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Light breeze expected on Day 2 of Airlie Beach Race Week

Competitors aboard the 108 boats contesting Airlie Beach Race Week can expect light south-easterly breezes on the race track today, according to Race Director, Denis Thompson.

"The light south-east trades are fading, but we should get a race in," Thompson said.

"It will be quite testing and we'll probably see a different set of winners to yesterday," Thompson said.

While IRC Racing Divisions 1 and 2 will contest up to two windward/leeward races on Pioneer Bay starting from 12pm, all other classes will sail a Passage Race.

"We'll be sending them round the north-west islands, which aren't normally utilised. The fleet will have to play the wind and tide," Thompson said.

Yesterday was opening day of Airlie Beach Race Week and sailors were mostly relaxed and enjoyed the lovely 10-15 knot winds.

"It was a good way to ease into Race Week and there were a lot of happy customers last night."

Hosted by the Whitsunday Sailing Club, Thompson said Day 1 of the event being billed as the 'Tropical Festival of Sailing' went well.

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