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Tottenham teenager wins younger sailor of the yr

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A 17-year old from is making a splash in the yachting world after being named Young Sailor of the Year, following in the footsteps of four-time Olympic gold medallist Ben Ainslie.

Montel Fagan-Jordan, who is preparing for his A-levels at Greig City Academy in Haringey, was recognised for his leading contribution in the school's initiative, Project Scaramouche.

Pupils gave talks and fundraising pitches around the country to raise to restore the school's 1980s-era yacht, Scaramouche.

He was nominated by Greig City Academy teacher, Jon Holt, for the Yachting Journalists' Association award for the leading role in fundraising and racing.

Montel went on to captain a crew of fellow students who entered the yacht in the 605-mile Fastnet Race, steering and navigating for a four hour stretch in the dark.

The North London school, where more than 50 languages are spoken and 70 per cent of pupils are eligible for free school meals, gives every student a chance to work towards qualifications in dinghy sailing before graduating to Scaramouche.

The school believe they're the first team from a state comprehensive to compete in the Fastnet, and were the only school competing in 2017 when they finished 142 out of 368 competitors.

Today Montel was voted Young Sailor of the Year by 250 yachting journalists!

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He was shortlisted against young champion sailors from the yachting world, but announcing his win, the Yachting Journalist's Association said the award was in recognition of leadership throughout the multi-year restoration and racing project.

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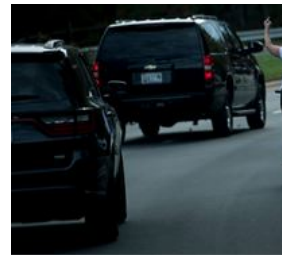
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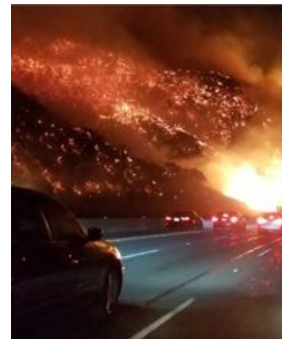
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