## THE AMATEUR YACHTSMAN.

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'Twas all on a day in the month of May,
And the sky was bright and clear,
When the yachtsman cried, "We'll sail, brave boys,
From Ryde to Southsea pier.
The sea is calm and smooth and still,
But deep as deep can be;
Tho' we shall be out of our depth, my boys,
Still I'll make the attempt;" said he.
With a Yeo ho ho! with a Yeo ho ho!
What it means I don't quite know,
But you can't go wrong
In a nautical song,
If you sing "Yeo ho! Yeo ho!"

The oldest salt he raised his cap,
And softly stroked his crown,
"I fear," said he, "if we put to sea,
The yacht will go up and down."
The yachtsman curled a scornful lip,
A scornful lip curled he,
He seized his flask, and took a nip;
Then steered for the oily sea.
With a Yeo! he ho! &c.

They took a reef in the mizzen top,
And ran up the spanker boom,
Then smartly hauled the keel on deck,
To give the mainmast room.
The tiller was lashed to the starboard bow,
While the bowsprit waved behind,
And all the crew, so stout and true,
Were three sheets in the wind.
With a Yeo ho ho! &c.

They kept her course due North by South,
But the yacht refused to go;
So they hailed a steam-tug passing by,
And she took them all in tow.
Then yachtsmen all who hear the tale,
Take heart, and banish fear,
Sing cheerily oh! and merrily tow
From Ryde to Southsea pier.
With a Yeo ho ho! &c.

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