



67th Sirius Cup Regatta

The week leading up to the 67th Sirius Cup Regatta was not great with storms and winds being the dominant weather conditions. On Friday morning Balmoral Oval was the only oval open in Mosman as the team arrived and started setting up for the event. By the time the lights were turned off on Friday night it was evident that there would be fewer participants in 2017 as there was only half the campers that usually attend.

Saturday didn't start well with the rain storms and wind from overnight persisting. With winds gusting up to 30 knots an early decision was made to call off the sailing races for the day. The Scout and Venturer canoe races went ahead in the relative sheltered bay of Balmoral beach.

The highlight of Saturday was the afternoon rowing races which provided a great show of sportsmanship from both of the Groups participating. Earlier in the day the event was going to be called off as the sleek racing machine from 1st Sailors Bay was the only entrant. 1st Woy Woy created a row boat from an Opti (a very small sailing boat) by lashing paddles to it.

After the first race the starter allowed the Opti to row only half the course in the remaining races. In the leader race in a show of sportsmanship the 1st Sailor Bay leader, Adrian, allowed a Scout to row against him in the Opti and in a close finish the Opti (doing the half course) won which was greeted with the biggest cheer of the day. This writer, and others at the event, felt that Adrian eased off and let them win. At the end of the standard program there were more races with teams racing n=in each other's boats.

In the end 1st Sailor Bay won the Rudder Trophy (Total Points Rowing) and in a close call 1st Woy Woy that won the James Dean Memorial Trophy (for Highest level of enthusiasm and sportsmanship over the event) for their enthusiasm and ingenuity in creating their entry.

During the day campers left the regatta and by Saturday evening there were around 150 intrepid campers left on the oval. On Sunday, there was the early morning iron mana event before the sailing was called off again and the Cub canoe racing going ahead.

1st Woy Woy were crowned the Regatta champions winning the Commodores Cup. Some of the other key trophies and their winners were:

- ☺ Wyreema Trophy (Champion Group Canoeing, Short Course) – 1st Sailors Bay
- ☺ Voice Pipe (Total Points, Rowing & Canoeing Combined) – 1st Sailors Bay
- ☺ Peter "Dahinda" Townson Memorial Trophy (Champion Cub Group Canoeing) – 1st Sailors Bay
- ☺ Sirius Iron Group – 1st Woy Woy
- ☺ Wal Piltz Skin (Champion Group Camping) – 1st Epping

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, Rovers, 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 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 68th Sirius Cup Regatta will be on in 2018 with the event being held over the weekend 16-18 March.

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