QUIZ

@ Hardway  
Sailing Club

**SAT 19th JAN**

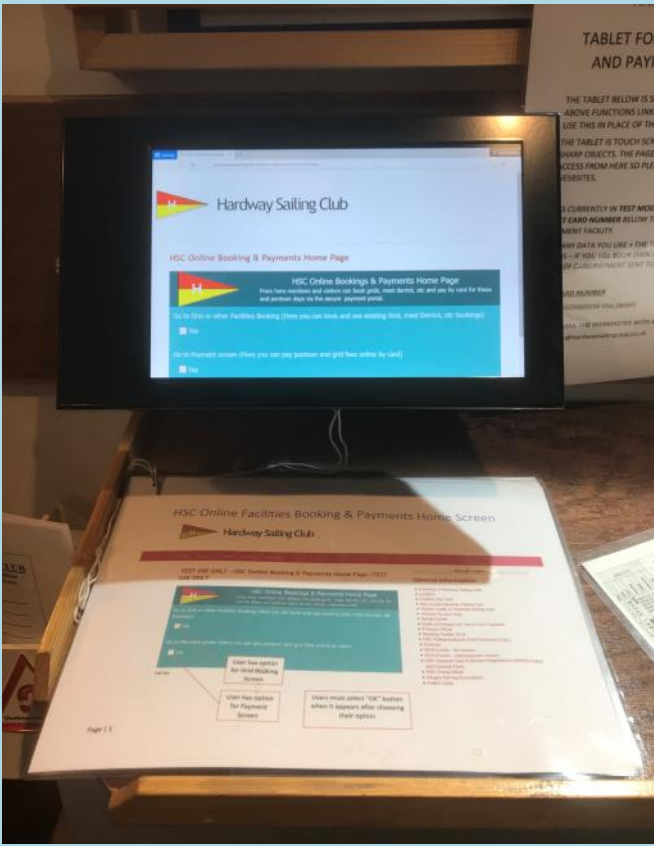
**1930 START**

## HSC INTERCLUB CLUB QUIZ

@ Gosport  
Cruising Club

**SAT 23rd FEB**

**1930 START**



## ONLINE BOOKING & PAYMENT HAS GONE LIVE!

You will notice by the grid/etc booking diary  
by the front door of the clubhouse the  
electronic tablet has been in place on test  
screen for the last couple of weeks. This has  
now gone live for use and the grid/etc  
booking diary is now obsolete. Members are  
reminded it is for the sole use of booking the  
grids/etc, and secure payment for services  
used. If used for anything other than the  
above this constitutes misuse of HSC club  
equipment, ALL activity on this tablet is  
being monitored.

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## **WHATS ON IN FEBRUARY 2019**

**Sat 23rd Feb Interclub Quiz @ Gosport CC**

**Thur 28th Feb**

**Final date to pay Membership subscriptions**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY  
JUNIOR WEEK  
2019  
W/C 29th JULY



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