



68th Sirius Cup Regatta

The weather for the 68th Sirius Cup was far better than for the 67th, where wild weather had a major impact on the Regatta. This year ran more to the usual script. The Regatta started with Groups some groups arriving from lunch time Friday and by Friday night we had covered Balmoral Oval, including the space between the cricket practice nets (a cosy location for the Brookvale Curl Curl Group). We over 850 participants from more than 45 Groups, of which 733 were there for the whole weekend.

Saturday morning was the Scout and Venturer canoe races whilst the sailors rigged their boats for the afternoon race. To while away the evening two movies were shown to occupy the campers. Sunday started early, at 07:00 for the Sirius Iron man event, rowing, Cub canoeing and more sailing.

1st Sailors Bay were crowned the Regatta champions (now 7 times in the last 8 years), winning the Commodores Cup for the fourth consecutive year. Some of the other key trophies and their winners were:

- ☺ Sirius Cup – handicap winner division 1: *Mira*, 1st Sailors Bay
- ☺ Little Sirius Cup – handicap winner division 2: *Walk the Plank*, 1st Woy Woy
- ☺ Sirius Shield – overall group sailing, divisions 1 and 2: 2nd Abbotsford Port Neptune Sea Scouts
- ☺ Khaki and Blue - Line Honours Division 1: *Mira*, 1st Sailors Bay
- ☺ The Fin – Line Honours Division 2: *Walk the Plank*, 1st Woy Woy
- ☺ Balmoral Trophy – Scout line honours in division 2: *Attitude*, 2nd Abbotsford Port Neptune Sea Scouts
- ☺ James Dean Memorial Trophy – Highest Level of Enthusiasm and Sportsmanship: #21 *Margaret* (South Penrith) and #6 *Crackle 3* (SWASH)

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 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 69th Sirius Cup Regatta will be on in 2019 with the event being held over the weekend 15-17 March.

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