

Aquatics.

The South Australian Yacht Club will open the yachting season on Saturday, October 24, and the committee are now making the necessary preparations for the usual demonstration on the Port River. Meantime many of the yacht owners are getting their craft ready, though it is rather early in the season for the large yachts to be fitted out. Mr. Bunday's Wanderer and Mr. Honey's Zephyr will probably not make their appearance under sail until about Christmas. The Edith, owned by Sir Thomas Elder, is to be put into commission this year, and Commodore Cunningham's yacht Enchantress is now being fitted out to take part in the opening demonstration. Another fine yacht will soon be added to the club's fleet, for Mr. H. Chant is building a nice vessel, to be called the Alfreda, for Mr. H. J. D. Munton. She will measure 18 tons, and is to be specially adapted for cruising. Her hull is of jarrah, with kauri planking and elm timbers, and she is to have most elaborate cabin fittings. The builder is pushing forward with her so that the yacht may be out on the opening day. Mr. F. C. Mitchell intends having another 25 cwt. of lead added to the keel of the Trio, which will no doubt put her in better racing trim. Vice-Commodore Raudall has given up his old yacht, the Gazelle, and has purchased the Leander, which is undergoing many alterations at the hands of Mr. Playfair. An elliptic counterstern has been put on to her, and she is being fitted specially for cruising purposes. The Daisree, which belongs to Messrs. C. H. and T. Dewhurst, and which had her side stove in on the south coast last season, has been put into the hands of Mr. Playfair, who has got her into perfect shape again. An additional 21 cwt. of lead is to be added to her keel. Mr. S. Malin's Seagull presents quite an altered appearance this season. The shape of the bow has been improved upon, a heavy lead keel has been put on, and new sails made for her. Captain Bickers is again having the Weetena fitted out. Messrs. Woolnough & Porter's Banabee presents her usual taut and trim appearance, and of course is in commission, as are also Mr. J. Dyer's Ada and Mr. F. Clark's Psyche. The beautiful steam yacht the White Squall, belonging to Mr. Sison, which it was thought at first was not going to stay in our waters, will soon be added to the club fleet. It may be mentioned that the Marine Board will very shortly carry out their promise to deepen in front of the club's property. The dredging is to extend 50 feet inside the present deepening for a length of 150 feet and to a depth of 10 feet at low water. This will give the club a good berth for mooring their yachts, and will be a great convenience in many ways. Although one or two of the large yachts will not be able to moor in the 10 feet berth, yet for the majority it will be a comfortable anchoring-place.