Victorian sterling silver wine jug yacht racing trophy jug

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Height: 315 mm (12.4")

Width: 170 mm (6.69")

Depth: 120 mm (4.72")

Weight: 816 g

Description

This wonderful Victorian wine ewer is elaborately hand-chased with scroll-framed floral detail on either side of the body and a beautifully detailed sailing scene of two racing yachts. This antique silver jug has a melon style lobed foot, a cast scroll handle and the hinged lid is surmounted by a removable cast finial of a flower.

Trophies have marked victories since ancient times. The word trophy, coined in English in 1550, was derived from the French trophée in 1513 - a prize of war. In ancient Greece, trophies were made on the battlefields while the Romans built magnificent trophies in Rome, including columns and arches and huge stone memorials.

Today a trophy is a tangible, durable reminder of a specific achievement, and serves as recognition or evidence of merit. Trophies in the form of silver chalices, or two-handled cups, are popular items presented to winners of sporting events and include some of the world's most famous trophy cups: The FA Cup, Wimbledon Trophy (two-handled cup), Webb Ellis Cup, Ryder Cup and the British Grand Prix Trophy.

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