



73rd Sirius Cup Regatta

The 73rd Regatta started when a small team of four arrived at the oval in full sun with warm conditions to start the Regatta setup. As it was the Regatta weekend it wouldn't be the same without rain, and we had a short shower while setting up.

The Scouts, and tents started arriving on Friday afternoon and by Saturday evening we had over 750 campers around Balmoral Oval with 835 participants over the weekend.

On Saturday morning there were canoe races for the Scouts and Venturers and sailors rigged their boats for the afternoon race. The wind was gentle to moderate as a fleet of 71 boats headed out for the start of the Saturday sailing race.

An outdoor movie screening was held on the oval with the grass packed with movie goers. Conveniently the rain held off until the movie finished, after which ... it started.

The rain had cleared by the early start (07:00) on Sunday for the Sirius Iron man event before the beach was invaded for the Cub Scout canoeing races with the Sunday sailing starting late in the morning.

Some of the key trophies and their winners were:

- ☺ Commodores Cup (Champion Group Overall) – Lake Ginninderra
- ☺ Sirius Shield (Overall Group Sailing) – Lake Ginninderra
- ☺ Sirius Cup (Handicap Winner, Division 1) – *Uproar*, Lake Ginninderra
- ☺ Little Sirius Cup (Handicap Winner, Division 2) – *Admit One*, Lake Ginninderra
- ☺ Voice Pipe (Total Points, Rowing & Canoeing Combined) – 1st Sailors Bay
- ☺ Wal Piltz Skin (Champion Group Camping) – Epping

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 and the ACT Scout groups who helped the safety boat team with boats (two from SWASH and four from the ACT). Also, the Venturers from 1st Collaroy Plateau (ex-Cromer Dee Why) with Catherine volunteering to staff the office and the others all assisting on the safety boat team. There are many volunteers who come down and help with the setup and packing up of the Regatta HQ, run safety 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 74th Sirius Cup Regatta will be on in 2026 with the event being held over the weekend 20-22 March.



Paul Soltau
Regatta Coordinator

Missing Trophies

Over the last several years three of the Sirius Cup trophies have gone missing. If you have seen, or have, any of the following trophies please contact Paul (or drop them in to the Region Office). It would be great to have them back.

- **Old Paddle Trophy**, for the slowest boat home before time expires. This trophy was first presented in 1949 and although it was lost for many years it was found. However, it has now gone missing ... again.
- **Bill Leslie and Trish Pester Memorial Trophy**, for Venturer sailing activities. 3rd Belrose Venturer Unit donated this trophy in 1992 in memory of two Venturer Leaders (Bill Leslie and Trish Pester) who tragically lost their lives in Tasmania 1991.
- **Fin**, for line honours in Division 2. This trophy was first presented in 1974. It went missing and was replaced in 2004. This replacement trophy has now also gone missing.
- **Deep Keeler**, for the handicap winner of Division 5. This trophy was first presented in 1974 for the handicap winner in the deep keeler division.