



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Trophies Awarded at Airlie Beach Race Week

Airlie Beach Race Week ended on a high note with the official prize giving, held at Whitsunday Sailing Club where special prizes were awarded, including the Boss Hog Trophy.

Presented for the first time in 2002, it is named for Don Algie, founder of Race Week and long-term sponsor with Hogs Breath Café.

#### Boss Hog Trophy

The Boss Hog Trophy is presented to the crew that encapsulates the spirit of Race Week, displays sportsmanship and stands above the rest over the course of the regatta, on and off the water.

First awarded in 2002, some of the more famous names on the trophy include the late Lou Abrahams (Another Challenge); Aftershock (Colin O'Neil), Loki (Stephen Ainsworth), Holy Cow (John & Kim Clinton).

This year, Don Algie presented the trophy to Jason Close and his More Noise from Victoria. Close and his crew stood by Cool Change, Bob Critchley's multihull, when it capsized during racing on Thursday.

Close and his crew immediately did a head count to make sure all on board were accounted for, and relayed the situation efficiently to the event's race management and co-ordinated retrieving the crew.

#### Best Performing Local Boat

As the winner of Cruising Division 2, Nick Smail's Huahine from Whitsunday Sailing Club was awarded the Best Performing Local Boat.

#### Line Honours trophy

The Line Honours trophy for 2015 went to John Rae and his sports boat Vivace. The Bethwaite 79er took line honours in all nine races.

Hosted by the Whitsunday Sailing Club, racing in the 'Tropical Festival of Sailing' closes this evening with the official prize giving.

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What would any event do without volunteers? There are so many, doing so many different jobs, it is impossible to name all. Each one gives up their time to help out, including some who double up and race.

From race management, to on water race officials to the jury, media boat drivers, IT help, to the ladies who made fresh lunch for all those on the water every day and so many others who help out organising accommodation, social activities and more. It is a big commitment and many come from Australia wide to help every year.

To the management and staff of Whitsunday Sailing Club, thanks to them for make everyone so welcome at their Club each year and keeping competitors fed and entertained.

To the major sponsors Tourism and Events Queensland and Pantaenius Australia and the many support sponsors, a big thank you for helping the event be the success it is.

And to the competitors. There would be no Airlie Beach Race Week without them. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Full results and all information on Airlie Beach Race Week at:  
<http://www.abrw.com.au/>

Further information on Whitsunday Sailing Club:  
[www.whitsundaysailingclub.com.au/](http://www.whitsundaysailingclub.com.au/)

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