



## 69<sup>th</sup> Sirius Cup Regatta

There were some storms leading up to the 69<sup>th</sup> Sirius Cup however Balmoral Oval was open for the Sirius Cup as the team arrived and started setting up for the event. During the day messages were received from a number of Groups indicating that they would not be attending due to the bleak weather forecast. At lights out on Friday it was evident that there would be fewer participants than previous years as there was over one-third of the oval unoccupied by campers.

Saturday started well and although they weren't clear skies the rain held off for most of the day and a full programme of activities was run. The Saturday morning Scout/Venturer canoeing ran the usual full programme, although a little faster due to the lower numbers. The wind was great in the afternoon and we had a fleet of 40 boats register for the sailing race in the afternoon.

Due to the impending rain the evening entertainment was moved to 1<sup>st</sup> Balmoral hall, which was packed to overflowing with movie goers. The breeze picked up with evening with at least one Group turning gazebos into a modern-day sculpture.

Sunday didn't start so well with a brief storm interrupting the iron man briefing. The iron man and rowing events were both held in some on again/off again rain. The Cub Scout canoeing races started but were called off half way though due to the colour change in some of the Cubs (to blue!). Around 9am saw the storm move in and Balmoral Oval transform into Lake Balmoral. As campers started packing to leave the Sunday sailing was called off.

Some of the other key trophies and their winners were:

- ☺ Commodores Cup (Champion Group Overall) – 1<sup>st</sup> Sailors Bay
- ☺ Sirius Cup (Handicap Winner, Division 1) – *Red Rocket*, Lake Ginninderra
- ☺ Sirius Shield (Overall Group Sailing) – 2nd Abbotsford Port Neptune
- ☺ Little Sirius Cup (Handicap Winner, Division 2) – *Trident*, 2nd Abbotsford Port Neptune
- ☺ Voice Pipe (Total Points, Rowing & Canoeing Combined) – 1<sup>st</sup> Sailors Bay
- ☺ Wyreema Trophy (Champion Group Canoeing, Short Course) – 1<sup>st</sup> Sailors Bay
- ☺ Rudder (Champion Rowing Group) – 1<sup>st</sup> Bayview
- ☺ Wal Piltz Skin (Champion Group Camping) – 1<sup>st</sup> Balmoral

A full list of the results will be available in a few weeks at <http://siriuscup.x10host.com/>

A big thank you goes out to all of the leaders, Rovers, Venturers and Scouts who helped out in running the Regatta and to SWASH who helped the safety boat team with four boats. 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/Bob Richards for loaning us the radios and PA systems and to Mosman Council for their assistance in running the event at Balmoral Oval.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Sirius Cup Regatta will be on in 2020 with the event being held over the weekend 20-22 March.

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