



## 71<sup>st</sup> Sirius Cup Regatta

In a somewhat different lead up to the 71<sup>st</sup> there were not some storms in the week preceding the Regatta. The small team arrived at the oval in full sun with very warm and humid conditions to start the Regatta setup – it only became warmer with the gauge hitting 30+ during the day. This was the theme for the entire weekend – very hot days and no rain.

Saturday morning was the Scout and Venturer canoe races whilst the sailors rigged their boats for the afternoon race.

The wind was moderate to fresh (around 12 knots, gusting to 18 knots) as a fleet of 51 boats headed out for the start of the Saturday afternoon sailing race. A number of the boats retired from the race with gear failures.

With the fine weather we had an outdoor screening on the oval with the grass packed with movie goers.

Sunday started early, at 07:00 for the Sirius Iron man event before the beach was invaded for the Cub Scout canoeing races. The Sunday sailing race was run in much lighter conditions (gentle to moderate breeze) than Saturday resulting in more boats finishing this race.

Some of the other key trophies and their winners were:

- ☺ Commodores Cup (Champion Group Overall) – 1<sup>st</sup> Sailors Bay
- ☺ Sirius Shield (Overall Group Sailing) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbotsford Port Neptune S/S
- ☺ Sirius Cup (Handicap Winner, Division 1) – *Lick This*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbotsford Port Neptune
- ☺ Little Sirius Cup (Handicap Winner, Division 2) – *Attitude*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbotsford Port Neptune
- ☺ Voice Pipe (Total Points, Rowing & Canoeing Combined) – 1<sup>st</sup> Sailors Bay
- ☺ Wal Piltz Skin (Champion Group Camping) – Lake Burley Griffin

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 the leaders, Rovers, Venturers and Scouts who helped in running the Regatta and to SWASH who helped the safety boat team with three 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 and allowing us to use the oval.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Sirius Cup Regatta will be on in 2024 with the event being held over the weekend 15-17 March.

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