



62nd Sirius Cup Regatta

The week before the Regatta did not bode well – there was record rain and flooding on the Wednesday prior to the event. On Thursday morning Balmoral Oval was underwater.

Luckily the rain stopped on Thursday afternoon and the sun returned and stayed for the next few days. Arriving on site on Friday morning there was still pools of water on the oval (perhaps we could relocate the canoe events), but we were allowed on.

The Groups started arriving early and by Friday evening we had covered Balmoral Oval, with the exception of some swamps, in tents and dining flies. The fine weather held for the weekend and we had a great, record breaking event.

Back in 2001 we had around 450 participants and in 2012 there were over 950 participants. We had over 800 there for the whole weekend (most of them camped on the oval) and an extra 164 turn up for the events on Sunday, mainly the Cub canoeing.

There were more than 50 Scout Groups in attendance at the Regatta, including Lake Burley Griffin, Lake Tuggeranong and Lake Ginninderra all from the ACT. In addition to the Groups from the local area we also had Groups from Dulwich Hill Marrickville, Riverstone, Wentworthville, Winston Hills, Drummoyne and West Pennant Hills.

Saturday morning saw the canoeing races start whilst the sailors rigged their boats for the afternoon race. To while away the evening two movies were shown to occupy the campers. We had the usual 07:00 start for the Sunday morning Sirius Iron man event, rowing, Cub canoeing and more sailing. On Sunday the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia, Reg Williams, dropped by the Regatta and assisted with starting some of the Cub canoe races and handing out certificates to the Cub Scouts.

1st sailors Bay again were again crowned the Regatta champions, winning the Commodores Cup for the second consecutive year. Some of the other key trophies and their winners were:

- ☺ Sirius Cup – handicap winner division 1: *Phantom Pygmies*, 1st Bayview
- ☺ Little Sirius Cup – handicap winner division 2: *Pinky*, 1st Bayview
- ☺ Sirius Shield – overall group sailing, divisions 1 and 2: 1st Bayview
- ☺ Khaki and Blue - Line Honours Division 1: *Rebolted*, 1st Emu Plains
- ☺ The Fin – Line Honours Division 2: *Pinky*, 1st Bayview
- ☺ Balmoral Trophy – Scout line honours in division 2: *Queen Scout*, Lake Tuggeranong

A full list of the results will be available in a few weeks at <http://siriuscup.webs.com/>

A big thank you goes out to all of the leaders, Venturers and Scouts who helped out in running the Regatta. There are a number of volunteers who come down and help with the setup and packing up of the Regatta HQ, run safety and marker boats, marshal the canoeing, rowing and iron person events, staff the office and numerous other tasks. Also thank you to Mowbray Radio for loaning us the radios and PA systems and to Mosman Council for their assistance in running the event at Balmoral Oval.

The 63rd Sirius Cup Regatta will be on in 2013 with the event being held over the weekend 8-10 March.



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