

YACHTS IN OCEAN RACE.

Thirty two racing yachts, and a host of other craft were in Sydney Harbour, waiting for the start of the annual race to Hobart, Tasmania. Prime Minister Robert Menzies, official starter, saw the contestants make a rather confused get-away. There were so many boats of all kinds crowded together there was risk of collision, as they spread sail to the mild breeze.

Robert Menzies probably wished that Cabinet duties weren't keeping him at home, but if he couldn't be in the race himself he could at least give them all a genial send-off. On this race there's no place for anybody but experts. 600 miles of ocean (often stormy) lie between Sydney and Hobart. To get their in one piece calls for first-rate seamanship.

How British yachtsmen - their craft laid up for the winter - must be envying the sportsmen down-under, where it's the height of summer.