

YACHTING NOTES.

(By "Tonsil.")

Mr. A. Pickhaver, boatbuilder, of Birkenhead, has finished the hull of an 18-footer for an Adelaide client, who is going to supply the little craft with a motor engine.

The yacht Shona, which formerly was owned by Mr. J. Crowther, and which during the last Christmas holidays, was sunk through a collision at the Outer Harbor, is lying in stocks in Mr. Pickhaver's yard. She is now owned by Mr. Pickhaver, who has not yet found time to place her in seagoing trim. Mr. Pickhaver expects to have her in commission next season.

Mr. H. B. Holthouse's La Mascotte, which collided with and cut the dinghy of Mr. H. J. D. Munton's yacht Alfred II. in two on the opening day of the Royal's, whilst in charge of a member of the squadron, who is alleged to have had several years' of yachting experience, has undergone repair. She had two planks damaged. Mr. Munton, it is understood, has generously relieved the helmsman of the La Mascotte of liability in connection with the dinghy.

Mr. F. H. Snow, is said to have purchased the 30-ton Sydney yacht Iduna. She will be an acquisition to the Royal's fleet.

On the holiday the first two races in connection with the season just entered upon by the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron took place at the Semaphore. Both were handicap events—one for yachts of the rating class, and the other for boats of the length class. In the rating race the first prize was a trophy presented by an old commodore, value £10.

The first race of the season, in connection with the Port Adelaide Sailing Club, took place on November 8 on the Port Adelaide River. The boats, which were entered, and their handicaps were:—Britannia, scratch; Heather, 6½ min.; Athene, 6 min. 45 sec.; Charlie, 14 min. 15 sec.; Villain, 10½ min. The actual and corrected times of the finish were:—

	Actual.	Corrected.
Britannia	4 41 0	4 41 0
Heather	4 46 0	4 39 30
Athene	5 2 0	4 55 0
Charlie	5 5 20	4 51 5

The Villain did not start, and the Heather was disqualified for not having her number displayed on her sail. The Britannia was given first place, and the Charlie second. Mr. W. Playfair officiated as captain of the day, Mr. R. Playfair as starter, and Mr. J. Dunbar as timekeeper.

Several new members were proposed at the monthly meeting of the Port Adelaide Sailing Club, held on November 7. Mr. J. H. West announced that he would present the club with a gold medal to be raced for on December 22, and Mr. Brimage promised a handsome cup for the Ocean Race, to be held on Ascension Day.

Mr. Carlish's fast 14-footer, Lapwing, has changed hands, her present owner being Mr. Lavery, of Semaphore. Mr. Carlish intends to build a 20-footer for next season.