

Royal Yacht Squadron Annual Meeting

Enthusiasm and activity had been shown by yachting members of the Royal Yacht Squadron during the year, and, although the membership has been reduced considerably, very few boat-owning members had left, said the retiring commodore (Mr. A. G. Rymill) in his report to members at the Port Adelaide club-rooms last night.

He said the Cock of the Walk pennants for last season had been gained by Mr. T. M. Hardy's *Norahie* (A class), Messrs. Burnley Bros. and E. Hoskens's *Ardale* (B class), Dr. H. P. Brownell's *Ormond* (C class), Mr. S. R. Delmont's *Para* (D class). The receipts from the Port Adelaide club-house had declined by £126 during the year. They had fallen from £1,640 in 1927 to £706 in 1931. It was possible that the incoming committee would have to consider the question of closing the Port Adelaide premises in the near future.

Referring to the squadron's finances, he said it was very satisfactory, in view of the existing depression, to record a reduction of £406 in the bank overdraft. Additions to the squadron's register during the past year included Mr. S. R. Delmont's 45-ft. launch *Para*, the Mr. G. W. Verco's 21-ft. yacht *Carina*, and Mr. W. J. McNeill's 25-ft. launch *Sapper*.

Regret was expressed by members at the decision of Mr. Rymill to retire from the position of commodore, the office he had held for nine years.

It was announced that the opening demonstration for this season would take place on November 21. A dance would be held in the evening.

Officers elected were:—Commodore, Mr. T. C. Angove; vice-commodore, Mr. F. A. Verco; rear-commodore, Mr. M. L. Mitchell; treasurer, Mr. T. E. Crompton; secretary, Mr. C. S. Inkster; sailing committee, Messrs. F. J. B. Blacker, D. E. Durnley, T. M. Hardy, and L. W. Walter; house committee, Messrs. H. P. Brownell, G. H. Eimer, N. Ford, and J. Stanley Verco.