

IMPRESSIVE YACHT SQUADRON OPENING

Myris, Wallaby, and Miss Johnnie Win.

Spectacular manoeuvres and propitious weather on Saturday combined to make the opening of the Royal Yacht Squadron at Outer Harbor, and the club races contested at Grange, Henley Beach and Glenelg the most successful of the season.

Myris, under a new skipper (H. Perry) won at Grange, Wallaby (R. Bishop) at Henley, and Miss Johnnie (A. B. Gillard) at Glenelg.

The varying sizes of the sailing vessels, and the luxurious appearance of the motor craft, made the pageant at Outer Harbor an impressive one. Avocet, with his Excellency the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven) and the commodore (Mr. A. G. Rymill) on board, the boats proceeded in a double line to No. 5 beacon, where they turned preparatory to forming in line for the saluting ceremony. The sailing vessels, with Vice-Commodore Angove's Stormy Petrel in the lead, proceeded to windward of the Avocet, which was anchored at a point opposite No. 3 beacon. Each crew recognised the commodore with rousing cheers and the dipping of the burgee. The power boats cruised in the vicinity until the departure of the sailing vessels before joining in the ceremony. At a dance held in the evening trophies were presented to Mrs. T. Hardy, who won the women's dinghy race last season in Dr. Brownell's Ormond, and Miss Kathleen Durnley, who was successful in the women's all-boats race in Ardale.

Myris Well Handled.

Perry sailed a masterly race in Myris, his effort being enhanced by the fact that it was his first appearance as skipper of the craft during a race. With the limit handicap of three minutes, he led throughout, finishing well clear of Sunny South. During the second round Silver Spray showed her best form since she was fitted with new gear, and O'Grady in Sunny South needed all his skill to hold second position. W. S. Rymill, in Scandal, experienced trouble with the spinnaker and peak halyard, after nearly

lost, experienced trouble with the spinnaker and peak halyard, after nearly fouling Silver Spray at the start of the race, and performed poorly. The event was over two rounds of the Grange club's triangular course, and was sailed in a moderate northerly breeze. The starters, skippers, handicaps, first round and finishing times were:—Myris (H. Perry), 3 min., 3 hr. 53 min., 55 sec., 4.13.15; Sunny South (O. J. O'Grady), scr., 3.54.35, 4.34.50 (fastest time; Silver Spray (H. Groves), 2 min., 3.56.35, 4.35.1; Miss Vic (G. C. Harrington), 3 min., 3.55.8, 4.35.25; Avalon (F. Haden), 2 min., 3.57.35, 4.36.2; John Savage (H. Le Leu), 3.55.36, 4.36.15; Scandal (W. S. Rymill), 1½ min., 3.54.35, 4.37.40.

The race started at 3.10 p.m., and was for a trophy presented by Mr. M. Kerrison.

Wallaby's Opening Win.

R. Bishop opened his winning account by succeeding with Wallaby at Henley. The race, for a trophy presented by the patron (Mr. H. Gaetjens), was contested by John Nimmo (L. Johnson), 5 min.; Wallaby (R. Bishop), 5 min.; Valiant (C. E. Rix), 4 min.; Albatross (L. Thompson), 2 min.; Mirage (R. Laing), scr.; Torment (K. Allen), scr. Nuzza was not rigged in time, and did not take part. The northerly was rounded first by Wallaby, with John Nimmo close behind. Then came Valiant, Albatross, Mirage, and Torment. Although the wind dropped, good time was made to the end of the first round, then the times were:—Wallaby, 4.12.35; Valiant, 4.12.55; John Nimmo, 4.18.10; Mirage 4.21.40; Torment, 4.22.0. Wallaby and Valiant hotly contested the lead during the second round, Valiant having a slight advantage at the southerly. On a freshening wind Wallaby stood out to sea, and moved fast enough to win by 50 sec. The finishing times were:—Wallaby, 5.10.43; Valiant, 5.11.35; Mirage, 5.14.39; Torment, 5.15.15; John Nimmo, 5.19.50. Mirage gained fastest time.

Miss Johnnie's Win.

The race at Glenelg was for Mr. G. D. Leahy's St. Vincent trophy. The skippers, handicaps, and starting times were:—Miss Johnnie (A. B. Gillard), scr., 3.34.0; Onward (M. Hall), scr., 3.34.0; Boomerang (L. Hawke)

lard), scr., 3.34.0; Onward (M. Hall), scr., 3.34.0; Boomerang (L. Hawke), 4 min., 3.30.0; Disturber (T. Wilson), 4 min., 3.30.0. The start was delayed until 3.20 p.m., in order to replace the southerly buoy, which had sunk. The boats started in a northerly direction against a light breeze, Boomerang getting well away from Disturber. Miss Johnnie sailed a fine race, overtaking the leaders early, and finishing well ahead. Boomerang held her lead on Disturber, and Onward, which appeared to have trouble with her gear, hung far in the rear until the last run home from the northerly buoy, when through a mishap Disturber fell back, finishing only 15 sec. ahead of

Onward. The finishing times were:—Miss Johnnie, 5.16.45; Boomerang, 5.22.15; Disturber, 5.22.10; Onward, 5.22.15.

Club championship points gained were:—Miss Johnnie, 5; Onward, 3; Boomerang, 2; Disturber 1.