

The Rob Cartwright Trophy

This stunning perpetual trophy is awarded as part of the National Windsurfing Championships, it is in memory of Rob Cartwright, a young windsurfer who always had fun on the water and did so with an abundance of passion, enthusiasm, and commitment to the sport of windsurfing, these are the core values this trophy celebrates.

Nominations can be put forward by anyone, sailors, parents, coaches and volunteers. You can nominate any windsurfer who, in your opinion, demonstrates 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, Izzy Hamilton, Max Bushell, Emily Hall, Rob York and Matt Barton and Matt and Josh Carey, Zed Spencer Milnes, Erin and Islay Watson, James Faley, Catrin Williams, Oscar Shaw and Charlie Bennett.

Spread the word throughout the windsurfing community, 'Like' the Facebook page (Rob Cartwright Trophy) and help share information about the trophy, read all about the previous winners in the trophy's history, learn about Rob Cartwright, check-out the photos of winners and coaches comments and timeline.

<https://www.facebook.com/RobCartwrightTrophy>

Nominations for the trophy are 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.

The trophy will be awarded on Sunday 24th September at Grafham Water Sailing Club – anyone you nominate must be there to receive the trophy.

If you would prefer to fill in an online form please use this QR code



Please hand completed paper forms into the Race Office, by latest 1200 on Sunday 24th September.

Voter Name:

Are you? (circle): participant parent coach other

Tel:

I would like to vote for:

Fleet:

Reason you feel they should be awarded the Robert Cartwright Trophy?