

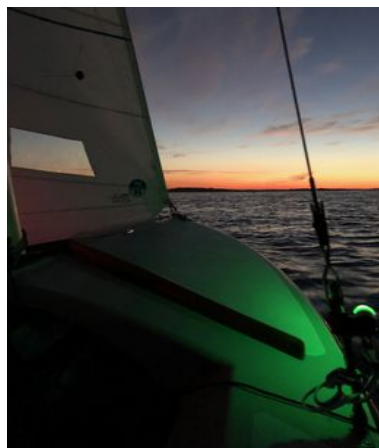
## Night Sail in Poole Harbour - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

As we were approaching the end of what was the most perfect sailing season and realising that we had not sailed as much as we would have liked due to work commitments our minds wondered onto other ways we might utilise our sturdy and dependable little boat.

As a long-distance cruiser at heart and with a real passion for night sailing it was decided. A night sail around Poole harbour was just the ticket. We arrived at the haven with at least an hour of good daylight at the end of yet another perfect late summer day in September. This time our usual race kit was supplemented with an outboard motor, navigation lights, food and drink, a torch and a VHF radio.



We set off in light conditions and headed toward the harbour mouth on the last of the ebb and had a glorious sail with a perfect sun setting over Arne that sunk into the horizon like a giant red tomato. It was quite something.



At the same time, we switched on our navigation lights and received a very positive compliment from the Brownsea island bosun as we sailed close by for having such bright illuminations in such a little boat!

All too soon we were in South Deep and the tide had turned to flood; so, with it now almost dark we decided to make our way back home using the strong tide to our advantage.

Two smiling Dayboaters arrived back at the haven having had, possibly, the most satisfying cruise of the year and we shall make sure that we repeat the same in 2019.