

# A BOTTLE OF RARE SINGLE MALT FOR ELEANOR

PISC's annual "Rare Single Malt Race" was held on Saturday 28 February. As usual we presented a good mixed fleet of dinghies including Wayfarers, Kestrels and a beautiful Osprey. The Sponsor and Club member Ian capped this by treating the spectators to a wonderful display in his magnificent Hobie 21.

Many non sailing visitors to Agios Georgios are often confused whilst they watch racing. "Why do the boats go in different directions when they are all making for the same place?" (a big yellow buoy called "a mark"), and "How come the boat that finished first did not win?"

Answers to the first question are what makes sailing such a fascinating, mentally challenging sport. The answer to the second question involves the most argued phrase in a sailors vocabulary "PY Number". Calculated by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) from thousands of statistics in UK Sailing Clubs so that ideally, in any race, all boats should cross the finishing line at the same time - this assumes that the helm and crew of each boat have the same skills and experience. They do not. And they do not.

Hence the post sail "debate". Finally, just to make a point, in this Single Malt Race the order of crossing the finishing line was Hobie 21; Osprey; Kestrels and finally Wayfarers.



Phil and Alan with big smiles, the Sponsor Ian and Vice Commodore Paul.

Photo by Chris Scorer

The winner was the first Wayfarer "Eleanor" and the magnificent Hobie came nowhere! Aaagh this is sailing.

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