

# The winner is.... Naiad



*Naiad by Kirby Marine takes home the WA Boat of the Year award.*

**T**he winners for the 2010 WA Marine Awards were announced at a prestigious gala dinner on Saturday 1 May at the Burswood on Swan. The WA Marine Awards are organised by the Boating Industry Association of Western Australia and are designed to recognise and reward the boat builders and importers of WA.

This year the Judging of the awards took place on the 2 and 3 February at the Fremantle Sailing Club. The team of judges this year included; Sheryl Swarbrick from Dreamboats, Darren Heath from easyboatingnow.com, Mike Brown our local boating journalist, Bill Plug from Total AMS and Barbara O'Dowd from the Department of Transport.

## **The Winners – Boat of the Year Categories**

The 10m Naiad by Kirby Marine took the 2010 WA Boat of the Year, sponsored by Dreamboats, along with the Aluminium over 6m category. The judges were excited to see what Kirby Marine had to offer after taking the 2009 WA Boat of the Year. The 10m Naiad did not disappoint and made a real impression on the judges. The 10m Naiad is a long range sports weekender, ideal for day tripping to islands fishing and diving. The vessel is trailerable and easy to launch and retrieve.

- *WA Boat Builder of the Year, Sponsored by Premiere Events – Chivers Marine.*

- *Aluminium under 6m – Westerberg Bandit 5.4 by Westerberg Marine.*

The 5.4 Westerberg aluminium Bandit, is powered by a 90hp Honda and sits on a custom aluminium trailer. The boat is produced with a variety of uses in mind; fishing, diving, skiing and cruising.

- *Aluminium under 6m Merit – Chivers Shark Series: Reefshark 170CC by Chivers Marine. This centre console features the auto water ballasting of the Reef Series' larger vessels, and has very good stability as a result. It also has the great strength of the longitudinal framing system. This is an effective fishing boat in popular size.*

- *Fibreglass over 6m – Abrolhos 8000 Walkaround (Project Rat) by Commodore Marine. This vessel is built for long distance fishing and providing full walkaround access, sleeping capabilities, with loads of storage and fishing components*

- *Aluminium Custom Built vessel – Wakemaker PDF by Wakemaker Marine. The Wakemaker PDF was built with a range of uses in mind. For fishing it has ample rod holders, three kill tanks and lots of deck space. For diving this model securely stores six full size dive tanks and features a bifolding dive ladder.*

For family use, you can't go past the convenience of the kitchenette with sink, bbq, gas cooker, removable dining table and large fridge. Other features such as the shaded rear deck, fresh water shower and flushing toilet will appeal to the keen fisherman, diver and family.

- *Fibreglass Custom Built vessel – Mako 9000 by Leisurecat Australia and the GivenPower Cat GT-II by Seafest Marine. Designed by leading international designer Mr Ron Given, the Mako 9000 has a fast paced hull with the space and styling of a fishing and diving boat with the creative comforts for an extended stay on the island. The GivenPower Cat GT-II is the first full engineered and infused G.P.R catamaran (in WA).*

- *Imported trailer boat of the year – Haines Signature 702L entered by All Boat Business. A 24 hour a day boat that suits all water activities with over night capabilities. It's spacious and functional with ample storage for all your accessories.*

- *Imported Ski Boat of the Year – Malibu Wakesetter VTX entered by Malibu Boats WA. A world class Australian built ski/wakeboard boat and the Industry leader for technology in ski/wakeboard boats. The Wakesetter VTX is a versatile and safe family boat.*

- *Imported Ski Boat of the Year Merit – Camero Vision Centre Mount entered by Offshore Marine. The Camero Vision Centre Mount is the ultimate fun machine. The rear mount configuration offers full surround seating, larger wakes and optional electric ballast.*