

Sports and Pastimes.

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NEWS FROM THE WATER

(Special to "Graphic.")

FIXTURES.

March 5.—North Shore Yacht Club's Cruising Race.
 March 12.—Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron's Class and Power Boat Races.
 March 12.—Devonport Yacht Club's General Handicap and Power Boat Race.
 March 17.—Ngauruwhia Regatta.

WH weather on Saturday and Sunday was very much on the bad side, a strong northerly wind blowing with thick, rainy weather on Saturday, dying away on Sunday. The consequence was that most of the yachts both sailers and motors, remained at their moorings, instead of going on the usual week-end cruise.

The yachts *Waioni* and *Iris* are away on a cruise to the North.

On Saturday the Victoria Cruising Club will hold the annual race for boats sailed by ladies. The event, as usual, is creating a great deal of interest amongst the members of the club and their friends.

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron's next class races take place on March 12.

The fifth cruising race of the North Shore Yacht Club will be held on March 5, the destination being Drunken Bay.

The Devonport Yacht Club hold a general handicap race over the harbour course; also a power boat race and one for dinghies of 14ft. and 10ft.

Mr. A. Sanford is having a new oil yacht built of the following dimensions:—Length 38ft, beam 7ft. 10in., draught 2ft. 6in. She will be fitted with a 16 horse-power Standard engine.

North Shore Yacht Club provided some very interesting races last Saturday afternoon. There were nine classes of boats entered for, eight of which were well represented, and although the weather was unfavourable, from a spectacular point of view, those who followed the races had a good deal of enjoyment, some of the races being keenly contested.

New Steam Yacht.

Mr. James Reid has just launched a fine-looking steam yacht, which he has built to the order of Mr. A. Braund, of Ponsonby. The new yacht is built on similar lines to the "crack" oil yacht *Seabird*, and all the timber used in her construction is of the best heart of kauri. Her dimensions are:—Length 38ft., beam 8ft. 9in., draught 3ft. The engines are on the surface compound principle, and are expected to drive the yacht at a rate of speed of about 9 knots per hour. The official trial trip is expected to take place in about a fortnight's time.

North Shore Yacht Club.

The North Shore Yacht Club held a series of class races on Saturday afternoon, which provided some excellent sport for the competitors. There was a strong northerly wind blowing, but the weather was wet and thick, making it very uncomfortable for the onlookers on Victoria wharf and elsewhere. There were good entries for each event, and there were only two or three absentees when the starts were made. The yacht *Phistle* was the fastest, being anchored off the eastern end of Victoria wharf. Messrs W. A. Wilkinson (commander) and Brown and White were the officers of the day, and are to be complimented upon the promptness with which the races were got away to time. Unfortunately in the race for class IX, the scratch boat, *Mistral*, capsized during the race, and this necessitated the event being sailed over again. The following are the details:—

Class I. and II. These races did not take place, as most of the boats of these classes were away cruising.

Class III.—Entries and handicaps: *Romani* scratch, *Calyppo* scratch, *Mystery* 50m, *Auture* 15m. The race was started at 2.30 p.m., all the entrants crossing the line to a very good start. The finishing times were: *Romani*, 4h 25m 15s; *Emerald*, 4h 43m 20s; *Calyppo*, 5h 43m 35s; who win in that order.

Class IV.—Entries and handicaps: *Gladys* scratch, *Race* 2m, *Herald* 3m, *Ze* 4m, *Mari* 4m, *Gannet* 5m. Competitors were dispatched at 2.42 p.m. *Mari* was first away, followed by *Ze* and *Gladys*, and the others all close together. The finishing times were: *Gladys*, 5h 52m; *Ze*, 6h 0m; *Mari*, 6h 0m; *Ze*, 6h 5m; *Gannet*, 6h 5m; *Race*, 6h 7m. On corrected times the finish is: *Mari* 1, *Gladys* 2, *Herald* 3.

Class V.—Entries and handicaps: *Venus*

scratch, *Mowal* scratch, *Acacia* 1m, *Hetty* 2m, *Hilda* 5m, *Echo* 6m, *Daphne* 7m, *Kowhai* 8m. The race was started at 2.48 p.m. It started, *Venus*, *Kowhai*, and *Mowal* being the first across the line, almost together. On the first round, *Hetty* and *Daphne* retired. The finishing times were: *Venus*, 4h 25m 10s; *Echo*, 4h 25m 10s; *Hilda*, 4h 25m 50s; *Mowal*, 4h 32m 7s; *Kowhai*, 4h 33m 25s; *Acacia*, 4h 50m. On time allowance, the result is: *Hetty* 1, *Hilda* 2, *Venus* 3.

Class VI.—Entries and handicaps: *Eileen* scratch, *Ellen* 1m, *Merlin* 3m, *Rio* 5m, *Roma* 5m, *Mel* 6m, *Lilac* 8m. The race was started at 2.45 p.m.; once round. All started well together, excepting *Ellen*, which was five minutes late. The finishing times were: *Eileen*, 4h 40m 20s; *Lilac*, 4h 52m 20s; *Merlin*, 4h 51m 21s; *Mel*, 4h 52m 10m; *Rio*, 4h 55m 20s; *Roma*, 5h; *Ellen*, 5h 2m 28s. On corrected times the result is: *Lilac* 1, *Mel* 2, *Merlin* 3.

Class VII.—Entries and handicaps: *Bona* scratch, *Eona* 1m, *Mayo* 2m, *Mavourne* 8m. The race was started at 3 o'clock. *Bona* was first across the line, *Mavourne* being next, with *Mayo* close up. *Bona* did not start. *Mayo* had to give up, owing to her backstay carrying away. The finishing times were: *Bona*, 4h 46m 37s; *Mavourne*, 5h 13m 20s, the result being in that order.

Class VIII.—*Maroufah* scratch, *Konini* 12m, *Venture* 16m. This race was started at 3.4 p.m. *Venture* did not start. *Konini* finished at 4h 53m 45s, and as the *Mavourne* did not finish, *Konini* takes the prize.

Class IX.—Entries and handicaps: *Mistral* scratch, *Sceptre* 5m, *Saint* 31m, *Lasca* 5m, *Phistle* 6m, *Dixie* 7m, *Ayeeba* 7m, *Ikater* 7m. The race was started at 3.12 p.m. Twice round. All started well together, *Lasca* being the only absentee. During the race *Mistral* capsized off Judge's Bay, and *Ikater* was the only boat to finish at 5h 30m 10s, all the others having retired owing to the accident to the *Mistral*. The race has been ordered to be resailed.

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron held a cruising race to Awara Bay, Waikato, on Saturday afternoon. There was a strong breeze from the north blowing, with thick, rainy weather. Owing to the harbour authorities refusing permission, owing to the expected arrival of H.M.S. *Powerful*, the usual mark boat was not in position, but it had been arranged to take a line between the Queen-street wharf and one of the warships at anchor, but that arrangement fell through owing to the warships proceeding to sea on Saturday morning. The officials of the day (Messrs. Stewart and Hewson) fixed the starting line from off the eastern end of Queen-street wharf and O'Neill's Point. The race was started at 3 p.m. The entries and handicaps were: *Rainbow* (scratch), *Ilex* (4m), *Aurere* (6m), *Kotiki* (7m), *Victory* (7m). The destination was Awara Bay. *Waikato's* distance, 14 knots. *Rainbow* was first away. *Victory* and *Ilex* cross the line together, *Aurere*

being a few seconds later; whilst *Kotiki* was 2½ minutes late. *Rainbow* started off at a great pace, the wind increasing gradually, whilst *Ilex*, which was to windward, forged ahead of *Victory*. When off Victoria wharf, *Devonport*, however, *Ilex* had worked up into first position, sailing remarkably well. All the boats finished, the result being: *Ilex* 1, *Rainbow* 2, *Victory* 3.

CRICKET.

Thames.

The cricket matches commenced last week were concluded on Saturday, and resulted in the *Hauraki A* team defeating *Tararua B* by an innings and 30 runs, and *Tararua A* team defeating *Hauraki B* by an innings and 23 runs.

Wellington.

In the senior cricket matches on Saturday, *East A* battling against *Central*, scored 250 for six wickets (*McIntyre* 100 not out, *Mahony* 58, *Berner* 31). *North* were disposed of by *South* for 80 (*Williams* 38). *Patrick* took eight wickets for 41 runs. *South* lost seven wickets for 85 (*Hutton* 31). *East B* playing against *Petone*, put up 243 for nine wickets (*Dickson* 100 not out, *Nash* 24, *McGill* 28).

Otago.

The following cricket team has been selected to represent Otago against the Australians: *Galloway*, *Condliffe*, *Cummings*, *Eckhold*, *Hiddlestone*, *McCartney*, *McFarlane*, *Rutherford*, *Ramsden*, *Siedberg*, and *Wilson*.

SWIMMING.

New Zealand Championships.

There was an attendance of well over 1000 people at the Albert street baths last week, to witness the swimming matches held under the auspices of the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association. The different events enticed very good entries, and competition was exceedingly keen. For the mile championship of New Zealand there was a great race. M. E. Champion, of Auckland, wresting the title from the last holder, R. Healy, of Wellington, and also making a new time record over the distance for New Zealand. The *Bavarian Band* was in attendance, and the evening's entertainment appeared to be thoroughly appreciated.

MILE CHAMPIONSHIP OF NEW ZEALAND.

- M. E. Champion (Auckland)..... 1
- F. E. Dodge (East Christchurch)..... 2
- C. H. H. Rich (Canterbury)..... 3
- W. Maubire (Canterbury)..... 4

Other starters: C. Welson (Auckland), R. Healy (Wellington), and F. J. Kernott (Auckland).

The men got away to an even start, and the first lap was not productive of any marked development. At the end of the

second, the holder of the championship title had forged his way into the lead, the positions being Healy, Welson, Rich, Champion, Dodge, Maubire, and Kernott, in that order. The end of the fourth lap saw Healy improve his lead, with Welson, Dodge, and Champion in his wake, and Maubire last. Turning at the sixth lap, Healy had a lead of four yards from Dodge, who was just in front of Champion. At the tenth, positions were unchanged, but in the next *Champion* had swum into second place, and had reduced Healy's lead to two yards by the end of the twelfth lap. The quarter mile saw Healy extend himself, and amidst considerable applause he got on even terms with the leader. Another lap and *Champion* was in the lead, with half a yard to spare. Dodge was swimming gracefully and steadily, and was six yards away, third. At the end of the 18th lap *Champion* had improved his position by two yards, and the 22nd round saw him increase his lead to three yards. Kernott at this stage retired from the race, and *Champion* had got on even terms with Welson, who thus had two laps more to go than the leader. At the half mile Dodge caught up to Healy, in second place, but by this time *Champion* had improved his lead on the others by 13 yards. In the 32nd lap Dodge accidentally fouled with Maubire, but soon made up for lost ground. In the 40th, Healy retired. Dodge was then left half a lap behind *Champion*, and a lap ahead of the others. Positions were practically unchanged throughout the concluding stages, and *Champion* won by 20 yards, Rich being the best put in a long way, third, Maubire fourth, and Welson fifth.

The time put up by *Champion* was 25m 37s, which is a record for New Zealand, and beats the winner's previous record by 2 4/5s. Dodge, Rich, and Maubire all finished within standard time (27m), and will also receive standard certificates and badges. *Champion* finished his race looking almost as fresh as when he started, and was accorded a warm reception. Healy, who was the holder of the championship title, did not appear to be swimming with his usual freedom and confidence, and for some time prior to his retiring from the race seemed to be in trouble. On leaving the baths he was, despite his defeat, warmly applauded.

GREASY BOOM COMPETITION.

J. Gibbons 1

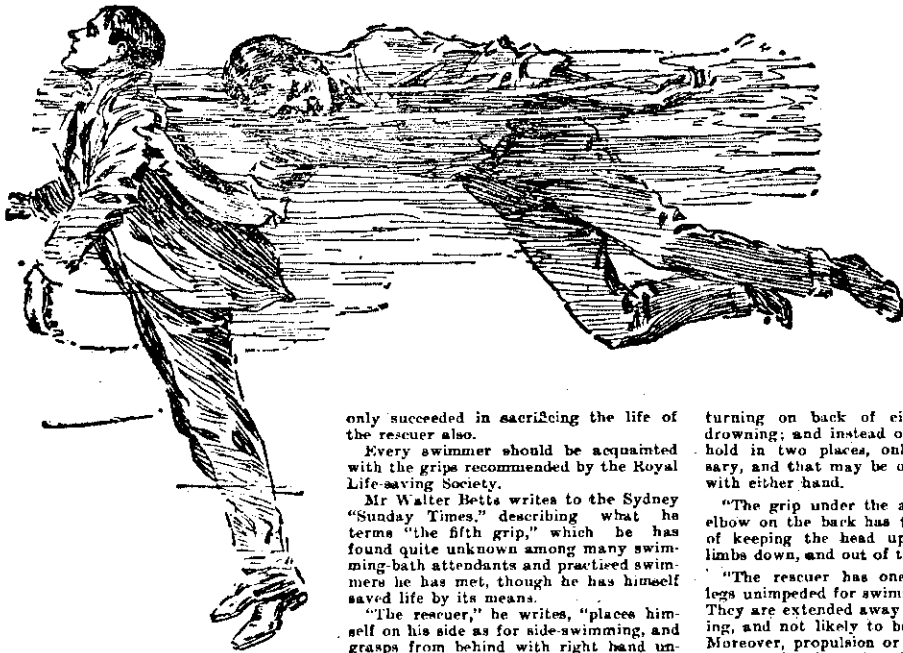
CHAMPIONSHIP RELAY RACE.

Wattman, Auckland (R. Murrell, J. D. Stewart, A. O'Hare, M. E. Champion and B. Becker) 1
 Ponsonby, Auckland (R. I. P. Ronayne, E. Frisford, F. H. Baker, W. M. Rees and L. Weston) 2
 Canterbury (A. Brightling, L. Dingle, B. Mason, S. Atkinson and G. L. Bull) 3
 Wellington also started.
 Won by four yards.

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THE NEW LIFE-SAVING GRIP.

(By Walter Betts.)

Every day newspapers are to the tale of those who have lost their lives in the water. Too often one reads of heroic efforts to save drowning people that have

only succeeded in sacrificing the life of the rescuer also.

Every swimmer should be acquainted with the grips recommended by the Royal Life-saving Society.

Mr Walter Betts writes to the Sydney "Sunday Times," describing what he terms "the fifth grip," which he has found quite unknown among many swimming-bath attendants and practised swimmers he has met, though he has himself saved life by its means.

"The rescuer," he writes, "places himself on his side as for side-swimming, and grasps from behind with right hand under left arm-pit of the drowning (or vice versa), so that rescuer's arm and elbow cross or rest upon the back or loin of the drowning. The pressure of elbow on the back (which forms a fulcrum) depresses lower part of the subject's body, and at same time raises the head backwards without the tendency to submerge the rescuer as in direct lifting.

"Its advantages over other grips are that no shifting of grasp is required; no

turning on back of either rescuer or drowning; and instead of having to take hold in two places, only one is necessary, and that may be on either side, or with either hand.

"The grip under the arm-pit with the elbow on the back has the double effect of keeping the head up and the lower limbs down, and out of the way.

"The rescuer has one arm and both legs unimpeded for swimming side-stroke. They are extended away from the drowning, and not likely to become entangled. Moreover, propulsion or pushing is exercised, which is easier than dragging or lifting, especially for a weak swimmer.

"The drowning man reaches shallow water, or assistance from shore, in advance of the rescuer, which, if only a yard or a second, may be of vital importance, and, in addition, he has both hands free to grasp a rope or anything pushed or thrown towards him, while he cannot grasp the rescuer. The latter can loom his grip at any moment—if exhausted."