

## THE MARTIN BROOM MEMORIAL TROPHY

NSBA President Prof. Richard Card introduced the award of the Martin Broom Trophy to Bryan Read for his services to the Hunter Fleet, in the absence of Jennifer Broom, who had a prior appointment. Neville Khambatta, on behalf of the Norfolk Heritage Fleet Trust (Hunter's Yard) spoke on the many achievements of Bryan Read, not least his work on saving the Hunter Yard and Fleet after Norfolk County Council decided to put it up for sale in 1995. Bryan has chaired the Norfolk Heritage Fleet Trust from its inception on 1st April 1996 until 2016. Bryan responded giving us the benefit of his long association with the Broads, including recollections of the 1936 floods which inundated large tracts of the Broads, and of his time serving the Port and Haven Commissioners in Great Yarmouth at the time when coastal shipping routinely used the Yare up the Norwich.

### History

All who knew Martin Broom were saddened when he passed away. Martin will go down in Broads history as a wise, unassuming and tireless worker for boating on the Broads. His record for contribution to the administration and well-being of boating is without equal. After consultation with Martin's widow, Jennifer, the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association's General Purposes Committee decided that

each year the NSBA should offer to award a trophy in Martin's name for an outstanding contribution to Broads' boating. For this purpose, 'outstanding contribution to Broads boating' is not limited to any particular context. It could, for example, be awarded on the basis of work behind the scenes, contribution in the commercial boating sector, contribution to training, or a combination of such things.

The trophy made by Lorna Betts, a skilled master craftsman was designed using the silver spoons won over the years by Martin in his racing boats on the Broads.

The Trophy can be awarded to an individual, a group of individuals or an organisation. Nominations must be made either by an affiliated club or organisation of the NSBA or by two individual members of the NSBA. The nomination must be in writing. It must state why the nomination is being made and include factual information in support. The closing date for nominations is 30 September in any year. The nomination must reach the Hon Administrator (e-mail: [julia.bower1@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.bower1@btinternet.com)) by 11:59 hrs on that day.

Martin Broom Trophy awarded to

2014 – Nancy Oldfield Trust

2015 – Broadsbeat

2016 – Bryan Read



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