

## SCRUFFIES NEWS

- In Which a Day Pressganging new crew members turns into a Real Regatta.

**“Pirate Captain Scruffie pressgangs many new members to his crew and a small sailing race ensues”**



*“Scruffie the Adventure Dog – Sailing Pirate, Crew Leader, First mate to all mates , Newly promoted Pirate Captain”*

7 scout groups (Mentone, 1<sup>st</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Brighton Sea Scouts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Blackburn, 1<sup>st</sup> Ivanhoe, 1<sup>st</sup> Hawthorne, Mont Albert North, Nuna Wadding) and 1 helpful branch team gathered together to sail the waters of Karkarook on a beautiful Autumn Day.

Who Knew that the So many people shared Scruffies ambitions to become a Pirate leader (***Captain Surely!! ed.***) Fortunately where Scruffie leads, many Follow.

With a Sunny Day, great wind and Excellent coffee and Tea Service, Scruffies great Day of Sailing had started.

Firstly Scruffie taught everyone how to correctly Rig and launch their boats, Then his Mate David and best friend Tony C explained how everyone would learn the manoeuvres needed to chase the target boats down and Board them (***Really !??? Ed***) whilst avoiding collisions, Some Crews were so keen to do this they competed to turn around the buoys and Scruffie decided it would only be fair to have prizes for the best Pirate crew. David Agreed and the Races began. What a day! Thanks Scruff. Thanks David, Thanks Tony.

- 20 dynamic dinghy's
- 1 Orange Cat
- 2 Power boats
- 32 Sailors
- 1 Corsair
- 7 Racing teams
- 6 Races
- Excellent morning Tea
- Coffee, Coffee, Coffee
- 2 bored Safety crews

### SCOUT SKILLS

1. Avoiding Collisions
2. Wind direction and sailing
3. Working as a team

### REGATTA WINNERS

- Scout Section Ryan Ingram,
- Venturers: 1<sup>st</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Brighton – Jan/Noah/Nick
- Open – Bryan Roberts & Crew
- Special Mention – Caitlin Hurly from 2<sup>nd</sup> Blackburn



### THANKS

- Tony for an excellent Day. Be Prepared is the scout Motto – Tony Always has a Plan, - THANKS TONY!
- The Branch Sailing team – for running a great event. A great Fun day – Safe and Awesome!
- Janet & Mandy for Morning & Afternoon tea – thank you! - Fruit, Sugar, Coffee – ALL the food groups.





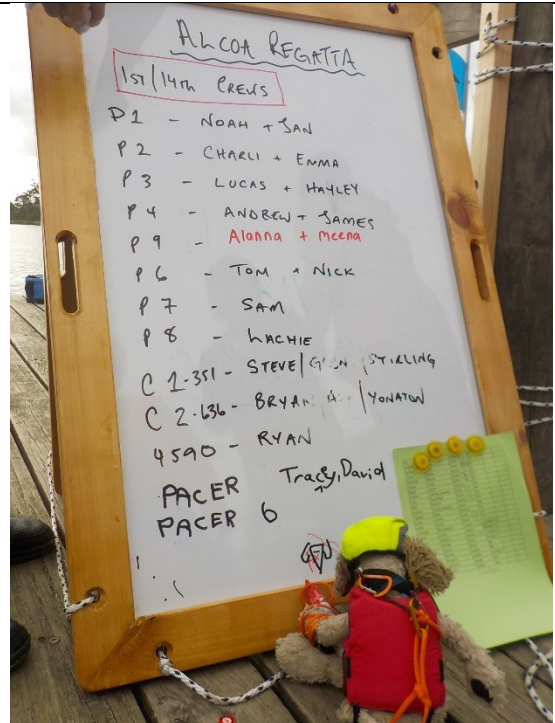
David briefs the sailing teams on Scruffies Plan for 'On Sea Manoeuvres' and 'Boarding the Enemy'.



And then shows off his sailing knowledge. In The Old Days David was a Pirate Captain - Scruffie Knows the Stories



Scruff organises the boats. A safety Check By the Chief Safety dog ensure that the boats and Crew are Safe until the Action Starts.



And then the crews... so much to do...No Rest for the Scout who want to be organised and effective. Be Prepared Scruffie (Like Tony! Ed. )



Preparations to get on the water begin. Works is directed by the More Experienced...



And the teams get ready- Helmets, PFDs and Close toe shoes please, Same rule for Everybody. (And PDF's?ed )





636 was a Boat to watch , and old Sea dog was in Charge, showing everyone the way, then he left for the Footy!!



Winner of the Scout Section, Ryan, Appears to be outgrowing his boat, nippy thing though. Scruffie is going to start saving his pocket money for one of these.



Unfortunately the Safety boat Operators were very bored, Scruffie tried to help by creating some accidents but everyone was too well behaved, So - Bored they remained...



Some dynamic boat fixing. Scruffie was pleased to see some cats. Scruffie likes chasing them.



Let the races begin...



Steve looking far too comfortable with Glenn & Stirling doing the work





Scruffie demonstrates the correct "boarding" Techniques to his Pirate Crew. (Are you Sure ? Ed)



Scrufie Loves karkarook, Water, beach, Wind, A hill. What more could a dog want?



Tea break (Coffee Surely ed!)



Before hitting the water again searching for the accidents that never happen. But scruffie Know the event cant happen without them, So THANKS SAFETY GUYS!!!



Scruffie keeps a close eye on the scoring..



And double checks Don and Davids numbers





*Closing parade. Scruffie is really pleased with the flag poles he sub contracted.*



*Prizes for the Venturers . Scruffie Awards the Crew with Least injuries per caper.*



*Till the next time....*