

HUNT'S YACHTING MAGAZINE

YACHT RACING CALENDAR

THE FIELD MAGAZINE ANNUAL END OF SEASON REPORTS

Yachting Monthly 1898

Introduction

The Association of Yachting Historians has long set itself the goal of scanning and making available to its members, and others, materials which are difficult to find, but which cast an important eye over the history of yachting in the British Isles. What we are now delivering has only come about as a result of a protracted effort involving many parties.

We have already released scans of the complete *Yachtsman Magazine* from 1891–1940. However, we decided to try and fill in the gap, for the earlier period, by scanning *Hunt's Yachting Magazine* from 1852–1887.

What will be of particular interest to researchers are the compendiums at the back of each volume which detail all the yacht races held that year, showing all the entrants and the order of finishing. They also provided a breaking down of the total prize money and major cups won by each yacht as well as the name of its designer. Those interested in the history of a particular yacht club will note the growth in numbers taking part in their annual regattas and the amount of money offered as prizes.

With the demise of *Hunt's Yachting Magazine* in 1888, *The Field's* editor, Dixon Kemp, decided to produce *The Yacht Racing Calendar* (published annually) which reprinted the yacht racing reports published over the previous year in *The Field*. *The Calendar* ran from 1888–1895 and 1902–1904.

This still left gaps between 1896–1901 and 1905–1914. Accordingly, we have scanned *The Field Magazine's* annual end of season reports which covered those missing years.

In short, we have now provided a comprehensive narrative of yacht racing from 1851 through to 1914.

The final item in this cornucopia of delights is a scan of the short-lived monthly publication of 1898, *Yachting Monthly*, which should not be confused with the later publication of the same name, which is still going strong today.

We have included a separate introduction for each of the above items, which should show some light on that material.

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