

Invitation for Nominations

Rob Cartwright *Trophy*

Awarded to a young windsurfer who demonstrates fun, passion for the sport, enthusiasm and a commitment to windsurfing – these are the values represented by the Rob Cartwright Trophy.

This stunning perpetual trophy can be seen at the Youth & Masters Championships each autumn in Weymouth, where it will be awarded to one young sailor. Nominations are put forward by RYA Zone Coaches and T15 Competition Organisers for sailors, who, in their opinion, have demonstrated throughout the season, the core values that the trophy represents.

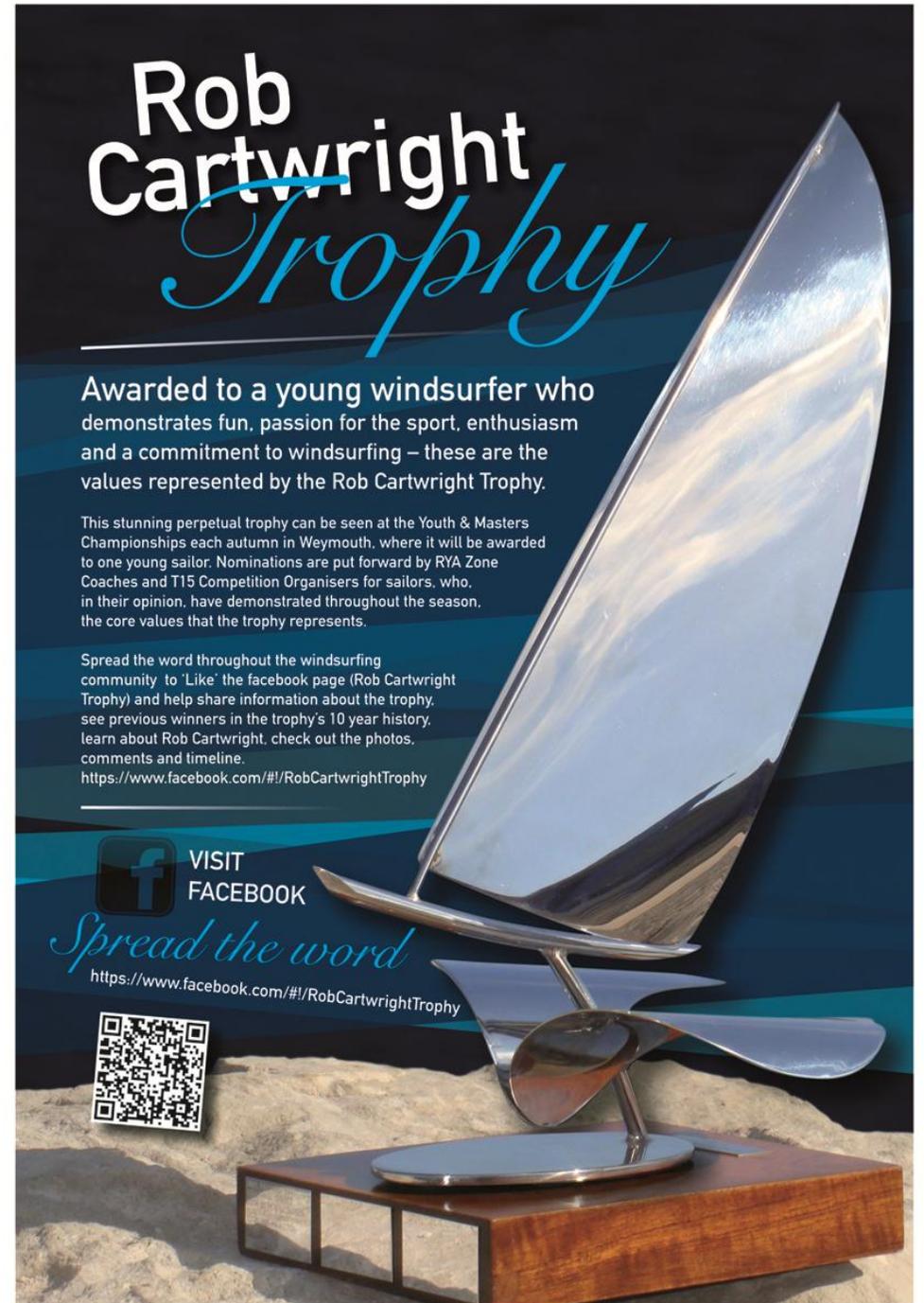
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The Rob Cartwright Trophy

This stunning perpetual trophy is awarded each autumn at the Youth & Masters Championships in Weymouth, in memory of Rob Cartwright, a young windsurfer who endeavoured to have fun on the water and demonstrated a passion, enthusiasm and commitment to the sport of windsurfing.

Nominations (with reasons and examples) are invited from sailors, parents and volunteers and particularly encouraged from RYA Zone Coaches and T15 Competition Organisers, for sailors who, in their opinion, have demonstrated throughout the season, the core values that the trophy represents.

Rob Cartwright (aged 12) loved windsurfing and could always be seen with a smile on his face, going as fast as he possibly could and 'normally' in the right direction!

Rob was a member of the RYA West Zone Windsurfing Squad whilst his older sister Sarah, also a talented sailor, had been a member of the RYA National Youth Squad. "Rob was a fantastic squad member; he was friends with all the other sailors in the squad and regarded as a joy to coach", so said Helen Cartwright, his RYA Coach at the time, who shared the same surname but was unrelated. "Whilst not always winning every competition, he would always enjoy himself and never gave-up".

The family attended an RYA Zone Windsurfing Squad event, which Rob had entered and it was on the way home from this event that Robert was tragically killed, along with his father Phil, when their car was involved in a head-on collision. Rob's mother Pat was seriously injured and has made a remarkable recovery. Sarah, who was also injured, has continued to be involved in the sport of windsurfing and coaches the up and coming youngsters of today.

It is a great honour each year, to have Pat and Sarah in attendance at the Youth and Masters Championships, to present the trophy in person to an inspiring individual. Past winners of the Rob Cartwright Trophy include Richard Hamilton, Paul Sibley, Beth Williamson, Finlay Forster-Davies, Izzy Hamilton, Lindsay Smith, Matt Brown, Adam Purcell, Max Bushell and Emily Hall.

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Nominations for the trophy and where you come in!

We ask that you take a look at the young windsurfers of today, within your squads, teams, competitions and clubs to identify and nominate the Windsurfer(s) who you feel best personify the values of the trophy and what windsurfing meant to Robert. Essentially these values were to have fun, enthusiasm, commitment and passion – it does not necessarily need to go to a top performer, but can be whomever you feel may suit this accolade.

Please send your nomination to Jules at the RYA (jules.smyth@rya.org.uk), before **Wednesday 3rd October 2012** or hand them to Bob Ingram (UKWA) in the Race Office at the RYA/UKWA Youth & Masters Championships at Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, stating who you're nominating and the reasons why **by no later than Saturday 6th October**.

The trophy will be presented at prize giving on Sunday 7th October 2012.

Voter Name:
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I would like to vote for: **Age:**
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Reason you feel they should be awarded the Robert Cartwright Memorial Trophy?

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