

Yachting

Richard Searles has just completed, to the order of Mr. E. A. Johnstone (Rear Commodore, Royal S.A. Yacht Squadron), the motor yacht Chum. Built at Ross' works, Woodville, from a design by Searles, she was taken down to the Harbor Board's wharf at Glanville on Monday, and her passage through Port Adelaide excited much comment. A Tramways Trust jinker, drawn by a motor lorry, bore her to the waterside, and the crane made light work of the 9½ ton lift from the jinker into the water. Everything passed off without the slightest hitch, and Searles is to be congratulated on the completion of his biggest job up to date. The Chum is the result of Mr. Johnstone's possession of the Helen. The latter, also designed and built by Searles, is about as nice a small boat as a man could wish for, but her owner wanted something bigger and better and above all, roomier. Chum is 45 ft. over all with an extreme beam of 11 ft. 3 in., replete with every comfort, and well furnished and finished. The cabin interior is panelled with Queensland maple, and all the furnishings are of the same material. There is ample sleeping accommodation for four, with separate quarters forward for the man. The engine is a 45-b.p., 4-cylinder, 4 cycle, with valve in head, equipped with self-starter, bilge pump, and generator for providing electric light. She is capable of running on benzine or kerosene, or a mixture of both, and it is expected that she will develop a speed of 10 knots. Her fuel tanks are of such a size as permit of her owner indulging his fancy for extended fishing cruises. Chum is now on the moorings at Birkenhead, fitting out, and will be ready for Easter.