

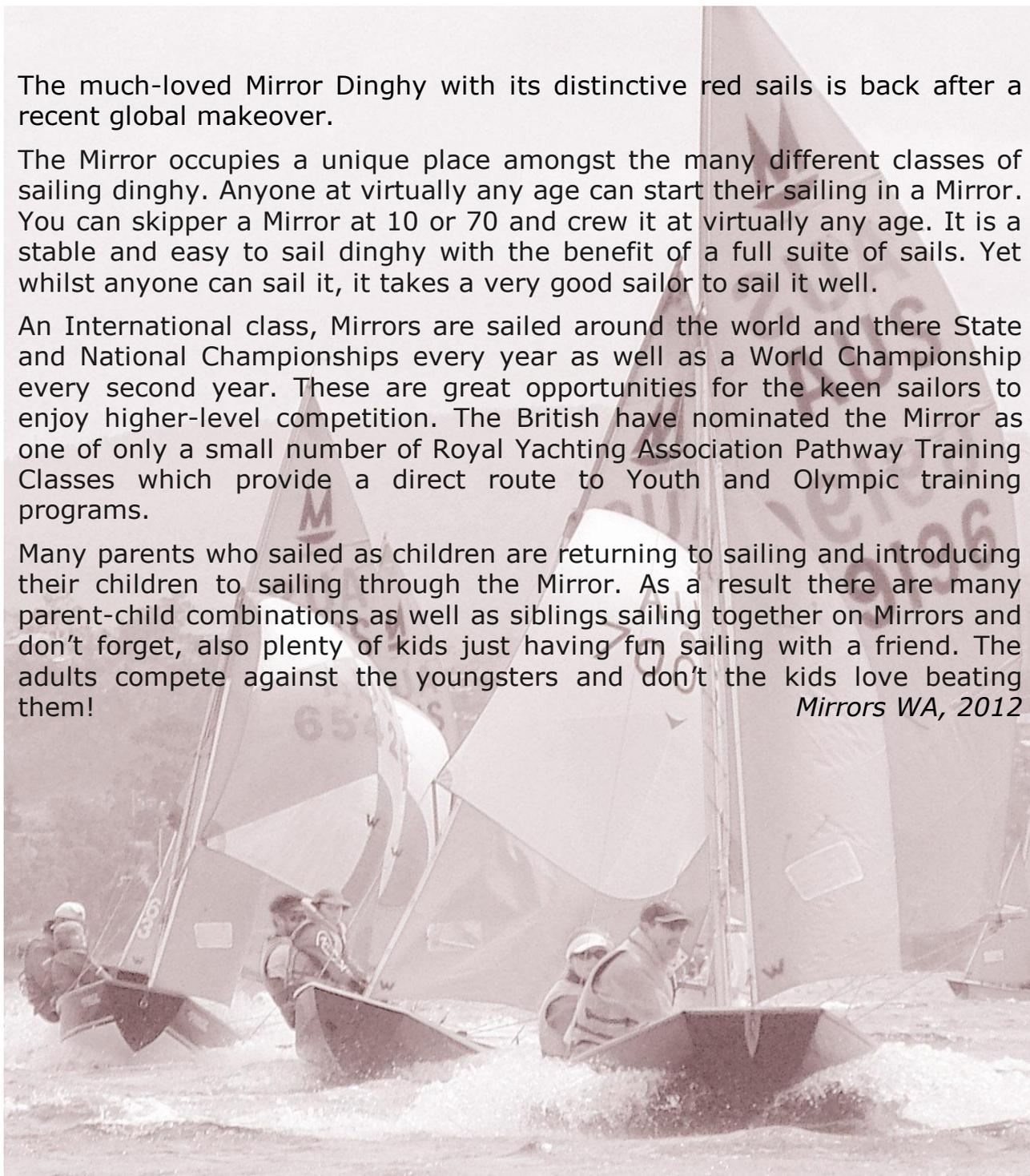
The much-loved Mirror Dinghy with its distinctive red sails is back after a recent global makeover.

The Mirror occupies a unique place amongst the many different classes of sailing dinghy. Anyone at virtually any age can start their sailing in a Mirror. You can skipper a Mirror at 10 or 70 and crew it at virtually any age. It is a stable and easy to sail dinghy with the benefit of a full suite of sails. Yet whilst anyone can sail it, it takes a very good sailor to sail it well.

An International class, Mirrors are sailed around the world and there State and National Championships every year as well as a World Championship every second year. These are great opportunities for the keen sailors to enjoy higher-level competition. The British have nominated the Mirror as one of only a small number of Royal Yachting Association Pathway Training Classes which provide a direct route to Youth and Olympic training programs.

Many parents who sailed as children are returning to sailing and introducing their children to sailing through the Mirror. As a result there are many parent-child combinations as well as siblings sailing together on Mirrors and don't forget, also plenty of kids just having fun sailing with a friend. The adults compete against the youngsters and don't the kids love beating them!

*Mirrors WA, 2012*



***The story of the Mirror dinghy in Australia from 1962 to 2012***

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