

# NAB TOWER PURSUIT 2019

## News Release

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### **Nab Tower Pursuit 2019 raises over £4,500 for charities**

The Nab Tower Pursuit got off to a fine start at 10am on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> June. They left GAFIRS slipway buoy, with SALT HEART, skippered by Kevin Raine, leading the way. The Mayor of Gosport Kathleen Jones, her husband and several other VIPs were able to watch the Pursuit from the fast patrol launch HSL102. A brisk southerly breeze helped the yachts as they began the Pursuit out to the Nab Tower, a distance of some 10 miles.

All yachts finished by just after 2pm and were able to get ashore and prepare for the evening's festivities. The prize-giving took place at Hornet Services Sailing Club and our principal VIP, the Mayor of Gosport Kathleen Jones, graciously agreed to present them. ASSASSIN, skippered by Mark Brown, was this year's overall winner, having accumulated the most points. Mark took home the Gosport Challenge Cup as well as a lift-out and relaunch for his yacht, courtesy of Premier Marinas' Endeavour Quay.

The most contested prize was awarded to the yacht that raised the most amount of money for their chosen charity. The prize went to BOMBADIER III skippered by Matthew Sleaf, which was sponsored by Abby Thomson's Sisters Inn Arms. They raised £866 for the Step by Step charity.

Other prize-winners and the full Pursuit results can be viewed on the website and Facebook page. There are also many splendid images available online, courtesy of the world-famous Tall Ships photographer, Max Mudie. A special mention must also go to our sponsors: YouBoat, Sisters Inn Arms and ASTO.

Charities who benefitted from the event include Oarsome Chance, The James Myatt Memorial Trust, Cancer Research UK, Alzheimers Research UK, the Jo Glover Trust, Step by Step and Gosport Marine Futures, the charitable arm of Gosport Marine Scene that provides opportunities for local Gosport and Portsmouth youngsters to engage with all things marine and maritime.

Hornet Services Sailing Club, who hosted the event for GMS, laid on a superb barbecue, and a special thanks must go to Arty Shaw and his excellent team.

Nab Tower Pursuit Director Peter Newell says: "Another highly successful Pursuit to the Nab Tower and back, our fourth organised by Gosport Marine Scene, with some quite challenging weather and the occasional rain squall, which all participating yachts were able to deal with well. All skippers and crews are to be congratulated on making the most of a very enjoyable event while, at the same time, raising over four and a half thousand pounds for their chosen charities. We look forward to seeing them return next year with their sights set on raising even more money for their charities."

We're already looking forward to next year's Nab Tower Pursuit, scheduled to take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Make a note in your diary now!

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