

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

A week out from the Regatta the weather forecast was not in our favour – storms and showers for the entire weekend. Luckily Friday dawned and the storms had not. Apart from a few drops during the Saturday sailing and a short shower during the evening presentations the weather over the weekend was great.

The number of participants has been trending upward since I was first involved in the organisation of the Regatta. Back in 2001 we had around 450 participants and in 2010 there were over 850 participants. We had 623 there for the whole weekend (most of them camped on the oval) and an



extra 229 turn up for the events on Sunday, mainly the Cub canoeing.

There were more than 40 Scout Groups in attendance at the Regatta, including Lake Burley Griffin and Lake Tuggeranong both from the ACT. The Groups started arriving early and by Friday evening we had covered over half of Balmoral Oval in tents and dining flies.

Saturday morning saw the canoeing races start whilst the sailors rigged their boats for the afternoon race. To while away the evening hours two movies were shown to occupy the campers. Réveille was early on Sunday with the Sirius Iron man person starting at 07:00 followed by rowing at 08:00, Cub canoeing at 08:45 and more sailing at 11:20.

1<sup>st</sup> Yaralla again were again crowned the Regatta champions, winning the Commodores Cup for the third consecutive year.

Some of the other key trophies and their winners are:

- Sirius Cup – handicap winner division 1: *Mira*, 1<sup>st</sup> Sailors Bay
- Little Sirius Cup – handicap winner division 2: *Sneachta Ban*, Lake Tuggeranong
- Sirius Shield – overall group sailing, divisions 1 and 2: won jointly by 1<sup>st</sup> Sailors Bay and 1<sup>st</sup> Yaralla
- Balmoral Trophy – Scout line honours in division 2: *Blueey* 1<sup>st</sup> Bayview
- North Harbour Scout Sailing Trophy – fastest small boat sailed by a Scout: *Blueey* 1<sup>st</sup> Bayview

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

The *Mosman Daily* has put together a photo gallery of the event and it can be viewed at <http://mosman-daily.whereilive.com.au/photos/gallery/sirius-cup-regatta/>

A big thank you goes out to all of the leaders, Venturers and Scouts who helped out in running the Regatta. There are a number of volunteers who come down and help out by running safety and marker boats, marshalling the canoeing, rowing and iron person events, helping with the setup and packing up of the Regatta HQ, manning the office and numerous other tasks. Also thanks to Mowbray Radio for loaning us the radios and PA systems and to Mosman Council for their assistance in running the event at Balmoral.

The 61<sup>st</sup> Sirius Cup Regatta will be on in 2011 with the event being held over the weekend 11-13 March.

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