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We study the tip of forward SLE using backward SLE. Let  $\kappa \in (0, 4)$ . The backward chordal  $\text{SLE}_\kappa$  generates a welding, which is a random involution  $\phi$  of  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  with two fixed points: 0 and  $\infty$ . It was proved that the welding  $\phi$  satisfies the symmetry that  $x \mapsto 1/\phi(1/x)$  has the same distribution as  $\phi$ . Using this symmetry and the conformal removability property of  $\text{SLE}_\kappa$  curve, we prove that for  $\kappa \in (0, 4)$ , the forward whole-plane  $\text{SLE}(\kappa; \kappa + 2)$  trace stopped at fixed capacity time satisfies the reversibility. This result is then used to show that the tip of a chordal or radial  $\text{SLE}_\kappa$  trace ( $\kappa \in (0, 4)$ ) stopped at a fixed capacity time behaves similarly to the initial part of a whole-plane  $\text{SLE}(\kappa; \kappa + 2)$  trace. (Received January 15, 2015)