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On Wednesday Mr. **George Hook SAUNDERS**, a retired Flight-Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force, passed away suddenly at the Vectis Boating and Fishing Club's boathouse on Ryde Pier. Mr. SAUNDERS who was a widower and had lived with a niece at Taranto, Bettesworth-road for 18 months, was a popular member of the club. Each day he left home with food and spent his time fishing from the club slipway, distributing his catches among friends. He appeared in normal health on Wednesday and had just taken tea with the boatman. A few minutes later Mr. J. SANDELLS, of Daniel-street the club's boatman, on visiting the locker room, was surprised to find Mr. SAUNDERS sitting in a chair with his head drooping on his chest. Investigation showed that he was apparently dead, the sad fact being confirmed on the arrival of Dr. T. SIM. Deceased, who was 71, was a diver in the Royal Navy before being attached to the Royal Air Force for instructional purposes. He had a delightful character, and when in the mood for recounting some of his earlier experiences at sea was extremely entertaining. His death came as a great shock to members of the club and he is the third member to pass away in similar circumstances within a month. In this case also a *post mortem* examination obviated the necessity for holding a coroner's inquiry.

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