



HANDICAP YACHT RACE

The Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron's unclassified rating class race of January 18 was re-sailed on the Port Adelaide River on Saturday afternoon. The weather conditions were almost similar to those which spoiled the first event, but the commodore (Mr. F. V. Sanderson), who officiated as officer of the day, profiting by the experience then gained, lessened the course, in accordance with the power given him by a new rule to cut off half of the original distance, and competitors were thus enabled to finish within the prescribed time. The competitors, with their handicaps, were:—Messrs. W. Fisher's *Reverie*, scratch; E. Yeo's *Florence*, 2½ min.; L. W. Walter's *Norallie*, 7½ min.; J. M. Brown's *Maggie*, 17½ min.; and Brock & Harvey's *Doris*, 27½ min. The course originally set down was from abreast of the club's shed, down to and round No. 9 (green) beacon, round the north mooring (powder) buoy, down to and round No. 9 beacon a second time, and back to starting-point. The wind was little better than a calm when the starting gun was fired. The *Reverie* was first across the line, closely followed by the *Florence*, *Norallie*, and *Maggie*, and the *Doris* a bad last. So light was the wind that for a good distance down the river the yachts appeared to "crawl" along. An occasional "catpaw" helped first one a little and then another, but the four leading yachts hung well together. Abreast of the torpedo-station, the *Florence* seemed to have a slight advantage over the others, when the *Iduna*, a craft owned by Mr. F. H. Snow, sailed across the river and narrowly averted a collision. The interference enabled the *Norallie* to obtain leading position. At No. 10 beacon a few feet only separated the four leading competitors. The *Doris* lay a half-mile astern. The times when rounding No. 9 beacon were:—*Reverie*, 4 hours 38 min. 35 sec.; *Florence* 4 hours 38 min. 45 sec.; *Norallie*, 4 hours 39 min.; *Maggie*, 4 hours, 39 min. 28 sec. *Doris* 5 hours 5 min. By the time the *Doris* had rounded, her four rivals had finished the shortened course, which terminated at the north mooring buoy. The course having been shortened to half the distance the handicaps were also reduced a half, so that the allotments were:—*Reverie*, scratch; *Florence*, 1 min. 15 sec.; *Norallie*, 3 min. 45 sec.; *Maggie*, 8 min. 45 sec.; *Doris* 18 min. 45 sec. The actual and corrected times of the finish, therefore, were:—

	Actual.			Corrected.		
	h.	m.	s.	h.	m.	s.
<i>Florence</i>	5	1	18	5	3	3
<i>Norallie</i>	5	1	34	4	57	40
<i>Maggie</i>	5	6	35	4	54	50
<i>Reverie</i>	5	4	21	5	4	21

The finishing time of the *Doris* was not taken. The *Maggie*, *Norallie*, and *Florence* were first, second, and third respectively. The launch *Wallace* was provided for the convenience of spectators.