

## SOVEREIGN SHINES

### SHINING A LIGHT ON LOCAL CHARITIES

Last month the local community of Sovereign Harbour braved the cold weather and donned their boats and houses in festive lights for Sovereign Shines 2020 which raised over £500 for the local RNLI lifeboat and Defiant Sports – an inclusive, not-for-profit organisation which believes in getting and keeping people active to improve their well-being and quality of life.

Celebrating its fifth year, this year's Sovereign Shines was a collaboration between Premier Marinas, the Sovereign Harbour Berth Holders' Association and The Rotary Club; as well as helping raise funds for both charities the aim was to give boat owners and the local community an opportunity for some festive fun.

Daniel Heckford, Sovereign Harbour's Marina Manager said: "This year we wanted to channel positive energy into a good cause and the community really embraced the challenge to make the harbour light up for Christmas. It's been incredibly hard for charities to raise funds in this COVID-19 climate and so we set up an online fundraising page to raise monies for them both, so the opportunity wasn't lost."

Managing Director of Defiant Sports, Loretta Lock was incredibly grateful to receive the donation: "We are currently raising funds towards an interactive touch table which is particularly useful for those with dementia or learning disabilities. The total needed is around £6,000 and with the money from Sovereign Shines we now have just under £2,000 still to find. A huge thank you from Defiant Sports for helping us support those with barriers to participation to get active."

Mark Sawyer, full time Coxswain at Eastbourne RNLI Lifeboat Station added: "We are incredibly grateful to Premier and all involved in this event. These are difficult times for charities and every penny counts. All the money goes straight toward saving lives at sea."

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### **Sovereign Shines 2020 - Winner Announcement List**

#### **WINNERS LIST FOR SOVEREIGN SHINES 2020**

A fundraising exercise to raise monies for the local RNLI lifeboat and Defiant Sports. Thank you to all that took part in the illuminations. We have raised over £500 in total for the charities and will be collecting for them until the end of December. Donations can still be made [here](#).

A special mention to the [Sovereign Harbour Berth Holders' Association](#) and The Rotary Club that have worked tirelessly to spread the word and bring in a fantastic array of prizes.

#### Boat Category

**Best Boat** - Boat name, 'Christy', North Harbour. Prize, 10 Day Lift Out & Pressure Wash, courtesy of [Premier Marinas](#).

## Other winners

Runner Up - Boat name, 'Mr Toad', North Harbour. Prize, a £65 dining voucher, courtesy of [4 Seasons](#).

Runner Up 2 - Boat name, 'Franjo', North Harbour. Prize, a basket of goodies, courtesy of [Waitrose](#).

Little and Pretty Display - Boat name, 'The Ivy D' Inner Harbour. Prize, [Bistro Pierre](#) 2 Course Meal for 2.

Best Rainbow Illuminations - Boat name, 'Caracymba', Inner Harbour. Prize, a £65 dining voucher, courtesy of [Thai Marina](#).

Judges Choice - Boat name, 'Indulgence', Inner Harbour. Prize, luxury chocolate, courtesy of [Only CoCo Chocolates](#).

## Residential Category

**Best Property** - Peter French. Prize, Luxury Food & Drink Hamper.

## Other winners

Runner Up - Keith & Maggie de Vos. Prize, a £65 dining voucher, courtesy of [Pablos](#).

Best Rainbow Illuminations - Katherine Smedley. Prize, a £65 dining voucher, courtesy of [Simply Italian](#).

Best Children's Display - Robert Hawkins. Prize, 10 Pin Bowling Voucher and board game.

Little & Pretty Display - Roger Powell. Prize, Langham Afternoon Tea for 2, courtesy of [Langham Hotel Eastbourne](#).

Judges Choice - Chris Underwood. Prize, Hamper, courtesy of [Morrisons](#).

**Prizes can be collected from Sovereign Harbour's Marina Reception. Please call 01323 470 099 in advance so a team member can ensure your prize is ready. If you live in Tier 4 please do not travel to collect your prize - it will be kept safe until restrictions are lifted and you can attend site.**

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