

AUSTRALIAN YACHTING FEDERATION

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It would seem that gone are the days when important races might be won by a couple of friends who gather for training a day or two before the event. Demanding competition bordering on the professionalism more traditionally associated with Olympic Classes has spread over the whole racing scene. As the pressure has increased so has the amount of rule bending and stretching, which could now be regarded as a new pastime for the sailing elite.

This places a bigger onus on the controlling authorities at International, National, State, Club and Class levels to effectively implement the various rules. Unfortunately, the days have also passed when we could hold to the belief that we are gentlemen, who belong to the same Club, who would never dream of cheating and would have no reason to do so. To continue to believe would be a disregard for reality and human nature. Rule beating exists, due mainly to the psychological fact that every yachtsman is torn by a dilemma - he wishes to adhere to an ideal concept of fair play, yet surreptitiously he is prepared to take any action to have a yacht that is superior to that of his competitors.

It must be the practised objective of us all to ensure that we each play our part in upholding the finest traditions of our sport.

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(President)

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MISHAPS AND AN EXCITING FINISH

The race for the Kintore Cup - presented to the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron by the Earl of Kintore in 1891 for perpetual competition over a 20-mile course - was sailed on Saturday off the Semaphore in ideal yachting weather. His Excellency the Governor (Sir George Le Hunte), who is Patron of the squadron, witnessed a portion of the race from the yacht Magic. Prior to the start of the contest Sir George, who was accompanied by Capt. Boddam Whetham A.D.C. was entertained at lunch by the officers and committee. The function took place at the clubhouse, Semaphore. It was quite informal, and the only toast honoured was that of "The King". Subsequently His Excellency boarded the Magic from the Semaphore Jetty, accompanied by the Rear-Commodore (Dr. E.W. Morris), the hon. secretray (Mr. Magnus Wald), and others. The race was watched with keen interest by a large number of ladies and gentlemen from the lawn of the clubhouse. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and Loti's String Band added much to the enjoyment. In the absence of the Commodore (Mr. F.V. Sanderson) the Vice-Commodore (Mr. R. Cruickshank officiated as officer of the day.

THE RACE

The race was contested in a strong south-west breeze, which raised a rather choppy sea. There were six entries, but only five started; and, owing to retirements and mishaps, the race at the end resolved itself into a dual between Mr. W. Fisher's Reverie and Mr. D.W. Walter's Norallie. The former finished first, but not far enough in the lead to wipe out her rival's allowance, and Norallie was proclaimed winner by 3m.53s. The race between these two was exceedingly interesting. Since last season Norallie has discarded her centreboard for outside ballast. This lessened her rating, and gave her an additional allowance. Both yachts were well handled. Mr. Walter was heartily congratulated upon his victory.

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The entries were:- Florence (E. Yeo), scr.; Reverie (W. Fisher), 3m.16s.; Norallie (D.W. Walter), 10m.29s.; Solace (T.H. Webb), 27m.49s.; Maggie (J.M. Brown) 29m.49s.; Doris (Brock & Harvey), 36m.3s. The course was from a mark off the clubhouse down to and around the red Outer Harbour buoy, round the lighthouse, round a mark to the south of Point Malcolm, and back to starting point, twice around. Florence had the best of the start, and Reverie, Solace, Maggie, and Norallie got away in the order mentioned. Doris did not start. With full mainsails set the yachts presented a fine sight as they ran to the northern mark. Florence rounded this first. She accomplished the run in 20m.30s., and led Reverie by 1m.35s., Norallie by 2m.15s., Solace by 4m.30s., and Maggie by 5m. All the contestants stood in on the starboard tack. Maggie did not trouble to go about, and stood on to the Semaphore Jetty and gave up the contest. The other yachts were doing splendidly in the strong breeze and rough sea. Florence was the first to make the lighthouse, but shortly afterward her weather rigging carried out, and brought everything down with it. The mishap was particularly unfortunate, for Florence was sailing exceptionally well, and at the time had a lead of fully five minutes. One of the Adelaide Steamtug Company's launches was close at hand, and took the disabled yacht in tow to the Semaphore Jetty. Reverie was the second yacht to round the lighthouse, Norallie was close in her wake, but Solace was a long distance astern. With only three contestants left, the race was robbed of much of its initial interest; and it was only the ultimate finish between Reverie and Norallie that gave it a zest. There was no alteration in the positions at Point Malcolm. Solace stood inshore, and from the clubhouse it appeared as if she found a difficulty in locating the mark. It was at one time thought she had lost a member of the crew overboard, but when she reached the Semaphore and anchored it was explained that her rudder head had carried away. In the run to the Semaphore Reverie twice gybed, and Norallie slipped into the lead, and at the completion of the first round had 13 seconds advantage over her rival. The times

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of rounding the northern mark were not taken, but in the thrash to windward Reverie overhauled Norallie, and was still in the lead at the Point Malcolm buoy. Excitement became intense as the two vessels, with every stitch of canvas drawing, bowled along before the breeze for the home mark. It was the most interesting part of the whole race. Reverie crossed the line at 6h.13m.35s., but Norallie was only 3m.20s. later and with her time allowance of 10m.29s secured a comfortable victory. The finishing and corrected times were:-

	Actual	Corrected
	H. M. S.	H. M. S.
Reverie	6 13 35	6 10 19
Norallie	6 16 55	6 6 26

The following is a record of the series of races since 1891:-

Year	Winner	Second
1891	Miranda	Gladys
1892	Gladys	Ethel
1893	Alexa	Winfreda
1894	No Race.	
1895	Alexa	Maggie
1896	Alexa	Maggie
1897	Utiekah	Maggie
1898	Alexa	Valeria
1899	Geisha	Alexa
1900	Alexa	Reverie
1901	Matangi	Valeria
1902	Valeria	Matangi
1903	Matangi	Miranda
1904	Doris	Solace
1905	Reverie	Doris
1906	Solace	Doris
1907	Reverie	Florence
1908	Norallie	Reverie

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