

TIM WHELPTON TROPHY

Brian Wilkins invited Anne Whelpton and William Pank to come forward for the award of the 2016 Tim Whelpton Trophy. Anne introduced the trophy as being awarded to a Broadland sailor who is under 25 and has done well nationally and internationally. She said that so far it has only been awarded to girls. This year the trophy was awarded to Will Pank who is the first boy. Brian then set out Will's many achievements this year and asked him some questions about his sailing career which Will answered eloquently and was very entertaining.

History

Tim Whelpton died suddenly and unexpectedly at a function at RNSYC in March 2009. Anne, Tim's widow, decided to honour his name and achievements by commissioning a trophy to be awarded for young person under 25 who had done well internationally or nationally.

NSBA was honoured to have had it presented by Anne Whelpton, widow of the yachtsman and boat builder. This piece of silver sculpture, which depicts the spirit of speed sailing, will be awarded by the NSBA to the under 25-year-old young sailor who is considered to have achieved excellence either at national or international level. Tim himself, as a young Broads sailor, achieved excellence at international level in the International Star class. He won the Olympic Trials at Lowestoft for the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games but was not chosen to represent GB because of his relative youth.

The trophy's design echoes that of the Crossbow asymmetric catamarans, in which Sir Timothy Colman held the World Sailing Speed record for 14 years (reaching 36 knots), and in whose building Tim was involved at the Eastwood Whelpton yard. The trophy was the idea and design of Andrew Anderson in the memory of Tim and crafted by Tim's godson, Peter Tillett. The Eastwood Whelpton yard was involved with both boats – a new outrigger hull was built there for Crossbow 1 and the yard completely built Crossbow 2 to a different design.

Tim Whelpton Trophy awarded to:

- 2011 – Georgina Povall
- 2012 – Flip Foulds
- 2013 – Bryony Bennett-Lloyd
- 2014 – Carol Dugdale
- 2015 – not presented
- 2016 – William Pank



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