



YACHTING NOTES.

(By "Topsail.")

The only fault which could be urged against the Port Adelaide Sailing Club's opening demonstration, which took place on the Port Adelaide River on October 10, was that it was held three or four weeks too soon. In consequence a large majority of the boats on the club's register failed to take part. Their owners had been unable to get them in readiness.

In electing Mr. H. B. Edwards as their secretary the members of the Port Adelaide Sailing Club have acted wisely. Mr. Edwards understands the business, and has tact and energy, which should go a long way towards placing the club on a sound footing. He has informed me that the reason the club held their opening demonstration on Saturday was that there was no alternative, for the rules provide that it must take place on the second Saturday in October, but a notice of motion stands in Captain Tabor's name to amend the rule referred to.

Several alterations are noticeable in the list of the sailing club's fleet. R. Fraser now has a larger boat than the old Pinnaroo called the Whylandra. H. J. King having purchased the Marie had added her to the club's register. Mr. H. Richardson has sold the Iverna and obtained a larger launch from Sydney named Mindrena. F. L. Lelei has bought the Seagull. Mr. R. Scaries has built the Australia. F. Gifford, having taken up the Miamia, has added her to the register. C. K. Harrold has built up and added a deckhouse to the Iona, and C. Leaver's Juno has been converted from steam to oil power. W. Playfair has altered the Pretender, and now sails her as the Roamer. The Folly has undergone considerable structural alteration, has an increased sail area, and since the publication of the club's list has had her name changed to Ma Belle by Mr. Bungoyne, her owner.

Captain Tabor, of the Sailing Club, proposes to organise a cruise to Port Gawler on October 24. All boats that can muster opposite Mr. R. Playfair's shed at 2 p.m. will be welcome. The proposition is to hold a "free and easy" at Port Gawler on Saturday night, and thus bring members into closer touch in a social manner than has been the case in the past. At the monthly meeting of the club, held on October 7, Mr. C. W. Hardy, who was the first captain of the club, and was mainly instrumental in forming and placing the club on a firm basis, was unanimously elected a life member. Several members spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Hardy's services to the club.

The Port Adelaide Sailing Club, after lengthy consideration, have purchased a piece of land at Birkenhead, on which it is proposed to build a shed. Members hope to have the shed erected in the course of two months.

On October 31 members of the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron will hold their customary opening demonstration on the Port Adelaide River. A fortnight later members of the Holdfast Bay Yacht Club will open their season, and on November 21 members of the Glenelg Sailing Club will do likewise.

Mr. H. F. Nicholls, the commodore of the Holdfast Bay Club, has purchased the yacht Leisure Hour. She is a fine cruising boat. The Glenelg folk expect a good turn of speed from the yacht Atlanta. Mr. H. N. Cooper, of Glenelg, is having a 24-ft. centreboard auxiliary boat built by Mr. B. Weir, of Birkenhead. In addition to her sail power she will have the use of a 8-h.p. engine.

The motor launch is growing in popularity here, and during the recess a few new boats and one or

two conversions have made their appearance. B. Weir has finished the commission he had from Mr. W. Fisher, who is well pleased with his new vessel. She has the dash of a torpedo boat, is 32 ft. overall, 7 ft. 6 in. beam, and draws about 2½ ft. of water. She is fitted with a 12½ h.p. Invincible engine, and can develop a speed of about nine knots. Mr. Fisher has named her Waveney. Mr. F. Metters has had a launch built by Mr. Weir. She is supplied with a 20-h.p. engine, is 40 ft. over all by 10 ft. beam, and 3 ft. 6 in. draught. The Meers, Rymill are also having a new motor launch constructed from an English design by the same builder. She will be provided with a 50-h.p. Lozier engine, which is expected to give her a speed of 12 knots.