

The Regional Water Activities Team of
Sydney North Region brings you the
74th SIRIUS CUP REGATTA



**Balmoral Beach, Mosman
20 to 22 March 2026**

**Scout Law, Promise, Policy and
Rules always apply**

We wish you fair weather, fair winds and fair play.

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As part of Scouts of Australia, at the Regatta we acknowledge the Borogegal and Cammeraigal, as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging

We're grateful to do our Scouting in this country; we commit to use its resources wisely and develop our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. We also acknowledge any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scouts who are part of our movement today.

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Notice to all competitors

The Sirius Cup organisers reserve the right to inspect any craft for safety issues and if found to be unsafe the craft will not be allowed to compete.

Only registered members of the Scout Association are allowed to partake in the Sirius Cup Regatta. Those participants in water activities other than direct swimming events must wear properly fitted and secured Personal Flotation Devices 1 or 2, appropriate footwear (refer below) and sun protection, including hat (preferably with an all-round brim).

Competitors must abide by all rules, requirements and directions set by the Sirius Cup Regatta Committee and delegated officials. Persistent failure to do so could result in the competitor and his or her Group being disqualified from an event or the Regatta.

Risk and Insurance Statement

Risks – our aquatic licence covers the sailing events and participants should note that there are a number of risks associated with partaking in such an event.

These risks include, but are not limited to, from the minor (cuts and scratches, sun burn) through to critical (drowning) and those in between; collision with other participants or collision with other boats on the water resulting in more serious first aid incidents (sprains, breaks, immersion in the water), sunstroke. Although there are a number of precautions taken to mitigate these risks sailing is still a risk activity.

Participants should note that registering for the Regatta and registering a boat in the sailing events acts as their written acknowledgment of these risks.

The full risk assessment can be obtained by emailing snr.siriuscup@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Insurance – please note that only participants who are members of Scouts Australia, NSW Branch, will be covered by the Association's Personal Accident policy. Copies of the current insurance brochure may be obtained from your local Region office. The larger Insurance Handbook is available on the NSW Branch website (go to www.nsw.scouts.com.au, Resources and Polices section/Insurance information).

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Sailing and canoe marathon

With the increased attention being given to adventurous activities, the Sirius Cup Regatta Committee is now taking a more stringent approach to the Regatta sailing activities and canoe marathon activities. The Regatta Committee has now formalised the current Regatta rules.

All skippers will need to be qualified for the races (sailing and canoe marathon) in which they are participating. The Leader-in-Charge at the Regatta will need to attest and sign off that each of the skippers is appropriately qualified to participate in the event in which they are registered.

Footwear

Appropriate footwear includes boating shoes, sandshoes and other fully enclosed footwear. Such footwear **must** be worn at all times, except when swimming or showering.

As an example, the following forms of footwear are considered to be inappropriate for camping and water activities: thongs, “Crocs”, “Reefs” and sandals. When jumping in and out of boats, possibly onto rocks and other obstacles, these forms of footwear do not offer adequate protection.

Skate area

The skate area is **OUT OF BOUNDS**. If participants are found in this area their Groups will be disqualified and all points lost.

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Introduction

All Scout Association members and others please take careful note:

As this is a Scout Regatta and Camp all the rules and policies of the Association always apply. All those taking part in the Sirius Cup Regatta do so at their own risk. Neither the Scout Association of Australia, NSW Branch, Appointed Leaders, Organising Committee nor any of its members are responsible for the seaworthiness of a craft whose entry is accepted, the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its crew. The lodging of an entry form or the payment of a registration fee by a Scout Group or boat crew shall constitute acknowledgment of this indemnity by the Group or Crew.

The youth members attending the Regatta are the responsibility of the person, from their Group, who is designated as the Leader-in-Charge at the Regatta. The Leader-in-Charge should ensure that all participants have the relevant qualifications and skills for the events in which they will participate. Youth members who are swimming, canoeing or sailing either as part of a Regatta event or outside of the Regatta events or who are away from their camp site must have permission from their Leader-in-Charge.

The Regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the Scout Law and the most recently published NSW Branch Policy in respect to Water Activities (Schedule A). It is the responsibility of participating Groups and Crews to ensure that these regulations are complied with. The Water Activities Committee may disqualify any entry for breach of the Safety Rules and Regulations. Personal Flotation Devices must be worn in accordance with Scout Association Policy, and **appropriate footwear and sun protection, including hat (preferably with an all-round brim), always in and out of the water.**

Rover crews may enter the regatta under their own Crew name.

General

Arrival procedure

The Regatta Headquarters (RHQ) is upstairs at the Balmoral Oval dressing shed or pavilion that is located near the entrance of western side of Balmoral Oval car park. The Regatta Office is located downstairs in the pavilion.

Regatta Officials will be in attendance from 14:30 Friday. On your arrival, please register your Group (at the Regatta Office), and then your camping site on Balmoral Oval will be allocated.

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Information

Queries and problems should be directed to the officials wearing yellow/green fluoro vests. A notice board is located outside the Regatta Office to display any further information or changes to the program.

Camping - Site

Camping is permitted on Balmoral Oval, but outside the marked wicket area. You must have your site allocated before tents are erected. Cooking is permitted at the campsites only if gas stoves are used.

**NOTE: Open fires are not permitted.
Trenches may not be dug, nor fire made on the ground.
All refuse is to be regularly removed to the central collection area for disposal.
Sleeping is not permitted in the boat area or on the rigging lawn.
Absolutely no alcohol is permitted on the Oval or its surrounds, pavilions, beach or Scout Hall.**

Car parking

Cars can only be parked in the allocated parking areas, which are subject to Mosman Council fees, being \$40.00 per day (as of 18 March 2024). Vehicles **cannot** be taken onto Balmoral Oval. Trailers and vehicles can be unloaded and loaded in the parking area free of charge, whilst the person responsible for the vehicle is in attendance. Trailers are to be wheeled by hand to the designated area on the oval. Trailers that are parked in any area other than the designated area on the oval (eg between the car park and the beach) will be fined by the local Council Rangers. Buses and other large vehicles are not permitted to be left unattended, within the Oval car park.

Cars should only be in the car park. They are not to be driven on the grass between the car park and the beach, nor are they to be driven on the oval.

Registration fees

Registration fees apply for all Scouts Australia members. These are:

Weekend	\$25.00 per person	Applies to participants that attend the Regatta for all or part of the weekend.
Sunday only	\$12.50 per person	Generally the Cubs who visit on Sunday only

These charges cover all activities, events and badges, excludes food and drink.

Receipts and identification bands will be issued for each participant. **The bands are to be worn for the duration of the regatta and must not be shared and are required to participate in any event.** Any sharing will result in the participant(s) being disqualified from the event.

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Safety and security

All personal gear is the owner's responsibility and should be secured. A safety patrol will be always present in the area. This patrol has the right to remove persons from camping and Regatta areas at any time. The safety patrols will be wearing yellow/green fluoro vests and have safety name tags.

First aid

A Sydney North Region first aid person will be in attendance from Friday evening, located at Balmoral Scout hall. **Appropriate footwear and sun protection must be worn at all appropriate times.**

Scouts Own

It is expected that each of the individual Groups will arrange their own Scouts Own at a time suitable to them.

Sirius Cup online

Information and results can be found at <http://siriuscup.x10host.com>. If you have any comments or feedback on the event, please send them to snr.siriuscup@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Meals and snacks

We no longer have a food stall at the event.

Lost property

Lost property should be handed in at RHQ – enquires should be directed to Paul Soltau, Regatta Coordinator.

Toilets and showers

Porta-loos are located on the east side of the Oval. Additional toilets are located at the pavilion on the oval near the car park entrance. Showers are located within the pavilion, please note that these showers are designed to cater for team sports and the water will reheat about every ninety minutes. You are requested to leave them as you find them – clean and tidy.

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Camping

The Wal Pilz Trophy for camp craft will be awarded on Sunday afternoon during the presentation of trophies. It is presented for the best overall point score for Group camping.

All competitors start with a maximum of thirty points and can lose up to a maximum of five points for each of the following, but not limited to food scraps, rubbish, untidy personal gear, unfriendly Scout behaviour, equipment failure and incorrectly pitched kitchen flies or tents. Credit will be given for gateways.

Inspections of the campsites will be on a continuous basis, with formal inspections being conducted during the weekend.

Vessel safety inspections

All vessels competing in the Sirius Cup Regatta:

1. Will be subject to an inspection before being allowed entry to the regatta.
2. Will be subject to an inspection at any time during the regatta.

Canoeing

Canoe inspections will be conducted at the canoeing area from 08:30 on Saturday and Sunday morning. The boat examiners will ensure that all boats meet the following minimum requirements:

- All canoes must have adequate buoyancy (enough to hold crews above water) and be firmly secured to the vessel
- No sharp edges around the gunwales or elsewhere
- Bungs, if applicable, must be secure
- Painters are no longer mandatory. If they are present, they must be stowed in manner to prevent entanglement in the event of capsizing
- For the canoe marathons, bailers must be adequate and attached to the vessel
- Canoes competing in the marathons must carry a waterproof torch
- Rudders are not permitted on canoes.

All competitors must wear appropriate footwear, headwear (preferably with an all-round brim), sunscreen, PFD and identification wristband (**no PFD, hat or wristband – no participation**).

Canoeing – short course

Canoeing will be run from beach opposite the oval where we will be using a pool of canoes for the events. Groups can add their boats to the general pool although when the events are run there is no guarantee that you will be allocated your own canoe.

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Canoeing – divisions

- C2 double Canadian
- C4 four man Canadian
- K1 single kayak
- K2 double kayak

Canoeing – general

- To improve the event, we will be using a pool of canoes (from the boats found on the beach) for the short course canoeing events. Groups can add their boats to the general pool although when the events are run there is no guarantee that you will be allocated your own canoe.
- There is a limit of two entries per participating Group section in any canoe event – other than relays (see next point).
- Only one entry per Group will be allowed in each relay race. Each Group will have two crews. The first crew goes around the markers, then to the beach. The second crew then gets into the canoe and goes back to the start. No one other than the first crew is to assist in the crew transfer (**ie no adult assistance**).
- An individual Cub Scout, Scout or Venturer cannot enter more than 3 events in the canoe short course program.
- Subject to the three-race limit individuals may compete in age groups above their age within their section.
- It is a requirement that all participants wear properly fitted and secured personal floatation devices 1 or 2, a hat (preferably broad brimmed), appropriate enclosed footwear and identification wristbands otherwise they will be disqualified.
- For course plan, starting and finishing procedures refer to the marshal on site.
- Each Group is to organise adult helpers, at the finish line, to move the canoes quickly back to the marshalling area.
- Age is of the race day. U10 means not yet 10 years old as of race day.
- Heats will be run if there is a large number of entries for each event; the heats will be randomly allocated so two crews from the same Group may be in the same heat. Finals of these heats will be run as soon as practicable.
- If a crew is not in the marshalling area when the race is ready to run, they will be scratched from the event. The marshalling team will not be delaying races looking for missing crews.
- If the occupants of a canoe are seen to deliberately interfere (that is, shove, push, etc) with any canoe during the running of the race they will be disqualified. At the judges' discretion, any boat severely disadvantaged by intentional interference will be able to enter another heat or the final.

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Canoeing – Programme: Scouts and Venturers (Saturday)

Event	Time	Description	Event	Time	Description
	08:15	Registration opens	9		K2 U14
	08:30	Briefing of Leaders	10		C2 Venturers
1	08:45	K1 Venturers	11		K2 U13
2		C2 U15	12		C2x2 U15 Relay
3		K2 U12	13		C2 Finals
4		C2 U14	14		C2x2 U13 Relay
5		K2 Venturers	15		K1/K2 Finals
6		C2 U13	16		C2 Leaders/Rovers
7		K2 U15			
8		C2 U12	Finish	12:30	Finish

Canoeing – Programme: Cub Scouts (Sunday)

Event	Time	Description	Event	Time	Description
	08:45	Briefing of Leaders on beach	8		Final C2 U11
1	09:00	C4 U12	9		C2 U9
2		C2 U10	10		Final C4 U10
3		C4 U9	11		C4 U11
4		Final C2 U10	12		CF2 U12
5		C2 U11	13		Final C2 U9
6		Final C4 U9	114		Final C4 U11
7		C4 U10	Finish	12:15	Certificate Presentations

Canoeing – marathons

There are two marathons being the Scout and Open marathon. There are **no** pool boats for this event – all participants will need to arrange their own canoes.

The Scout Marathon is open only to youth members of Scout age and below and is conducted over a shorter course, from the middle of the beach to the marker buoy near Cobblers Beach, or Balmoral Beach, and back.

The Open Marathon is open to all youth members, Rovers and leaders. The races will commence at the middle of the beach. They will go around the marker buoy near Clontarf Beach, the marker buoy near Cobblers Beach and back. The direction may be reversed dependant on weather and there will probably be a portage section around the island at Rocky Point. There will be 3 divisions in the Open Marathon and the divisions will be handicapped to provide a close finish. The divisions will be C2, Single (kayaks and canoes) and Double (kayaks).

The starting location and course are subject to change due to weather and sea conditions and will be confirmed prior to the race.

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Sirius Iron Man

Consisting of two legs, being **running** along the track around the camping area and along the beach followed by **swimming** in the baths at Balmoral.

Division	Run	Swim
	From near RHQ	In the Balmoral Baths:
Cub Scouts	$\frac{3}{4}$ of a lap of the camp area to 1 st Balmoral hall and along the beach to the to the pool	50 metres
Scouts	$1\frac{3}{4}$ of a lap of the camp area to 1 st Balmoral hall and along the beach to the to the pool	100 metres
Venturers, Leaders and Rovers	$2\frac{3}{4}$ of a lap of the camp area to 1 st Balmoral hall and along the beach to the to the pool	150 metres

There will be separate divisions for male and female participants. All competitors must wear appropriate footwear, sunscreen and identification wristband (no wristband or shoes – no participation). Entries close at 07:00 at Regatta Headquarters with the races starting from 07:15.

Given the swimming component of this event and the early hour of the race, headwear is optional for this, **and only this**, event.

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Rowing

The rowing events will be marshalled on the beach north of the Balmoral baths. Groups are to provide their own boats for this event. All competitors must wear appropriate footwear, hat (preferably with an all-round brim), sunscreen, PFD and identification wristband (no PFD, hat or wristband – no participation).

Rowing – safety

Rowing boat inspections will be conducted at the rowing area, and will include:

- All vessels must have adequate buoyancy.
- A lanyard must attach an adequate bailer.

Rowing – program

On Sunday morning, the following six events will be run, briefing at 08:30 with competition starting at 08:45.

Event	Description	Event	Description
1	Single Oar Scout	4	Multi Oar Scout
2	Single Oar Venturer	5	Multi Oar Venturer
3	Single Oar Rover & Leader	6	Multi Oar Rover & Leader

Note:

- **No rowing skulls will be allowed in the above races.**
- In Venturer events, at least one rower must be a Venturer but other rowers may be Scouts
- In Leader events, at least one rower must be a Leader but other rowers may be Scouts and/or Venturers
- A cox may be used in any or all events
- No Group may enter more than two rowing crews in each event
- No one competitor may enter more than three events.

It is a requirement that all participants must be wearing a properly fitted and secured PFD, a hat (preferably broad brimmed) and suitable footwear, otherwise they will be disqualified.

The races will start from near the Balmoral Baths. They will be less than half a kilometre in length around a marker buoy near the Balmoral Island returning to the start/finish line (or such alternate course the marshals set according to conditions). Lengths of races for Scouts and/or single oar events may be shorter, at the discretion of the starter.

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Sailing

Sailing – general

All sailing races will be conducted generally in accordance with the current version of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* as published by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). These rules became effective on the 1 January 2025. In accordance with *Rule 86.1*, these rules have been partially modified by the Race Committee to better suit a Scouting Regatta. This instruction and the two skippers' briefings will outline any modifications made.

Sailing – entry procedure

1. Boat entry forms are available from the RHQ and the Regatta Office
2. Entries will only be accepted on a Group basis
3. The form should be filled out and handed to one of the boat examiners (wearing a yellow armband or yellow/green fluoro vest) on the beach
4. The examiner will inspect the boat and will endorse the entry form as to that boat's acceptability. **Note that only fully rigged boats will be inspected.**
5. As soon as the boat has been examined, and the form signed (by the examiner), the completed entry form is to be returned to RHQ
6. After the completed, and signed, entry has been returned to RHQ two numbered stickers will be issued. These are to be placed on either side of the bow.

The boat examiners will ensure that all boats meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Boat and rig to be in a condition considered serviceable by the boat examiner
2. Bungs must be secure and retained
3. Adequate buoyancy must be evident and, where appropriate, firmly secured to the vessel.
4. All boats must carry a paddle
5. The bailer, if appropriate, must be adequate and secured to the vessel by a lanyard
6. The rudder must be secured so that it cannot go adrift in the event of a total capsize
7. The centreboard held in position by a locking device so that it cannot be lost in a capsize
8. Boat must have a towing ring/shackle or fixed towrope or a method to be towed.

Sailing – program

Saturday

- Boat inspections start at 09:00
- Boat inspections will cease and entries close at 11:45
- Skippers meet at RHQ at 12:30
- 10-minute warning at 13:40
- Race starts at 13:50
- Time limit expires at 17:00

Sunday

For boats not registered on Saturday

- Boat inspections start at 08:30
- Boat inspections will cease and entries close at 09:30
- Skippers meet at RHQ at 10:20
- 10-minute warning at 11:10
- Race starts at 11:20
- Time limit expires at 14:30

No late entries will be accepted – if you are also canoeing you will need to plan properly so that your sailing boat is ready on time for inspection.

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Sailing – safety

All competitors must wear appropriate footwear, hat (preferably with an all-round brim), sunscreen, PFD and identification wristband (no PFD or wristband – no participation).

While a sailing race is planned for both Saturday and Sunday, your attention is drawn to *Rule 4*, which states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

Notwithstanding *Rule 4* (noted above) and in the interest of safety, the Sirius Cup Sailing Committee can, at its sole discretion, call off the race for one or more classes of boats, one or more divisions or the race as a whole. Any craft that continues to race after this discretion has been exercised will be disqualified and, if applicable, will not be allowed to race in the Sunday event or have their Group disqualified from the Regatta, losing all points they may have accumulated.

Check Out/In

The system will be explained at the skippers briefing. The skipper (not the leader) needs to sign out that they are racing. This forms the basis of the list for keeping track of what boats we need to find. On arrival back at the beach the skipper then needs to sign back in. Only when all the boats are signed back in will the safety boats finish.

Note that skippers not signing out or back in will have their boat disqualified.

Sailing – other

To recognise the effort put in by those who sail in the races over both days, the perpetual trophies for handicap winner are awarded based on the combined results of both days sailing results.

Sailing – courses

The following four courses, or variations of, are available to the Race Committee:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Starting Line</i>	<i>Finishing Line</i>
1. Blue Course (N & NE wind)	Vicinity of Balmoral Baths	Vicinity of the Navy Wharf
2. Green Course (S & SE winds)	Vicinity of Clontarf Point	Vicinity of the Navy Wharf
3. Yellow Course (W wind)	Vicinity of Cobblers Beach	Vicinity of the Balmoral Mark
4. White Course (S wind)	Vicinity of Clontarf Point	Vicinity of the Balmoral Mark

The course to be sailed will be notified at the skippers’ briefing. An example of the rounding marks will be displayed at the skippers’ briefing.

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Sailing – divisions

There are five divisions. These divisions are as follows:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Boat Type</i>
1	Group owned boats over 13' (3.9m)
2	Group owned boats 13' (3.9m) and under, plus Lasers
3	Privately owned boats over 13' (3.9m)
4	Privately owned boats 13' (3.9m) and under, plus Lasers
5	Keelboats

Sailing – handicapping

Boats will be handicapped in accordance with the Victorian Yachting Council Yardstick and the Woollahra Yardstick (as published in the Yachting Association of New South Wales 1997/98 Handbook) with adjustments made according to whether the skipper is a Scout, Venturer, Leader or Rover.

To clarify the general accepted past practice and to alleviate misunderstandings the most senior person on the boat is deemed to be the skipper. That is, if there is a Scout and Venturer on board then it is deemed the Venturer is skipper. Similarly, if a Venturer and leader or Scout and leader/parent are on board the leader is deemed to be the skipper.

The objective of handicapping is that all sailing boats of a similar class should finish (on handicap) as near together as possible. Handicaps will be posted at RHQ.

The handicapping formula being used is as follows:

$$\text{Corrected Time (CT)} = \frac{\text{Elapsed Time (ET)} \times 100}{\text{Yardstick}}$$

To work out your corrected time from your handicap and elapsed time:

1. Divide your handicap by 100. This is your percentage.
2. Divide your elapsed time by your percentage. This is your corrected time.

For example, a boat on 130 takes 96 minutes to complete the race. Corrected time is 96 divided by 1.3 = 73.8 minutes.

Please note that handicaps will be allocated prior to Saturday sailing and will be the same for Sunday. That is, there will be no adjustments made on Saturday night.

Sailing – scoring and time limit

The “Low Point System” RRS Appendix A will apply except there shall be no discards and a boat’s total score will be the sum of her scores in all races completed.

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Boats still racing when her time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats in her division finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored time limit expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

Sailing – starting procedure

The starting lines will be laid between the starter's boat and a mark and there will be three starts to the race. Division 5 will start first, followed 10 minutes later by divisions 1 and 3 with divisions 2 and 4 a further 10 minutes later. The start of the race will be indicated using a modified version of *Starting System 2*, as described in *Rule 26.3*.

The detailed start procedure will be available from RHQ. The procedure will be explained in more detail at the skippers briefing to be held prior to each day's racing.

Note that *Rule 26.1* states those times shall be taken from the visual signals. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Sailing – recall procedure

Individual Recall – If the Race Committee judges a boat to be over the line when the race starts Flag X will be displayed on the starter's boat, accompanied by a second sound signal (gun or horn). Loud hailer will then recall the offending boat(s), quoting name(s), sail number(s) or hull number(s). The offending boat(s) will then be required to return to the pre-start side of the starting line. Failure to heed the recall will incur the offending boat(s) a 10% handicap penalty.

General Recall – When at the starting signal several unidentified boats are on the course side of the starting line or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the Race Committee may signal a general recall by displaying the First Substitute Flag. This signal will be accompanied by a second and third sound signal (gun or horn). If this occurs all boats will be required to return to the pre-start side of the starting line. When all the boats have complied with this requirement, the First Substitute Flag will be lowered. One minute after this, the ten-minute signal will be displayed again and the entire starting procedure will re-commence.

Both the starting and recall procedures (including examples of the flags and sound signals being used) will be demonstrated at the skippers' briefings.

Sailing – touching a mark

Your attention is drawn to *Rule 31.1* and *31.2*. *Rule 31.1* states “While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark or boat before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing”. *Rule 31.2* states “A boat that has broken *Rule 31.1* may, after getting well clear of other boats as soon as possible, take a penalty by promptly making one complete three hundred and sixty degree turn including one tack and one gybe. When a boat takes a penalty after touching a finishing mark, she shall return completely to the course side of the line before finishing.”

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Sailing – retiring from a race

A retiring boat must notify a member of the Race Committee as soon as possible and must keep clear of all boats still racing and must not cross the finishing line in any direction. Any boat that decides not to start a race must similarly notify a member of the Race Committee at the earliest possible opportunity. Failure to notify the Race Committee of retirement, or a decision not to start, causes great inconvenience to those responsible for the safety of race participants. The Race Committee may disqualify any participants who fail to comply with this obligation from any future Scout Association Regatta or event. Handicapping penalties may be incurred.

Sailing – finish procedure

After completing a race or retiring from a race, each skipper must check in with “Beach Control”. Failure to check in will result in the boat being disqualified and, if applicable, it will not be allowed to race in the Sunday event or have their Group disqualified from the Regatta, losing all points they may have accumulated.

This procedure is to ensure the safety of boats, as the safety boat crews will not be called in until all the participating boats have registered in at the finish of the race.

Sailing – Protests

In the spirit of Scouting, it is expected that protests will be kept to a minimum, and in accordance with *Rules 60.1, 60.2 and 60.3* protests can only be lodged by those boats entered in the race.

Protests must be lodged within fifteen minutes of the expiration of the time limit. A protest fee of \$20.00 will apply, refundable if the protest is not judged trivial. Only those protests that materially affect the results will be heard. A protesting boat should notify the starter’s boat of its intention to protest, if possible, as it crosses the finishing line. Protests against handicapping must be lodged with the Sailing Coordinator at least 45 minutes prior to the start of the race. Anyone intending to lodge a protest should first familiarise themselves with *Part 5 of The Racing Rules of Sailing* and ensure that they comply with the provisions of that part.

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Perpetual trophies

Trophy

Awarded To

Commodore's Cup

Ken Hebblewhite who was the Commodore of the Regatta at that time presented this prestige cup in March 1973. It was to commemorate the return to England of the Scout Leader of 1st Balmoral/Beauty Point Scout Group. The trophy is awarded to the Group that achieves the highest overall point score for all events in the Sirius Cup Regatta.

**Champion Group
Overall**

Sirius Shield

1st Port Jackson Sea Scout Group presented this trophy in 1986 for overall sailing points in Divisions 1 and 2 combined.

**Overall Group Sailing,
Divisions 1 and 2**

Sirius Cup

This is the original Cup for the Regatta, which has been in existence since the 1940's. It has always been awarded to the handicap winner for the Group owned boats division. It is awarded based on the combined results of both days sailing.

**Handicap Winner
Division 1**

Khaki and Blue

This also came into existence in the 1940's when Land Scout Troops started to compete in Sea Scout Regattas. It was originally awarded to the first Land Scout boat on handicap. It is now awarded to the line honours winner of Division 1.

**Line Honours
Division 1**

Little Sirius Cup

This trophy came into being in the 1960's when there was a sharp increase in the number of Scout owned small boats, where previously groups tended towards larger boats. It is awarded to the handicap winner based on the combined results of both days sailing.

**Handicap Winner
Division 2**

Fin

John Thompson of 3rd Mosman Bay Sea Scout Group donated the original trophy in 1974. Replacement trophies were donated in 2004 by the North Harbour Scout Water Base Fellowship and 2025 by after the original and replacement had been missing for many years. It is awarded to the line honours winner of Division 2.

**Line Honours
Division 2**

Old Paddle Trophy

This trophy was first presented in 1949, although it was lost for many years. When it was returned; it is awarded to the last sailing boat to finish within the allocated time. The Old Paddle as replaced in 2025 as the original had gone missing (again).

Slowest Boat Home

This programme is subject to change – any changes will be posted on the notice board at RHQ.

Trophy

Awarded To

North Harbour Scout Sailing Trophy (Small Boats)

The North Harbour Scout Water Base Fellowship donated this trophy in 2004 to be presented to the best-placed Scout (on handicap) in the small boat divisions (divisions 2 and 4). It is awarded based on the combined results of both days sailing.

Fastest Small Sailing Boat Sailed by a Scout

Balmoral Trophy

The Balmoral trophy was donated by 1st Balmoral in 2004 to be awarded to the first Group owned boat across the line sailed by a Scout. It is awarded to the Scout line honours winner of Division 2 on Sunday.

Scout Line Honours Division 2

Foul Propeller

First awarded in 2014 this Trophy, donated by SWASH, is awarded to the best placed (on two-day handicap) large Rover boat.

Fastest Large Sailing Boat Sailed by a Rover

Water Activities Trophy (Big Boats)

The Branch Water Activities Base at Woolwich donated this award. It is presented to the fastest (on handicap) sailing boat over 13' which is sailed by an adult. It is awarded based on the combined results of both days sailing.

Fastest Sailing Boat Sailed by an Adult Divisions 1 and 3

Water Activities Trophy (Small Boats)

The Branch Water Activities Base at Woolwich donated this award. It is presented to the fastest (on handicap) sailing boat 13' or under which is sailed by an adult. It is awarded based on the combined results of both days sailing.

Fastest Sailing Boat Sailed by an Adult Divisions 2 and 4

Deep Keeler

This trophy was first presented in 1974 for the handicap winner in the deep keeler division. It is awarded based on the combined results of both days sailing.

Handicap Winner Division 5

Adversity Trophy

1st Balmoral donated the Adversity trophy in 2004 to be awarded to the boat sailed by a youth member in any division, who finished the race under trying circumstances, choosing to see the race out rather than retire. This trophy may not be issued every year.

Scout Sailing Adverse Conditions

Bill Leslie and Trish Pester Memorial Trophy

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. It is awarded based on the combined (on handicap) results of both days sailing.

Venturer Sailing Activities

This programme is subject to change – any changes will be posted on the notice board at RHQ.

Trophy

Awarded To

Wal Pilz Camping Trophy

First presented in 1982 by Wal Pilz, retired Branch Chief Commissioner.

**Champion Group
Camping**

Voice Pipe

This trophy was donated in 1974 for the Champion Group in non-sailing water activities. It is an original voice pipe from HMAS Sydney.

**Total Points
Rowing & Canoeing
Combined**

Rudder

John Thompson of 3rd Mosman Bay Sea Scout Group donated this trophy in 1974. It is awarded to the Group that achieves the highest overall point score in rowing.

Total Points Rowing

Wyreema Trophy

Rod Corrie and Doug Kiely presented this trophy in 1981 for the champion Group in canoeing (excluding canoe marathons).

**Champion Group
Canoeing (Short
Course)**

Peter “Dahinda” Townson Memorial Trophy

Crafted and presented by his Scouting friends of Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scouts and ACT Scouts together with his family. Peter was a long serving Cub leader with Lake Burley Griffin and attended many Sirius Cup Regattas.

**Cub Scout Canoeing
Champions**

Scout Paddle Trophy

This trophy was introduced in 2003 and is awarded to the line honours winner in the Scout canoe marathon.

**Line Honours Scout
Canoe Marathon**

New Paddle Trophy

This trophy replaces the ‘Tiller’ which was originally the Premier Trophy for the 1st Port Jackson Regatta. It is awarded for the line honours winner in the open canoe marathon.

**Line Honours Open
Canoe Marathon**

James Dean Memorial Trophy

James was a pivotal member of the 3rd Mosman Bay Group progressing through the Group and becoming a leader, who died of cancer in 2009, aged just 29. In his memory this trophy is awarded to the Group who display the highest level of enthusiasm and sportsmanship over the Sirius Cup weekend. This trophy may not be issued every year.

**Enthusiasm and
Sportsmanship**

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Trophy

Awarded To

Sirius Iron Group Trophy

This trophy was introduced in 2001 that is awarded to the Group that performs best in the Iron Man events.

Total Overall Group Iron man

Sirius Iron Man

This trophy was introduced in 2010 that is awarded to the first Leader or Rover to finish the Iron Man event.

Winner of Leader/Rover Iron Man

Sirius Iron Venturer

This trophy was introduced in 2016 that is awarded to the first Venturer to finish the Iron Man event.

Winner of Venturer Iron Man

Sirius Iron Woman

A new trophy in 2025, donated by the ACT Groups, and is awarded to the first Leader or Rover to finish the Iron Man event.

Winner of Leader/Rover Iron Woman

Sirius Iron Women, Venturer

A new trophy in 2025, donated by the ACT Groups, and is awarded to the first Venturer to finish the Iron Man event.

Winner of Venturer Iron Woman

Disputes, complaints and adjudications

Sailing

Sirius Cup Sailing Committee, via Paul Soltau, Regatta Coordinator.
Refer page 17 for sailing protest procedure.

All other matters

These should be referred to Paul Soltau, Regatta Coordinator or his appointed delegate.

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Regatta Programme

Friday, 20 March 2026

16:30 RHQ and office open – located at pavilion on oval
22:30 Oval lighting turned off
23:00 Lights out (main oval lights out 21:30-22:00)

Saturday, 21 March 2026

07:00 RHQ and office open at pavilion on oval
07:00 Entries open at pavilion on oval
08:15 Canoe event registration opens (on the beach)
08:30 Scout canoeing briefing on beach at the gazebo
08:45 – 12:30 Scout/Venturer canoeing events start
09:00 Sailing craft inspections begin
10:00 TBC Safety boat instruction at RHQ (upstairs)
11:45 Entries close for Saturday sailing
12:30 Sailing briefing RHQ on Oval
12:45 Safety boat briefing RHQ on Oval (pick up radios, etc)
13:50 Sailing race starts (10-minute warning is at 13:40)
14:00 – 18:00 Non-competitive activities – on oval near RHQ (slip ‘n’ slide)
17:00 Sailing time expires
17:15 Sailing protest deadline
17:15 – 18:45 Scout and open canoe marathon
19:30 Saturday canoe and sailing presentations – on oval at RHQ
20:00 Evening entertainment (movie on oval after sunset)
22:30 Lights out (Oval lights will be turned off during the movies, if they are on)

Sunday, 22 March 2026

07:00 RHQ and office opens at pavilion on oval
07:10 Marshalling closes for Sirius/Iron Man on oval at RHQ
07:15 Iron Man starts – on oval at RHQ (presentations at the pool follow)
08:30 Sailing craft inspections begin (those not inspected on Saturday)
08:30 Rowing briefing – on beach north of Balmoral baths
08:45 Rowing races commence (presentations at the beach follow)
08:45 – 12:15 Cub Scout canoe briefing/events on beach at the gazebo
09:30 Entries close for Sunday sailing
10:20 Sailing briefing RHQ on Oval
10:35 Safety boat briefing RHQ on Oval
11:20 Sailing race starts (10-minute warning is at 11:10)
12:15 Cub Scout canoeing presentations at the beach (at conclusion of racing)
14:30 Sailing time expires
15:00 Sailing protest deadline
15:45 Presentations of all remaining trophies and certificates – on oval at RHQ

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2027 Regatta

The 75th Sirius Cup Regatta will be held on the weekend of 19-21 March 2027. We hope to see you again next year.

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 - ◆ Sell hire and service all types of two-way radios (land, marine, flying doctor)
 - ◆ EPIRBs
 - ◆ Sell and service portable PA systems
 - ◆ Hire satellite phones
 - ◆ Service vintage radios
- The Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders, from both Sydney North and other Regions, who assist in running the Sirius Cup Regatta. A special thanks to the youth and leaders from Cromer Dee Why and the North Harbour Scout Water Base. Without these volunteers the Sirius Cup would not run as smoothly as it does.
- The NSW Branch of the Scout Association

A big thank you to everyone who has assisted at the Regatta.

Paul Soltau
Regatta Coordinator