

2025 Sporting Achievement Awards – shortlisted nominations

Award No 1

Lambourne Shield

Awarded for an outstanding individual sporting achievement of the year by a boy or girl aged not less than eleven years and not more than eighteen years of age and who is a resident of Guernsey.

Nominations

Isla Bretel (Table Tennis)

Isla Bretel achieved a bronze medal at the prestigious Primary Schools International championships. Competing against strong opponents from Scotland, Wales, Jersey and Ireland, & England she showcased skill, focus, and resilience throughout the tournament.

Isla won her initial group, winning all her matches. In the quarter-final, she faced Scotland's number 1 Maria Cassino, who had defeated Bretel just 24 hours earlier in the team match. Displaying outstanding maturity and composure, she produced a flawless performance full of attacking verve and control, winning 11-6, 11-4, 11-7 to secure her place in the semi-finals.

The semi-final brought a tough challenge against top seed and eventual champion Cindy Xiao (England).

Leo Carpenter (Squash)

Another truly outstanding season for the young squash sensation. Leo finished 15th in his age category (the second highest placed British player) in the world's biggest and most prestigious annual event for U13 Boys, the British Junior Open.

He was selected by England Squash as one of just four U13 boys to play for the victorious England South team, in the South vs North "Battle of the Border".

His England Boys U13 ranking rose to #9 over the course of the year.

This was his third successive year as Hampshire county champion in his age category.

He lead the Hampshire Boys U13 team to 5th place in the national county finals.

He played at number 1 for the exceptional Elizabeth College team who finished runners up in the England Squash National Schools Championship.

He co-organised and promoted a sponsored Squash-a-thon to raise funds to subsidise the cost of travel for junior squash, raising over £3,200.

Chloe de la Mare (Padel)

Chloe, at the age of just 15, has had another outstanding year playing padel. She has won a number of LTA National titles in both junior and adult categories. In May she reached the UK number 1 ranking in the LTA Open Ladies' category (she is still ranked no 1 now) as well as holding the same ranking in both U18 and U16 categories. She was selected to represent Great Britain at the Junior World Championships where she was unbeaten. She was also selected as the reserve for the adult Ladies' GB Team for the European Championships. She continues to support local padel by playing in Island and County teams as well as assisting with all junior coaching sessions when she is on the island.

Luke Evans (Table Tennis)

Luke Evans achieved a bronze medal at the prestigious Primary Schools International championships. Competing against strong opponents from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Jersey, Isle of Man and Ireland, Luke showed focus, and resilience throughout the tournament.

Evans came runner-up in his initial group. Having lost his first match to a strong England player he bounced back winning all other matches, then beating Jersey's Jonty Porter in the last 16, who had beaten him in the team event 3-1 the previous day. He then met Ireland's number 2 Andrew Lowe who was a tricky pimpled bat player who he beat 3-0. In the Semi Final Luke met England number 1 Saisurya Kumar. The England junior quickly opened up a two-set lead. From this point, Evans changed his tactics, looping well off both wings to trouble his opponent, claiming the next two games to set up a decider which he eventually lost 11 – 8.

Emil Friedrich (Athletics)

Emil started 2025 in fantastic form – striking gold immediately at the Southern Indoor Championships in the 300m before repeating the trick at national level a few weeks later, becoming England U15 Champion. He then won another national title in the Indoor Pentathlon. Outdoors he showed his versatility in winning the 800m national title and taking silver at the prestigious English Schools Championships in the 300m. He also scooped several U15 Island Records across a number of events.

Barnaby Groves (Table Tennis)

15-year old Barney Groves rewrote Guernsey's table tennis history books in 2025.

He enjoyed an incredible run to a maiden Senior Open title at the Guernsey Table Tennis Association centre in October, in a Senior Group event.

Groves achieved this exceptional feat from the position of being unseeded, something which is not thought to have happened before and certainly not over the course of the past 25 years.

The difficulty in winning these blue riband Senior open tournaments cannot be denied, with no player outside of the leading half a dozen or so players having picked up titles before.

Impressive victories followed consecutively for the youngster in the latter stages of the competition, with a number coming against top Island players that he had not defeated before and it culminated with a tense 5 set triumph over the defending champion, Joshua Stacey.

Darcey Hodgson (Athletics)

17-year-old Darcey Hodgson had another outstanding year in the 800m. The young Sarnian took the Island Games title to upgrade her silver from 2023. Darcey also broke the Guernsey U20 and U23 records for the 400m hurdles in taking silver in Orkney in her first year in the event. The time of 63.27sec places her second on the senior all-time list behind Jay Peet. To top off her season, Darcey also snatched the Senior Island 600m record in a time of 1:34.53sec

Alex Hutchinson (Climbing)

Alex competed in The Youth Climbing Series 2025 in the London south east south region. He consistently competed well in a very tough region, always coming in the top 8 and finishing 4th and 6th on two occasions and coming 6th overall. He also competed in the England Climbing trials and a top 15 finish in lead Climbing (high walls and clipping in) secured him a place in the England foundation squad. One of the routes was on an 18m wall which makes his result all the more amazing, as the highest wall we have in Guernsey is only 7m high. We look forward to seeing how he continues to improve during 2026.

Chloe Ingrouille (Football)

Chloe has had an outstanding year since turning 16, representing Guernsey in the Women's Muratti win, and playing with GFC Women in the Southern Region Women's League before being signed by Plymouth Argyle and making appearances for both the U18 and Women's teams.

Zach Smith (Mountain Biking)

Zach Smith is a remarkable U15 rider whose exceptional achievements in mountain biking throughout 2025 have captured the attention of many.

Now at 15 years old, Zach continues to be the leading MTB rider locally, consistently challenging for the top spots in senior competitions. His commitment to the sport, along with his significant accomplishments, has truly distinguished him on both the domestic and UK national scenes. In addition to his national successes, Zach has also dominated the local scene by competing in the senior ranks, gaining invaluable experience that has contributed to his growth as a rider.

Zach joined the National Youth Ranks for the first time this year, securing his first top ten finish at Kirroughtree in Scotland. In addition, Zach continues to dominate in the Southern MTB Series securing one win and other podium places.

This achievement marks a significant milestone in his development as a competitive rider.

He also attended the Youth European Championships in Sweden, where he competed shoulder to shoulder with 263 other competitors from across Europe, further expanding his experience and skill set on an international stage.

Due to Zach's continued commitment to the sport, he was also identified as one of the top riders in the UK in his age category, with the potential to develop into a successful world-class athlete in the future. As a result, he is now part of Team GB's cycling Team (GBCT) and confirmed as an MTB - XC National School of Racing Foundation rider for 2025/2026. This prestigious program allocates only three spots in the UK, and from this cohort, a small number of riders will graduate onto the Great Britain Cycling Team Olympic Development Squad.

Notably Zach is the first rider in the Channel Islands to be offered this opportunity in the current format and should be congratulated on this achievement.

Zach's cumulative efforts throughout the season have led him to rank 11th nationally, demonstrating his consistent performance and commitment to improvement. Zach Smith's achievements in 2025 are a testament to his talent, hard work, and unwavering dedication to mountain biking. He serves as an inspiration to aspiring riders and is a proud ambassador for the sport in Guernsey.

Jessica Watson (Sailing)

Jess Watson's sailing year was both intensive and extensive. She competed at 5 National Events, a European Championship and was selected as one of the 9-strong British women's team for the U21 Woman's Championship.

She was the only female in the 4-strong Guernsey Team at the mixed gender/age Island Games. She narrowly missed out on an individual medal but helped to win Team Bronze.

She finished 2nd U19 girl at 2 National events and finished 3rd U19 girl at one other. At British Open and National Championship, she came away with a bronze medal for U19 girls.

At the end of 2025 Jess has climb to near the top of the British Youth ranking and is ranked 3rd U19 girl and 4th U21 female.

However, she still finds time to fit teaching sailing to beginners at the Guernsey Sailing Trust.

Award No 2

Beau Sejour Trophy

Awarded for the outstanding team performance of the year by a team comprised solely of Guernsey residents aged less than eighteen years of age.

Nominations

Beau Sejour Barracudas Relay Team (Swimming)

Louis Moherndl, Zack Maiden, Cooper Robinson and Henry Bolton, all aged 14 had but one goal on their minds when they headed to Winchester for the Hampshire County Championships. The four Barracuda swimmers, all ranked near the top of their age group, wanted to go for gold in both the 4 x 50m Freestyle and Medley relays.

In the Freestyle relay the Barracudas found themselves ahead after the 1st leg swum by Maiden in 27.48, Basingstoke Bluefins then produced an outstanding middle 100m and the Barracuda boys found themselves over 3 seconds behind when Bolton dived in on the anchor leg. No one was more surprised than the Basingstoke swimmers when Bolton swam past the Basingstoke anchor to take gold in a split time of 25.03.

In the Medley relay, the Barracuda boys once again found themselves up against the Basingstoke Bluefins team as the team to beat. Moherndl swam a solid backstroke leg with 4 teams on even footings, Maiden then swam an impressive 50m breaststroke to take the team into second place 2 seconds behind the Winchester City Penguins, Robinson then took control of the relay with an outstanding 50m butterfly in a time of 30.18 taking the team 3 seconds clear of the field, allowing Bolton to easily finish the job to take a second relay gold.

Elizabeth College KS3 Squash Team (Squash)

Elizabeth College entered the English National Schools Squash Championship in 2025. Whilst a Key Stage 3 team, they comprised 3 players from Year 7 and 2 from Year 8. They won their regional group against Sevenoaks and KCS Wimbledon schools, qualifying as one of the top 8 teams nationally for the finals in Edgbaston. The team won their quarter final and semi final, coming up against a Harrow School team in the grand final, losing 4-1. Harrow School was the school where squash was invented. This is a remarkable achievement by a young team to finish 2nd overall nationally.

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demonstrated exceptional teamwork and resilience throughout a challenging round-robin format, where every team played each other.

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Guernsey FA U16s (Football)

The Island U16 football team won the U16 Muratti for the first time since 2017, and winning the first male Muratti for a Guernsey side at Springfield since before COVID. In the game, Guernsey went behind and showed brilliant resilience to take the game to extra time and go on to win. The team also went on two trips to prepare for this game where they also represented the Island brilliantly.

Up Climbing Competition Squad (Climbing)

We had a team of up to 7, competing at the 4 YCS competitions this year.

All team members improved on numerous personal best results, with two coming in the top 8. A newcomer to the squad also achieved an amazing 11th place at her first ever competition. The team are a fantastic support to each other at training sessions and at each event and are great representatives for Climbing and Guernsey.

Zico FC U10 Bordeaux Cup squad (Football)

In April this year, a team of local footballers travelled to Bordeaux, France to compete in the Bordeaux Ocean Football Cup 2025. The boys have never travelled to a European tournament before and they were competing against teams with different languages and referees speaking French. The competition drew in teams from all around Europe and India.

The boys absolutely thrived in this experience and they won every single game in the group stages on day one, putting them through to the semifinals the next day. The weather was against them as it was treacherous rain on the Sunday, but they just got on with it! These lads worked so hard as a team and they won the semifinal placing them in final with a really strong opponent. They went down 1-0 in the final but battled through and eventually came out 3-2 WINNERS of the Bordeaux Ocean Cup! They lifted the trophy and brought the silverware back to Guernsey!

Award No 3

Sport Guernsey & Nautical Events Shield

Awarded to the years outstanding event organiser. This can be an individual, an event team leader, club or association who organised a sporting or nautical event in Guernsey in 2025.

Nominations

Leo Carpenter /Rocco Elliott (Squashathon)

Leo and Rocco came up with the idea of a squash-a-thon to raise funds for off island trips. Playing squash non-stop for 10 hours.

They created posters and set up social media accounts (with parents help) to advertise the event. Recruited sponsors for the event, as well as individual sponsorship.

The event raised over £3000.00...

Guernsey Football Association (Muratti Day)

The Guernsey FA hosted the 2025 Muratti day at Victoria Park on 17th May. The day started with the women's match where over 900 supporters came to watch, the first major event to be held at Victoria Park created a spectacular atmosphere with members of the School of Popular Music singing around the stadium. The women did not disappoint with an outstanding performance to entertain the crowd with the first game of the day

Once celebrations we finished for the women the stadium was cleared in preparation for the men's match. A corporate lunch was hosted on the grass training pitch in a wonderful marquee and guests we designated seats to watch the game, the remainder of the stadium was filled resulting in the stadium reaching full capacity of 3,019 people. The men provided more magic winning 3-1 to finish off a spectacular day at Victoria Park.

Guernsey Parkrun

The Guernsey parkrun volunteer team have been nominated 3 times before in this category and whilst other nominees and winners have come and gone, the local parkrun volunteer group continues to roll out weekly free 5k events on L'Ancrese Common at Pembroke. By the end of 2025 Guernsey parkrun will have notched up over 450 weekly events since inception in 2016, now even including Christmas Day, and is a fixture of the local scene. Every week now over 200 parkrunners and 20+ volunteers will be involved on the day and it's a core group of volunteers that make this event possible every week. It isn't simply about hosting a free running event, because sport is a gateway to promoting a culture of togetherness and wellbeing and that of volunteering and giving back to the community. This is core to the parkrun philosophy, and the parkrun volunteer group are to be commended for ensuring that an event like this has a long-term presence in Guernsey.

Guernsey Raiders (Channel Islands Rugby International Match)

Siam rivals became teammates in May when Guernsey and Jersey players joined forces to play the Sweden national team in an 'international' at Footes Lane. The idea for an international match originated in the Guernsey Rugby Club boardroom as the committee looked for ways to raise funds in a 'fallow' year when they were not hosting the Siam and it turned into a big success as a four-figure crowd saw the CI win the inaugural Spring Insure Granite Trophy clash 66-28 on a night of entertaining rugby played out in a party atmosphere, described as 'very different to Siam, but absolutely fantastic,' by Anthony Armstrong who scored a hat-trick for the winners.

Karl Marshall (Guernsey Rally)

Whilst motorsport can often be referred to as Marmite (love it or hate it), Karl Marshall has been taking part in motorsport all of his life. A proud Guernsey man with a love of cars and one who has competed for many years in various racing events, with later years also concentrating more on organising and being a front man.

The Guernsey Rally has without doubt been his biggest challenge to date. To secure one of Guernsey's most complex and high profile events as this each year and organise it so professionally and safely, deserves recognition. Karl's knowledge and expertise of the Rally and other motorsport events which he's very much involved in, exceeds all capabilities and he does this tirelessly with modesty, encouragement, empathy and consideration towards our environment and a minority who perhaps don't share the same interest. The Guernsey Rally takes a whole year to plan and this man knows every step of that process to continue to make it so successful and keep it on the world wide rally map. His leadership and planning talent doesn't stop with the Guernsey Rally, previously as leader of one of the clubs for years, still helping with hillclimbs, karting, sandracing championships, car seafront events and anything else he can find time for.

Such a great achievement for someone who had a dream of a Rally in Guernsey which no one else thought was possible and has made it awesome, some might say even the biggest and best event Guernsey has.

Award No 4

Guernsey Sports Commission Small Team Trophy (4 and under members)

Awarded for the outstanding team performance of the year to a team containing four or less competitors comprised solely of Guernsey residents.

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Guernsey Island Games Bowls Women's Pairs Team

Guernsey bowler Rose Ogier took women's singles gold in Orkney before teaming up with Julie Williams to win the women's title, upgrading the silver she won at pairs at the home games in Guernsey 2023.

Ogier and Williams dominated the greens of Kirkwall, winning four of their five fixtures beating the home pairing of Rendall and McConnachie into silver medal place.

Guernsey Island Games Sailing Team (Sailing)

The Guernsey Yacht Club Team comprising juniors Monty Desforges and Jessica Watson, who complemented adult sailors Darragh Lee and David Aslett, came away from the Island Games with a team bronze medal.

The team fielded two of the youngest participants in the competition both aged 17 competing in a mixed aged and mixed gender event. The competition comprised 10 races held over 5 arduous days with up to 4 hours on the water each day which tested both mental and physical resilience.

Unlike most sailing competitions, it was a collective team event whereas normally it is restricted to solo participation. This made tactical decision-making imperative so as not to materially disadvantage the overall results for the team.

In the final analysis Monty Desforges was only one point off an individual medal with Jess Watson 4 points away.

Guernsey Island Games Women's Triathlon Team

The Guernsey women achieved a three-peat of Island Games golds at Orkney 2025, backing up their wins at Guernsey 2023 and Gibraltar 2019. 18-year-old Hannah Kennedy led the way with a courageous performance for individual silver, while Games veteran and flag bearer Amy Critchlow cracked the top five. Chloe Truffitt completed the counting three in seventh. They finished nearly 13 minutes clear of team silver medallists Shetland and their strength in depth was apparent even beyond that - battling on through injury, Lindsay Sword had come home in eighth and within 90 seconds of teammate Chloe. The team also showed plenty of future promise: Hannah and Lindsay were in their first Games, although Hannah had competed as a swimmer before, Chloe only in her second.

Alison and Ian Merrien (Bowls)

Ali and Ian Merrien represented Guernsey at the World Bowls Indoor Championships in Aberdeen in April 2025. This event comprises of men's and ladies' singles and mixed pairs. Despite good success in the singles, Ali and Ian really excelled in the pairs event. Of the 32 pairs entries from the 32 countries which took part, Ali and Ian achieved a bronze medal with only the home country powerhouses of England, Wales and Scotland ranking in the same or higher position. This is an excellent example of a small team putting Guernsey on a world stage.

TPA Coxed Men's Quad (Rowing)

The crew of James Coquelin, James Travers, Tim Nicolle and Simon Johns coxed by Lloyd Le Page not only won the domestic rowing club championship in their class for the fourth year in a row they were also first boat across the line in both the major endurance races, the Sark to Jersey and the Gorey to Carteret beating strong opposition from both Jersey and France. This was an exceptional performance from the crew who have swept aside all challengers on the water for several years, won the Sark to Jersey three times – it might have been four if the 2023 race hadn't been cancelled.

Award No 5

Baroness Tanni-Grey Thompson Trophy

The Para-Sport Athlete(s) with a Physical Impairment.

Winner to be announced on the night

Ferbrache & Farrell Trophy (learning impairment)

The Para-Sport Athlete(s) with a Learning Disability.

Winner to be announced on the night

Award No 6

Guernsey Sports Commission Team Trophy (Over 4 members)

Awarded for the outstanding performance of the year by a team containing more than four competitors comprised solely of Guernsey residents.

Nominations

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Guernsey Dynamics FC (Football)

The Guernsey Dynamics football team went to George Best Community cup in Belfast again this year achieving a Silver medal in the competition. The team are developing and improving week by week and this is the highest finish they have achieved in the cup in the years they have been playing in it. They are becoming a team of players, welcoming new players and involving them in their sport. It's great to see them developing and looking forward to what they can achieve within disability sport. The players support each other and everyone is involved when they are training. They are supported by the coaches and it's great to see the players playing each week.

Guernsey Island Games Cycling Team (Cycling)

The story starts in Nov 2024 when the number of riders looking to represent Guernsey on the cycling at the 2025 Island Games had, for a number of reasons, dwindled to 6 from the anticipated team of 15. Things were not looking good.

So, out went an appeal to the members of the Guernsey Velo Club and beyond. Normal selection criteria were abandoned as it was vital to send as full a team as possible, if only to show our support for the Games and the cycling events. Medals and results were less important than sending a team of 15 riders.

Then came the emails and calls from riders showing interest in joining the team and by mid-December we had assembled a team of 14 strong riders, not quite a full team but we were happy with a team of 14. The team comprised a mixture of youth and experience, a couple of tri-athletes who were happy to join the cycling team after their event on day one of the games

and few riders who thought they would never get to represent Guernsey at the Island Games....but now they were and they were not going to miss this opportunity.

Over the next few months preparations went at a pace with many of the new team members training like they had never done before. By the time the Games arrived he had a team of riders well prepared for the week of racing that lay ahead and all raring to go. We went to the Games not really expecting pick up many medals, if any at all. Then the medals started to be won, Gold, silver and bronze, both individual and team medals, nine in total, 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 3 Bronze. An amazing and very much unexpected set of results ensuring the Guernsey team finished 2nd in the cycling medal table, just behind Jersey! What a result, every rider performed above expectation, every rider had their greatest week of competition ever and every rider went home as happy as happy could be.

Team manager Gary Wallbridge commented that this was his 14th Island Games and managing this team, the journey they had been on over the last 8 months, the team spirit, their total joy in competing at the Games and the amazing set of results ranks up there with the best teams he had ever looked after. This team optimises what a team effort can really achieve, if unexpected, and would be a worthy winner of this award.

Guernsey Island Games Ladies Swim Team (Swimming)

The Guernsey Island Games Ladies Swim Team that competed in Orkney comprised of 10 swimmers and came home with no fewer than 22 medals between them; 8 gold, 8 silver and 6 bronze and in addition to the medals they set 3 Games records and 10 Island records. This was a massive team effort with all the swimmers having very busy schedules over a 4-day period with heats taking place in the morning and finals swim in the evening.

The highlight of each day was undoubtedly the team relays; The Guernsey ladies showed the other islands that they were a force to be reckoned with! In the 4 x 100m medley relay the girls stormed to gold in a Games record breaking time that was 5 seconds ahead of their second-place rivals the Faroe Islands and also taking a massive 4 seconds off the current Games record. The 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay was to produce an even stronger performance where the girls once again took gold in a new Games record time and Island record, breaking the previous games record by 2 seconds and this time touching 7 seconds ahead of second placed Faroe Islands.

A thoroughly outstanding team effort from a group of 10 hardworking and committed swimmers.

Guernsey Men's Inter-Insular Golf Team

For the second year in a row, Guernsey pulled off an incredible comeback from being whitewashed 5-0 in the opening foursomes session to end the inter-insular weekend by lifting

the Challenge Trophy, only this time they did so on Jersey soil at the Grouville golf course where they had not tasted success since 1980. As holders, Guernsey needed to avoid defeat to retain the trophy and against all odds they acquired the necessary 10 points over the fourballs and singles sessions to bring it back with them at the end of what captain Steve Mahy called a 'surreal' weekend when all 10 Guernsey players contributed to the team's points tally.

Guernsey U16 Muratti Team (Football)

The Island U16 football team won the U16 Muratti for the first time since 2017, and winning the first male Muratti for a Guernsey side at Springfield since before COVID. In the game, Guernsey went behind and showed brilliant resilience to take the game to extra time and go on to win. The team also went on two trips to prepare for this game where they also represented the Island brilliantly.

Guernsey Men's Muratti Team (Football)

Winning the 2025 Muratti after a long spell of Jersey retaining the trophy shows how the home of Guernsey Football has inspired the team to work hard and gain the valuable win for a double header Muratti Day with both the men and women winning.

Guernsey Women's Muratti Team (Football)

The Guernsey FA Women had a great year in 2025 building from the success of 2024 winning back to back Murattis bringing a crowd of over 900 supporters to Victoria Park in May 2025.

Resolution IT NC (Netball)

Resolution IT Netball Club has demonstrated exceptional performance, unity, and commitment throughout the 2024–2025 season, culminating in Resolution IT Green winning the Premiership title (for the 7th time) and, Resolution IT Black winning the Premier Division Cup final, defeating Resolution IT Green in a dramatic extra-time match. This meant the club secured both the league title and the cup title in the same season.

This dual success across both league and cup competitions is unprecedented and reflects the club's strategic development and player dedication.

Resolution IT Netball Club actively promotes netball across the island, supporting youth development and fostering a strong community spirit.

The club's leadership team have cultivated a culture of excellence, inclusivity, and continuous improvement.

Resolution IT Netball Club exemplifies the spirit of the GSC Team Trophy: excellence, teamwork, and community representation.

Their commitment to developing local talent, promoting women in sport, and contributing to the wider netball community through volunteering and mentorship makes them a standout candidate for the GSC Team Trophy.

Sarnia Legacy (Cheerleading)

These incredible young ladies have represented Guernsey with pride this year, taking part in two cheerleading competitions that truly showcased their determination, resilience, and team spirit. Their journey began with a virtual competition in May, where they earned an impressive 3rd place in the Under-16 Level 2 division for Fusion Cheer Competitions.

Their next challenge came in July at a live competition in Blackpool, where they achieved an amazing 2nd place. But the story behind that success is what truly sets them apart. This week brought terrible weather—flights were cancelled, boats were fully booked, and travel seemed impossible. Half the team had already made it across to the UK, while the other half remained stuck in Guernsey with what felt like no way out.

They had two choices: accept defeat, or fight for the chance they had worked so hard for. And these girls were never going to take no for an answer.

With the support of their parents, they managed to secure foot-passenger spots on an already full boat. From there, they raced across the UK by foot, Uber, tram, train, through the London Underground, by coach—and even piggyback at times. Ten and a half hours of nonstop travel later, they finally arrived, where the rest of their team and parents welcomed them with open arms and huge cheers.

This weekend showed the very best of who they are. There were tears, tantrums, wrong turns, and moments of exhaustion—but these teenagers never gave up on each other. For some, it was their first time ever visiting the UK, yet they travelled halfway up the country in a single day, proving just how deep their love for their sport and their teammates truly runs.

They have spent an entire year training five hours a week, giving up late nights, birthday parties, and special occasions. Some even trained on their own birthdays. Their commitment to one another has shown what true team sport is all about.

When they returned home to Guernsey, they had a dream: to create a legacy for the future. “They’re just children,” we thought. But when you witness the passion and unity they share, you cannot ignore it. And so, with their drive and their parents’ support behind the scenes, Sarnia Legacy was born—created by these girls, for the next generation. They never imagined that more than 60 athletes would walk through the doors, inspired by them. That in itself is a testament to their impact.

These girls deserve this award for their unwavering determination and dedication to their sport. They have formed beautiful friendships that will last a lifetime, and one day, when they are old

enough, they will become the committee of Sarnia Legacy—continuing the dream they started together.

Award No 7

Dave Dorey Memorial Trophy (coaching/development)

Awarded to the sport or the individual from that sport who has been involved in coaching and/or development and made an outstanding contribution to that sport.

Nominations

Harry Barrett-Giles (Volleyball)

Harry is coaching young people to play a team sport in a sport he loves, he is part of the Guernsey men's volleyball team and has encouraged young people to try volleyball and the members have increased significantly and now the junior team is playing games against Jersey. Harry has a small group of experienced players helping him. The junior team would really like sponsorship so if Harry is lucky enough to win this award for the young people he trains someone may come forward

Damien Fitzgerald (Football)

Damien gives countless hours to the football community by organising development fixtures for players in Year 7 to Year 11. He organises the facility booking, fixtures and results providing weekly table updates arranging everything. He is offering children the opportunity to play football that may not get that opportunity to play for their clubs main team in the League for their age group. What he is doing is fantastic.

Oakley Francart (Fencing)

Oakley is a GB under 20 fencer. He has been consistent in being ranked in the top 10 for GB he travels all over the world fencing for team GB all while studying at university. Oakley has taken his coaching badges in fencing where he gives something back to the youngsters at Sarnia Sword Club he passes on his experience from doing GB training camps and his knowledge of fencing at elite level. The fencers really look up to Oakley he is a credit to the club. He helps out at all the event like Specsavers Youth Games.

Tom Humpage (Climbing)

Tom Humpage and Up Climbing for the Dave Dorey memorial trophy for the development of the climbing competition pathway in Guernsey, which has enabled many children to progress from our regular clubs to the competition squad and to achieve a level that enables them to compete at a regional level and the ability to progress to a National level. Tom's passion for the sport and getting kids climbing, has been a large factor in the progression of the team members and clubs.

Men's Muratti Coaching Team (Football)

After a long drought of not winning the men's muratti for a number of years the coaches and managers pulled together a fantastic win at Victoria Park to bring the Muratti Vase back to Guernsey.

Sarnia Legacy (Cheerleading)

These incredible young ladies have represented Guernsey with pride this year, taking part in two cheerleading competitions that truly showcased their determination, resilience, and team spirit. Their journey began with a virtual competition in May, where they earned an impressive 3rd place in the Under-16 Level 2 division for Fusion Cheer Competitions.

Their next challenge came in July at a live competition in Blackpool, where they achieved an amazing 2nd place. But the story behind that success is what truly sets them apart. This week brought terrible weather—flights were cancelled, boats were fully booked, and travel seemed impossible. Half the team had already made it across to the UK, while the other half remained stuck in Guernsey with what felt like no way out.

They had two choices: accept defeat, or fight for the chance they had worked so hard for. And these girls were never going to take no for an answer.

With the support of their parents, they managed to secure foot-passenger spots on an already full boat. From there, they raced across the UK by foot, Uber, tram, train, through the London Underground, by coach—and even piggyback at times. Ten and a half hours of nonstop travel later, they finally arrived, where the rest of their team and parents welcomed them with open arms and huge cheers.

This weekend showed the very best of who they are. There were tears, tantrums, wrong turns, and moments of exhaustion—but these teenagers never gave up on each other. For some, it was their first time ever visiting the UK, yet they travelled halfway up the country in a single day, proving just how deep their love for their sport and their teammates truly runs.

There were so many “firsts”: first train ride, first time in the London Underground, first McDonald's—and most importantly, their first time competing together on a competition mat away from home. They have spent an entire year training five hours a week, giving up late nights, birthday parties, and special occasions. Some even trained on their own birthdays. Their commitment to one another has shown what true team sport is all about.

When they returned home to Guernsey, they had a dream: to create a legacy for the future. “They’re just children,” we thought. But when you witness the passion and unity they share, you cannot ignore it. And so, with their drive and their parents’ support behind the scenes, Sarnia Legacy was born—created by these girls, for the next generation. They never imagined

that more than 60 athletes would walk through the doors, inspired by them. That in itself is a testament to their impact.

These girls deserve this award for their unwavering determination and dedication to their sport. They have formed beautiful friendships that will last a lifetime, and one day, when they are old enough, they will become the committee of Sarnia Legacy—continuing the dream they started together.

Cayden Tardif (Football)

At the age of 18 he has contributed so much to the coaching world of youth football. He has helped so many young players progress. He spends hours coaching, analysing, planning. The highlight for me was him leading the under 16 Guernsey team to the muratti win in Jersey. The way he brought the team together and helped the players develop was incredible

Martin Watts (Squash)

2025 has been a great year for Guernsey's squash and racketball players and teams and the development has been brilliantly led by Martin Watts. Guernsey beat Jersey in the inter-insular a feat achieved by the development of the racketball teams which a few years ago barely recorded any wins. Martin's coaching and development of the junior squash players has seen some excellent results - 2 Hampshire county champions (Leo Carpenter at u15 and Arthur Leonard at u13) and 6 players performing well enough to be selected for south England team training with the chance of selection for the team. Bravo Martin!

Women's Muratti Coaching Team (Football)

The coaches of the women's team have given so much of their time to female football in Guernsey, not just for the women but also within the GFA Girls Academy. Winning both the 2024 and 2025 Women's Muratti shows the talent that they are nurturing and raising and they deserve to be champions for all their hard work and effort. This is just the beginning of something much bigger for female football in Guernsey.

Bridget Yabsley (Netball)

Bridget has dedicated countless years to netball, giving her time, energy, and expertise to the sport she loves. As Head Coach of Sarnians Netball Club, she leads five teams in the local league, providing weekly training and fixtures for players of all ages and abilities. Her leadership is marked by enthusiasm, positivity, and a genuine commitment to helping every player thrive.

For the past three years, Bridget has served as Assistant Coach for the Island Senior Panthers squads, following her earlier leadership of the U16 and U19 teams. She regularly travels with the squads in both team manager and assistant coach roles, ensuring players are supported on and off the court. Beyond this, she generously gives her time to coach at training sessions and assist other age groups, embodying the spirit of teamwork and community.

Bridget epitomises everything that is good about netball. Her tireless volunteer work, infectious passion, and unwavering dedication make her an outstanding role model and a cornerstone of the sport. She is truly deserving of recognition for the immense impact she has made on players, teams, and the wider netball community.

Award No 8

Sir John Loveridge Trophy

Awarded for the sportsperson making the greatest progress in the year. There is no age limit, but the person will normally be resident in Guernsey and not have won an individual Commission Trophy for the year.

Nominations

Nic Ackerman (Athletics)

Nic Ackermann had a memorable Island Games debut, taking gold in the men's 400m hurdles after only trying the event for the first time in 2025. The young athlete set a new 400m PB of 50.07sec, nearly a 4 second improvement on his best from 2024.

Henry Bolton (Swimming)

14-year-old Henry Bolton started 2025 in storming fashion at the Hampshire County Championships by taking the Hampshire crown in the 50m freestyle along with 3 silver and 1 bronze medal in other events. He was also part of the Barracuda relay team that took 2 impressive Hampshire crowns. His appearance at the Regional Championships saw him take the 50m freestyle crown with a further silver and bronze medal in other sprint events.

After dominating the on-island sprint events through the year Bolton was selected to compete at the British and English National Championships placing in the top 12 nationally.

Coming towards the end of 2025 Bolton has continued to climb the ranking and is currently ranked 6th for the 50m freestyle and 6th for the 100m freestyle.

The highly successful year culminated with selection to the Hampshire Inter County team and a selection on to the Swim England National Age Group Talent Programme.

Isla Bretel (Table Tennis)

Isla, 11, started playing table tennis 3 years ago. She has represented Guernsey on numerous occasions in local, inter insular and International competitions and is improving all the time with great enthusiasm, drive and love for the sport. 2025 has been her best year to date:

She won the Senior League Division 4 Individual Championship and her team topped the Senior Division 4 league table. Isla was Individual Ladies Handicapped Tournament winner. She reached the U13 and U18 finals of the Guernsey Island Championships and represented Guernsey in the Inter Insular Team competition. She is currently competing in the Junior British League.

Isla's International accolades in 2025 include winning individual Bronze in the Primary Schools' International and team Silver in Cardiff. She also represented Guernsey in the Senior Schools International in Jersey. Isla competed in the prestigious European Mini Championships in

Strasbourg and she won Bronze in the doubles event at the Home Countries International held in Dublin.

Samuel Cann (Swimming)

2025 has been a great year for Samuel. It started in February when Sam became the County Champion Boys 15 years old in the 100m and 200m breaststroke. He continued his year by attending South East Regionals while training and preparing for his first Island Games. Sam was one of the swimmers in the Guernsey team in Orkney and while not reaching any finals, he pushed himself to do his utmost.

Sam's summer continued with him being invited to the Swim England Summer Nationals.

The end of the year saw Sam continuing with his training, while also volunteering for his club and already looking at what 2026 will bring.

Oakley Francart (Fencing)

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Barnaby Groves (Table Tennis)

Amelia Hart (Athletics)

Amelia has been a committed sprinter throughout her teenage years but despite that, the 21 year old produced her best ever year in 2025, culminating in an Island Games bronze medal which seemed almost incomprehensible 12-18 months before. The Bath Spa student decided to take on a new event – the gruelling 400m long sprint – and continued to improve almost every race throughout the summer – landing the podium place in Orkney and then a PB of 57.08 back home shortly afterwards. She also took huge chunks of time off her PB's for her 'old events' the 100m & 200m

Robbie Hill-Tout (Tumbling)

This year Robbie was the first Guernsey gymnast to win a national medal (Bronze at the English Championships) and qualify for the British Championships where he ranked 5th in both the 10 year old boys category and under 13 boys category against the whole of the UK.

Robbie has worked so hard to get to this point and has helped gymnastics in Guernsey to get to the next level.

Annie Le Ray (Cricket)

Teenage cricketer Annie Le Ray's rapid progress has seen her selected to join the Hampshire County Cricket Club Pathway, earning a place in their Development Squad. The 16-year-old all-rounder has impressed coaches with her consistent performances and dedication, both locally and in off-island fixtures, marking her out as one of the brightest prospects in Guernsey women's cricket. Annie has represented Guernsey at various age levels, and joining up with the Hampshire Development Squad will help her progression towards higher-level county and regional cricket.

Theo Le Tissier (Athletics)

Theo Le Tissier has made great strides in sprints this year which was topped off by new U17 Island Records in the 100m and 200m. The 100m best of 10.99sec places Theo 9th on Guernsey's all-time list and marks nearly a 1 second improvement on previous best the year before. The youngster set new PBs in 4 disciplines from the 100m, 200m, 400m and the long jump. On his debut, Theo made the 200m final against a quality field in Orkney.

Lewis Marley (Golf)

After a strong finish to the 2024 season had seen Lewis Marley earn his Inter-Insular debut, he took his golf to the next level this year as he was crowned men's Island champion in May shortly before he reached his 20th birthday. He did so in sensational style, too, playing his best ever round in tough, blustery conditions at L'Ancrese during the morning session of the final against two-time former winner Tom Le Huray, as he carded six birdies to reach lunch 4 up and lay the foundation for his maiden Guernsey title, even though he admitted that he had gone into the championship with 'no real expectations'.

Craig Robert (Motorsport)

Experienced driver Craig Robert truly rose to the occasion of the biggest and best Guernsey Rally yet. His highest finish previously had come in 2022, when he was the top domestic driver, won the FWD2 (front-wheel drive) class and placed sixth overall, but in this year's expanded edition he and co-driver Chris Guille stepped it up considerably to take a close second behind the yet-unbeaten Ross Le Noa and Domonic Volante of Jersey. Now in a Ford Escort MK1, the home prospects made valuable time on the rainy Saturday morning and ultimately, after 28 demanding stages, finished within 20sec. of the Caesarean greats and their bigger-engined MK2. He later joined Guille to finish 10th overall and top all-Guernsey crew at the Jersey Rally.

Henry Swanson (Motorsport)

Henry Swanson is a nineteen year-old Guernseyman following a career path as a racing driver in the competitive world of motorsport.

In 2024 he made the transition from karting to competitive series sports car racing at a national level with the Race-Car Experiences / FAW motorsport team.

Henry raced for the team driving a race-spec Citroen DS3 achieving glory at Cadwell Park, Silverstone, Brands Hatch and Anglesey.

Henry has impressed enough to be signed again with the same team for 2026 but this time in a huge promotion to the 2026 Britcar Endurance Championship racing a Peugeot sport factory built 308 TCR car.

This premier championship takes place over eight races at the major UK circuits and at a flyaway round to Spa circuit in Belgium.

To come from karting to sports car racing to Britcar in a year is an amazing achievement.

Thomas Vining (Grasstrack/longtrack motorsport)

This year Thomas has made huge steps in the world of international Grasstrack/Longtrack, 5th in the 250cc British Championship, wins at National events and very respectable top 6 at several international events across Europe, this is no mean feat considering this is Thomas's first year in Adult classes, when you consider Thomas is one of only 3 under 18 riders on a UK ACU licence riding at this level at international event with any success, this is a massive achievement, that goes well beyond his years.

Award No 9

Guernsey Brewery Salver

Awarded for the outstanding individual sporting achievement of the year by a sportswoman resident in Guernsey.

Nominations

Chloe Bown (Swimming)

Chloe Bown has delivered an exceptional year of sporting achievement, establishing herself as one of Guernsey's most formidable young swimmers. Representing the island for the first time at the Island Games in Orkney, she produced a standout performance, winning an incredible 11 medals and becoming Guernsey's most decorated swimmer – and athlete – of the Games. Her success continued throughout the year at home, where she has been a powerhouse for Guernsey Swimming Club, rewriting numerous long-standing club records across multiple events. Chloe's dedication, consistency, and competitive spirit have elevated the standard of island swimming and inspired athletes around her. Her achievements reflect not only extraordinary personal talent but also unwavering commitment to her sport and her island.

Megan Chapple (Athletics)

Although now living in Australia, home Island Games triathlon champion Megan Chapple has maintained her high profile in Guernsey sport – and now even has a marathon record to her name. Her fruitful year of competing Down Under included posting 2hrs 49min. 14sec. at the Gold Coast Marathon to enter Guernsey Athletics' record books. That time removed 45sec. from Guernsey distance star Louise Perrio's marathon mark from 2018. Her other notable results included two age-group 'Worlds' medals during a single week in October – firstly an Olympic distance triathlon silver, followed by a cycling Gran Fondo bronze.

Rhiannon Dowinton (Athletics)

At the Island Games in Orkney, Rhiannon won the gold medal in the 100m hurdles taking her third consecutive Games title. Despite battling injury in the lead up to the Games, the hurdles star demonstrated her commitment and work ethic to be back in top form for the Games, producing a personal best 14.53sec in the final. That places her second only to all-time great Kylie Robilliard in the all-time list.

Zoe Gray (Archery)

Despite being one of Guernsey's most experienced and accomplished Island Games archers, that individual gold had long evaded Zoe Gray. That was until Orkney 2025, where she won the compound head-to-head knockout. It was Guernsey's first individual archery gold since Gotland 2017 and emulated the achievement of her uncle, Steve Yates, who was the island's last head-to-head champion with his triumph at the 2003 home Games. Gray's fifth Games had earlier

included a silver in the WA 1440 compound – just losing out to the Faroes archer she was later to beat in the head-to-head final. The Guernsey star has also achieved multiple medals at the Hampshire County Championships.

Hannah Kennedy (Triathlon/Cycling)

At just 18, Hannah Kennedy headed the Guernsey women's triathlon team gold at Orkney 2025. She finished runner-up to home favourite Claire Rendall after leading until deep into the cycle at a surprisingly hot Stromness, contributing significantly to the success of Guernsey's much-changed women's team. She did not stop there, ending on three golds and as many silvers after excelling in road cycling. The youngster was credited team silver in the time trial, then she took team gold in the road race after leading out Pippa Inderwick to victory and placing fourth individually in the sprint. She finished on another high with team gold and individual silver in the town criterium. Alongside this, she has consolidated her position as Guernsey's top on-island female triathlete and impressed against national-class opposition in the UK Super Series.

Maya Le Tissier (Football)

The Manchester United Women's captain and England defender continues to break records and in 2025 Maya Le Tissier became Guernsey's most capped England international senior footballer, overtaking Matt Le Tissier's tally of eight caps when she started the match against Brazil in Manchester in October. She has taken her England appearances up to 12 having played in the next three fixtures of the 'Homecoming Series' after also being a member of the Lionesses squad who famously retained the European Championship title in Switzerland in the summer.

At club level, Le Tissier made history by becoming the first player to make 71 consecutive starts for the same club in the Women's Super League and five days later she scored Manchester United's first ever goal in the Uefa Women's Champions League group stage in their 1-0 win over Valerenga

Alison Merrien (Bowls)

The British Isles Indoor Bowls Championships is a highlight on the sporting calendar for bowls athletes in Guernsey. Ali Merrien is a regular feature on the Channel Islands team however this year between achieving qualification against Jersey she underwent an operation which saw her ruled out of bowling for much of the earlier part of 2025. Just a few weeks prior to the Championships in March 2025, Ali returned to bowls and went to exceptional lengths to be match fit for her first game against Wales, winning this 21-11. Her next opponent and the semi-final was Claire Anderson of Scotland who she beat 21-18. The final was against long time rival Katherine Rednall of England, six times Women's World Indoor Singles Champion. Ali achieved a silver medal losing to Katherine 21-10. An exceptional performance in spite of her operation and associated recovery.

Award No 10

Richard Burton Salver

Awarded for the outstanding individual sporting achievement of the year by a sportsman resident in Guernsey.

Nominations

Chris Bain (Athletics)

Chris Bain had another record-breaking year. The 22 year-old ran a U23 record in the 1500m in a time of 3:45.18sec to place him 2nd on Guernsey's all-time list only behind Olympian Lee Merrien. In breaking new ground in the metric mile, he now finds himself securing races in mainland Europe. Back on British soil, Chris produced a memorable performance to snatch gold in a competitive 5,000m race in Orkney. The title winning performance came after taking silver in the 1,500m only two days earlier.

Alastair Chalmers (Athletics)

Alastair Chalmers had another year of impressive performances on the track. The Commonwealth medallist set a new Island Record of 48.30sec to take 6th on the UK's all-time list. The hurdles star made his second World Championship's appearance making the semi-finals in a stacked field. Alastair also become a regular on the Diamond League circuit racing all time 400m hurdle greats such as world record holder Karsten Warholm, Rai Benjamin and Alison dos Santos.

Paul Le Tocq (Badminton)

One of Guernsey's finest badminton players, Paul Le Tocq has represented the island at every level, including Commonwealth Games. Now playing on the Masters circuit, 2025 started with selection for England for the McCoig match v Scotland and concluded with selection for European Team championships, which England won.

At the All England Masters, one of the most prestigious events on the badminton calendar, in his debut year, Paul came away with one gold and two silver medals in mixed doubles, mens doubles and men's singles. Competing at this level is testament to Paul's work and training ethic, it's especially commendable that he is competitive in all three disciplines when most players specialise in one or two.

Geoff Martel (Football)

Geoff Martel (80 years old) has represented football for many years, and this year has captained the FA's England men's 75s Football team at several International events throughout this year. Geoff has also organised matches for Guernsey V England 65's here at home. He still referees football and continues to show what can be achieved at 80 years of age.

Seb Priaux (Motorsport)

In his first season as a Ford factory driver, Seb Priaux returned for another IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship campaign and finished in the bronze-medal position. Contributing to his highest finish for a full season in the North American championship were two race victories and four podiums in GTD Pro. Alongside Germany's Mike Rockenfeller, he opened the season with bronze at Daytona, before tasting victory on the tight Detroit Street Circuit in the fourth race weekend. In a strong second half to the season, the No 64 Ford Mustang GT3 duo finished second at Elkhart Lake and picked up another win at Indianapolis.

Alex Scott (Football)

Having established himself as a Premier League regular for AFC Bournemouth, Alex Scott was an integral member of the England Under-21 squad who were triumphant in the UEFA European U21 Championship in Slovakia in June. The Guernsey midfielder had to wear a protective face mask throughout the tournament after suffering a fractured jaw against Aston Villa in May, but he started five of England's six fixtures including the final against Germany which the Young Lions won 3-2. He had also scored against the Germans in the group stage. In November, Scott was called up to the England senior squad for the first time by manager Thomas Tuchel.

Final Award

Guernsey Sports Commission Trophy

The final award of the evening is the highest accolade that the Sports Commission can give to a Guernsey sportsperson, awarded to the Outstanding Performer of the Year

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