

Some Yachts Relevant to Glenelg

Haidee

This is another frustration, for as well as having no photograph of *Haidee*, I know little of her provenance.

She participated in the SAYC Opening Demonstration of 1879, under the ownership of the Hon Thomas L King. In 1880 she won a race against the *Ethel*. Her dimensions were given as LWL 35 ft 10 in, beam 9 ft 11 in, producing a rating of 13 52/94 tons. In a later undated list her owner was Mr E Elkan.

In the preface to *Reminiscences of twenty-five years' Yachting in Australia: an Essay on Manly Sports, a Cruise on Shore &c, &c* [together with] *Notes of a Voyage to China and Japan*, Sir Henry Bunday wrote,

The loss from our yachting fleet of the *Hygeia* (87 tons), *Edith* (43 tons), *Wanderer* (49 tons), *Canowie* (20 tons), *Haidee* (11 tons), &c, and the laying up of the *Zephyr* (22 tons) has quite altered the character of recent contests. The only cutters of any size that competed for prizes last season were the *Enchantress* (28) and the *Alfreda* (20), and whilst there is probably quite as much excitement to the parties concerned in races with smaller craft, still, the general public do not take the same interest in them.

Bunday's book was published in 1888 and the title is usually abbreviated (as he did on the cover) to *Yachting in Australia*.

Haidee's name does not appear in the News Cuttings I have copied, except a casual reference to her as being one of an old-fashioned type. In the cutting on *Hygiea* there is an allusion to the wreck of *Haidee*, but her name does not appear in either of the two lists of South Australian wrecks that I have.
