

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.

Spread the word throughout the windsurfing community to 'Like' the facebook page (Rob Cartwright Trophy) and help share information about the trophy. see previous winners in the trophy's 10 year history. learn about Rob Cartwright, check out the photos, comments and timeline.
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The Rob Cartwright Trophy

This stunning perpetual trophy will be awarded on the 16th September as part of the National Windsurfing Championships at Rutland Sailing Club. The trophy is 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 can be put forward by anyone who is involved with, T15, Techno and RSX, sailors, parents, coaches and volunteers. You can nominate sailors who, in your 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, friends with all the other sailors in the squad and was regarded as a joy to coach", as his RYA Coach at the time said. "Whilst not always winning every competition, he would always enjoy himself and never gave-up, finishing virtually every race he entered".

The family attended an RYA Zone Windsurfing training weekend, and it was on the way home on the Saturday 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, coaching and volunteering.

It is a great honour each year, to have Pat and Sarah in attendance at the 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, Emily Hall, Rob York and Matt Barton and Matt and Josh Carey, Zed Spencer Milnes, Erin and Islay Watson and James Faley.

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Nominations for the trophy and where you come in

We ask that you look to the sailors and squads in your regions, to nominate the Windsurfer who you feel best personifies 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 be awarded to a top performer, but can be whomever you feel may suit this accolade.

Please put up the attached poster in your club and hand out to people to maximise awareness of the trophy.

Please send your nomination to Sarah Sibley sarah.sibley@rya.org.uk or hand in to your Zone Coach or at the Race Office at UKWA events, stating who you're nominating and the reasons why **by no later than Saturday 15th September**.

The trophy will be presented at prize giving on Sunday 16th September 2018.

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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