

YACHTING.

ROYAL S.A. SQUADRON.

In ideal weather the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron held its opening demonstration of the season on the Port River, on Saturday afternoon. An exceptionally large muster of motor launches and yachts participated in the display, the latter being aided by a light but steady west to south-west breeze. The river was smooth, and under full canvas they proceeded downstream, forming a procession, which presented a fine picture. The majority of the boats had recently been on the slips, and all looked epic and span. The champion 14-footer of South Australia, Messrs. Powell & Brice's *St. George*, which represented this State in the interstate contests at Perth last season, looked at her best, and was under her new suit of sails. Mr. L. T. Bennett's new 18-footer *Fife*, which was built only last season, participated.

Simultaneously with the firing of the starting gun, Vice-Commodore A. E. Tolley hoisted the signal to proceed, from his motor launch "*The Tub*," and the launches and yachts took up their positions, and moved downstream. Just below the North Arm the flag-ship anchored, and the remainder of the fleet passed round and saluted the Commodore (Mr. F. V. Sanderson), the power boats leading, and the yachts following, under the direction of Rear-Commodore Hardy, on board the *Norallie*. The boats manoeuvred until the signal releasing them was hoisted by the Vice-Commodore on *The Tub*. Power boats which took part were:—Vice-Commodore A. E. Tolley's *The Tub*, Messrs. E. S. & A. J. Rymill's *Avocat*, L. W. Bakewell's *Wongalere*, A. Waterhouse's *Daralie*, E. P. Knobel's *Kunawar*, E. A. Johnstone's *Helen*, H. Grose's *Prowler*, T. A. Bagshaw's *Stroller*, M. F. Thomson's *Brenda*, H. A. Begg's *Coonatto*, G. Pedler's *Stranger*, E. M. Milne's *Erica*, J. S. Dewhurst's *Rover*, P. Marks's *Rambler*, J. L. Stephens's *Minerva*, W. H. Porter's *Ariadne*, P. E. Cranna's *Aurora*, T. Boyce's *Britannia*, A. Solomon's *Kestrel*, W. Fisher's *Ada*, T. Fisher's *Corona*, and E. H. McMichael's *Ripple*. The yachts included Rear-Commodore T. M. Hardy's *Norallie*, Messrs. L. W. Walter's *Alexa*, A. J. Fisher's *Reverie*, F. Haselgrove's *Miranda*, B. Benny's *Solace*, H. P. H. Brittain's *Katie*, J. E. Osborne's *Weeroops*, H. Wheaton's *Nirvana*, F. H. Cole's *Westoona*, O. H. Dewhurst's *Penguin*, G. P. Howie's *Mona*, F. J. Mitchell's *Third Offence*, L. T. Bennett's *Fife*, and Powell & Brice's *St. George*.

The procession was followed by the Adelaide Steamship Company's steamer *Quorna*, specially chartered by the squadron for the occasion. On board were more than 300 guests, who were entertained to afternoon tea. The Port Adelaide Sailing Club was represented by Messrs. H. Green (Vice-Captain), and A. C. Taylor. The Henley Beach and Grange Club by Messrs. H. Gastjens and A. C. Kinnear; and the Glenelg Club by Commodore Wedlock. Lombardi's string band was in attendance. Those on board the *Quorna* spent a most enjoyable afternoon. They left Commercial Wharf shortly before 3 p.m., and returned shortly after 5 p.m.