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A THOROUGH YACHTSMAN AND A TRUE FRIEND,

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PREFACE.

"What man dares," I have heard it said that, "Authors dare," but I should like to see the author of the present century who dare refuse his publisher when he demands a preface.

My publisher demands a preface for this, the second issue of my little *brochure* on Yacht Sailing.

Animated by the spirit of my critics, he disarms the objection I had to perpetrating a preface, as stated in the first issue, by informing me that the title must be changed, and that the reason thereof should necessarily be stated in an explanatory preface.

"His eye sublime declaring rule absolute," (the publisher's I beg to observe,) leaves me no other alternative than to give his rivulet of type scope to meander over the beautiful page, throwing myself on the readers' kind indulgence for the meadow of margin.

"Yarns for Green Hands!" quoth one of my friendly critics, "What a title!—there is more than mere yarns or

anecdotes in the book, he should have given it a more appropriate title!" "Yarns for Green Hands!" quoth a would-be purchaser, "I don't like being taken for a Green Hand, so I shan't ask for it!" And then my worthy publisher begins pelting me with admonitory hints neatly enveloped in English grammar, so that between both, gentle reader, I must ask you to accept this—the second issue—under the title of "The Yacht Sailor!"

When first venturing to offer it for the perusal of yachtsmen, I was tenacious of giving offence to veterans of far more experience than perhaps I shall ever attain, and I therefore addressed it more particularly to the Tyro in yachting knowledge; but the kind whole-hearted acknowledgment by many of the elder brethren that there is something in it, beyond mere yarns for a tyro, and that the book was worthy of a more characteristic title, has engendered a wish to comply with their desires; so that I now launch the little bark anew, premising that although registered under a different name, the cargo has been shipped with a due regard to the approval bestowed upon the previous one.

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