

**MINUTES OF THE YAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**20 DEC 2018**

1. The 50th YAI Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at 1400 h on 20 Dec 18 at Kota House, New Delhi. The following Council Members were present:-

**Chairman**

Admiral Sunil Lanba PVSM, AVSM, ADC

President

**Members**

V Adm Girish Luthra, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC	Chairman National Classes Committee and Offshore & Motor Boating Committee
Lt Gen V Menon, SM, VSM (Retd)	Chairman Youth Classes Committee
Lt Gen S Srivastava (Engineer-in-Chief)	Special Invitee
Maj Gen S Khanna (Retd)	Chairman Asian Games & Olympic Classes Committee
Commodore Sudhir Setia	Treasurer
Mr. Ashok Thakkar	Chairman Sailing Performance Development Committee
Mr. Atul Kulkarni	Chairman Sailing and Club Development Committee
Dr. Malav Shroff	Co-opted Member
R Adm Atul Anand, VSM	Honorary Secretary General
Capt Jitendra Dixit	Honorary Joint Secretary General

2. **Attendance by Member Clubs and Life Associate Members.** The following affiliated State Associations, Class Associations and Clubs were present during the meeting:-

**Ser.**      **Name of the Club**

- (a) Army Yachting Node, Mumbai
- (b) Bengal Sappers Sailing Club, Roorkee
- (c) Bombay Sappers Sailing Club
- (d) Chennai Sailing Academy
- (e) Corps Of Engineers Sailing Club, Pune
- (f) Defence Services Sailing Club, Delhi
- (g) EME Sailing Association, Secunderabad

**Ser.      Name of the Club**

- (h) INA Watermanship Training Centre
- (j) Indian Naval Sailing Association
- (k) Inland Windsurfing & Sailing Academy, Pune
- (l) INWTC Adyar, Chennai
- (m) INWTC Chilka, Orissa
- (n) INWTC Dronacharya, Kochi
- (p) INWTC Gomantak, Goa.
- (q) INWTC INS Hamla, Mumbai
- (r) INWTC Valsura, Jamnagar
- (s) INWTC Kalinga, Visakhapatnam
- (t) INWTC Karanja, Navi Mumbai
- (u) INWTC Karwar
- (v) INWTC Kavaratti
- (w) INWTC Kochi, Kerala
- (x) INWTC Kolkatta
- (y) INWTC Lonavala, Pune
- (z) INWTC Mandovi, Goa
- (aa) INWTC Mumbai
- (bb) INWTC Porbandar, Gujarat
- (cc) INWTC Port Blair
- (dd) INWTC Visakhapatnam
- (ee) Kerala Water Sports & Sailing Organisation
- (ff) Madhya Pradesh State Yachting Association
- (gg) Maharashtra Gujarat & Goa Area Sailing Club, Mumbai
- (hh) Marve Sailing Club, Mumbai
- (jj) Mumbai Yacht Club
- (kk) National 470 Class Association
- (ll) National Enterprise Class Association
- (mm) National J-24 Class Association
- (nn) National Optimist Class Association

<b><u>Ser.</u></b>	<b><u>Name of the Club</u></b>
(pp)	Navi Mumbai Yacht Club, Mumbai
(qq)	NDA Sailing Club, Pune
(rr)	NSS Bhopal, Upper Lake Bhopal
(ss)	Offshore Sailing Club
(tt)	Royal Madras Yacht Club, Chennai
(uu)	Tamil Nadu Sailing Association
(vv)	Telangana Sailing Association
(ww)	Trishna Sailing Club
(xx)	Yacht Club Of Hyderabad

3. In addition, the following Life Associate Members were also present during the meeting:-

<b><u>Ser.</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Membership No.</u></b>
(a)	Dr Vinod Pradhan	LM 2175
(b)	Mr GL Yadav	LM 2176
(c)	Brig AP Singh	LM 2038
(d)	Lt Pawan Ojha	LM 2180
(e)	Mr Suheim Sheikh	LM 2072
(f)	Col Satish Kanwar	LM 2173
(g)	Lt Gen KS Rao (Retd)	LM 2098
(h)	Brig Jagdish Singh (Retd)	LM 2033
(j)	Capt Ashwin Arvind	LM 2178
(k)	Capt Ajay Narang	LM 2067
(l)	VAdm Girish Luthra	LM 2188
(m)	Cdr Sherpal Singh	LM 2196
(n)	Lt Gen V Menon (Retd)	LM 2179
(p)	Lt Gen S Srivastava	LM 2211
(q)	Cmde Sudhir Setia	LM 2194
(r)	Maj Gen Sanjeev Khanna (Retd)	LM 2168
(s)	Mr Atul Kulkarni	LM 2191

<u>Ser.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Membership No.</u>
(t)	RAdm Atul Anand	LM 2080
(u)	Mr Malav Shroff	LM 2069
(v)	Capt Jitendra Dixit	LM 2212
(w)	Mr Ashok Thakkar	LM 2031

#### **Item No. I – President’s Opening Address**

4. At the outset, the President extended a very warm welcome to all the Council members, representatives of the Member Clubs & Class Associations, Life Associate members of the YAI, eminent yachtspersons and thanked all members for having taken time from their busy schedules to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting which is a landmark occasion.

5. The President stated that he was pleased to see familiar faces in the house as well as a large number of new members and reiterated that during the past AGMs, the members of the house have always participated wholeheartedly in the discussions and cooperated in resolving some of the teething issues. The President sought similar cooperation from the yachting fraternity wherein a matured and positive outlook is displayed so that constructive decisions could be taken collectively to steer the sport of sailing to greater heights.

6. The President further stated that he was pleased to inform the General Body that our sailors’ performance in the year had been praiseworthy. At the Seventeenth edition of the Asian Sailing Championship 2018 held from 18-25 Jun 18 at the National Sailing Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia, our Sailing contingent of 29 sailors and 04 Assistant Coaches had won three medals, one each Gold in 49er, Silver and Bronze both in 49er FX in the Asian Sailing Championship 2018 after a long gap. It was also encouraging to see the good performance of the young girls and boys of Laser 4.7, Laser Radial and Optimist class who narrowly missed out on medals.

7. The President emphasized that the Indian sailing team did the country proud by winning silver in the 49er FX and two bronze medals in the Laser 4.7 open category and 49er at the Asian Games 2018 at Jakarta, Indonesia. Another sailor in Laser 4.7 came fourth and fifth position was secured in Laser Radial. The winning of record number of two medals in Olympic classes and one in Youth Class sailing event at Asian Games 2018 was indeed a very proud moment for the Country and the whole sailing fraternity. This just goes to prove that the decisions and policies adopted by YAI in the last few years had been well thought out and he congratulated everyone for the splendid and unparalleled achievement in the history of yachting in India.

8. The President also brought out that our young sailors of Optimist class recently got the opportunity to participate in the IODA World Championship 2018 at Cyprus in Aug 18 and Asian and Oceanian Championship at Myanmar in Nov 18. YAI Senior Nationals was also successfully conducted by INWTC (Mumbai) from 12-16 Nov 18.

9. He thereafter informed the General Body about the activities planned till Mar 19 which included YAI Youth Nationals and India International Regatta 2018 scheduled at Chennai from 26 - 30 Dec 18 and 31 Dec 18 - 06 Jan 19 respectively. The activities planned as part of ACTC 2018-19 till Mar 19 i.e the Hongkong Race Week 2019 from 12-17 Feb 19 for Opti and Laser 4.7, ASAF Youth Cup at UAE from 30 Mar-09 Apr 19 and Princess Sofia Regatta at Spain from 29 Mar-07 Apr 19 for 49er, 49erFX and Lasers were intimated.

10. The President urged the General Body that it must be our endeavour to maintain a younger age profile of our team. Accordingly, sailors with potential must be encouraged and given an opportunity to participate in foreign circuits. Development of women teams in all classes also needs greater emphasis. He stated that we now have to plan for Olympics 2024 and beyond and try to expedite preparedness towards participation into new categories like Kiteboarding, mixed team keelboat and two person dinghy sailing. The issue of gender equality needs utmost emphasis and we all have to work collectively to achieve the goal.

11. The President informed the General Body of the deep appreciation shown by President World Sailing, Mr Kim Andersen, for the role played by the ASAF President Dr. Malav Shroff and Chairman ASAF Events Committee Capt Ajay Narang to bring Asian sailing to the next level and for ASAF in setting the example for development of the sport in the world. He also highlighted that Capt Narang had recently been elected as the Vice President of International Optimist Class, which was the bedrock of junior sailing globally.

12. The President further brought out that our main focus has been to revitalise grassroots participation in all categories of sailing, with focus on youth, and to facilitate development of the sport in both recreational and competitive spheres. We aim to work on popularising the sport and making it accessible to schools and colleges throughout our country. The President once again assured the august gathering that the YAI would always endeavour to function within the stipulated rules and regulations for the betterment of the sport of sailing. He stated that with the whole hearted support from Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India and IOA, we are confident of producing a historic result at the forthcoming Olympics 2020 and beyond.

13. Prior concluding, the President thanked the yachting community for their very matured and whole hearted support which has helped to promote the sport throughout the country. The President expressed hope for some constructive suggestions and recommendations especially from senior and experienced yachtspersons who had made the effort to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting. He believed that some very useful and pragmatic ideas to encourage this sport further could emerge during this AGM, if we agree to concentrate on the future rather than the past. The President informed the General Body that only those suggestions which hold promise for the

future of the sport had been taken up for discussion and issues which relate to specific individuals or are already being addressed in other forums have not been included for discussions. The President expressed optimism that if we pulled together, there was no reason why Indian yachtspersons could not bring laurels to the country at the Olympics.

14. The President thereafter requested the HSG to commence the proceedings of the AGM.

**Item No. II - To Approve and Confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 Dec 2017**

15. The HSG brought out that the next item on the agenda was to confirm the Minutes of the General Body meeting held on 18 Dec 17. He also informed the house that a copy of the Minutes of the AGM was placed on the YAI Website. No comments or observations were received from any other Member Clubs on recording of the Minutes. The HSG thereafter sought to confirm the Minutes from the General Body.

16. The house unanimously accepted the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 Dec 17.

<b><u>Proposed By</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded By</u></b>
Mr Suheim Sheikh The Yacht Club of Hyderabad	Mr Vivek Shanbhag Royal Madras Yacht Club

**Item No. III . To Receive, Consider and Adopt the Profit and Loss Account for the Financial Year ended on 31 March 2018 and the Balance Sheet as on that date and the report of Auditors' thereon**

17. The Treasurer made a presentation to the General Body on the state of accounts of YAI. The Treasurer informed the House that the audit of accounts for the FY 2016-17 had been approved by the General Body during the AGM held on 18 Dec 17. He stated that copies of the accounts had been submitted to the AGCR, the statutory Government Authority for auditing all central revenue accounts. He further stated that there were no audit objections raised by the AGCR thus far.

18. The Treasurer thereafter highlighted the financial report for the FY 2017 - 18 and stated that the audited accounts for FY 2017 - 18 reflected an 'Excess' of Income over Expenditure of Rs 17.41 lakhs. This was mainly due to the sponsorship received from PSUs and earnings from YAI training schemes.

19. The Treasurer further stated that the Profit and Loss A/c for the FY 2017-18 and the Balance Sheet as on that date including the Auditor's report thereon had been approved by the YAI Council. He thereafter sought approval of the General Body for adoption of the Profit and Loss A/c for the FY 2017-18 and the Balance Sheet as on that date including the Auditor's report thereon.

20. The House unanimously accepted the Profit and Loss A/c for the FY 2017-18 and the Balance Sheet as on that date including the Auditor's report thereon.

<b><u>Proposed By</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded By</u></b>
Cdr SP Singh INWTC Gomantak (Goa)	Cdr Vijay Yadav INWTC INS Mandovi, Goa

**Item No. IV - To consider and if thought fit to pass with or without modification(s), the ordinary resolution appointing M/s Sanjay Pathak & Associates, Chartered Accountants as Auditors of the Association**

21. The Treasurer stated that M/s Sanjay Pathak & Associates were appointed as statutory auditors during the last AGM, and their performance has been satisfactory. It was, therefore, recommended that the same auditors be retained for FY 2018-19. He also informed the house that as per the Company's Act, M/s Sanjay Pathak & Associates met the criteria for appointment as auditors. The Treasurer thereafter sought approval of the House for appointment of the auditors by quoting:-

*"RESOLVED THAT subject to the provisions of sub section (2) of section 16 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act 1961, M/s. Sanjay Pathak & Associates, Chartered Accountants, are hereby appointed as Auditors of the Association to hold office from the conclusion of this General Body Meeting up to the conclusion of the next General Body Meeting, to audit the accounts of the Association for the financial year 2018-19 at a remuneration of Rs. 28,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Eight thousand only) on the recommendation of the Council."*

22. The house unanimously approved the appointment of M/s Sanjay Pathak & Associates at a remuneration of Rs. 28,000/- (Rupees Twenty Eight thousand only) as recommended by the Council.

<b><u>Proposed By</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded By</u></b>
Capt Agyapal Singh Offshore Sailing Club	Cdr Ramjas Yadav INWTC (Karwar)

**Item No. V- To Receive the Report of HSG for the Period 18 Dec 17 – 19 Dec 18**

23. The HSG presented his report for the period 18 Dec 17 – 19 Dec 18. The various issues covered by the HSG in his report are enumerated.

24. **Annual Calendar of Training and Competition (ACTC) for FY 2018-19.** It was intimated that the ACTC-2018 meetings of Yachting were held on 17 May and 16 Nov 18. SAI had approved Rs 3.36 Crores till Nov 18 and an additional amount of Rs 1.42 Crores has been sanctioned for activities planned till 31 Mar 19. The budget proposed is

inclusive of the following training abroad and participation in International Championships: -

- (a) Training in Malta, Holland, Italy and Thailand in May-Jun 2018.
- (b) Training in Europe and Indonesia in Jul-Aug 2018.
- (c) Participation in Asian Sailing Championship 2018 (18-25 Jun 2018), Asian Games 2018 (20-31 Aug 2018) both in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- (d) Optimist World Championship (22 Aug-07 Sep 2018) at Cyprus and Optimist Asian and Oceanian Championship (03-18 Nov 2018) at Myanmar.
- (e) Hong Kong Race Week 2019 from 12-17 Feb 19 and ASAF Youth Cup at UAE from 30 Mar - 09 Apr 19 for Opti and Laser 4.7.
- (f) Princess Sofia Regatta at Spain from 29 Mar -07 Apr 19 for 49er, 49erFX and Lasers.

25. **YAI Nationals 2017.** YAI Senior and Youth Nationals 2017 were conducted by TNSA and Yachting Association of Andhra Pradesh at Krishnapatnam from 21-25 Dec 17. A total of 135 sailors competed in the 49er, 49er FX, 470, Finn, Laser Std, Laser Radial and RS X. 68 youth sailors competed in 29er, 420, Laser 4.7, Optimist & RS One.

26. **India International Regatta 2017.** India International Regatta 2017 was conducted by TNSA at Krishnapatnam from 27-31 Dec 17. 159 sailors (123 Indian & 36 Foreign) from ten countries (Hong Kong, Indonesia, Sweden, UAE, Ireland, Malaysia, Canada, Sri Lanka, USA and India) competed in the 29er, 420, Laser 4.7, Optimist & RS One.

27. **Clinic for Race Officials.** NJ and NRO Clinic was held at Krishnapatnam from 25-27 Dec 17 by Mr Chris Watts, International Judge and Mr Ilkar Bayinder, International Race Officer. 40 Individuals (including 02 from other countries) attended the Clinic. 05 candidates qualified for appointment as NRO and 04 as National Judges. Appointment of NJ's and NROs is for four years from 01 Jan 18 to 31 Dec 22.

28. **Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat.** MYAS has initiated concept of 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat'. Competition and exhibition tournaments were organised by NSFs to promote camaraderie amongst various States through sports. Pairing of States was decided by the Govt. YAI conducted Exhibition Regatta at Chennai from 16-18 Feb 18. Paired states were Tamil Nadu/J&K & Maharashtra/Odisha. Participants were below 21 yrs (boys and girls).



29. **Selection Trials for Asian Sailing Championship and Asian Games 2018.** It was intimated that YAI Selection Trials for Asian Sailing Championship and Asian Games 2018 were held at Chennai from 16-22 Apr 2018. The classes of boats sailed in the regatta and number of entries were as follows:

(a)	Optimist	-	29
(b)	Laser Radial-		03
(c)	49erFX	-	03
(d)	RS:X	-	10
(e)	49er	-	09
(f)	Laser Std	-	28
(g)	RS:One	-	07
(h)	470 (M)	-	15
(j)	Laser 4.7	-	16

30. **Asian Sailing Championship 2018 at Jakarta, Indonesia.** The Seventeenth edition of the Asian Sailing Championship 2018 was held from 18-25 Jun 18 at the National Sailing Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia. The Organising Authority of the event was Indonesian Sailing Federation (INASAF) under the aegis of Asian Sailing Federation (ASAF) with the support of World Sailing. The Sailing contingent won three medals, one each Gold in 49er, Silver and Bronze both in 49er FX in the Asian Sailing Championship 2018 after a long gap. The young girls and boys of Laser 4.7, Laser Radial and Optimist class missed out on medals by a narrow margin.

31. **Oman Nationals.** Oman had invited four Optimist and two Laser 4.7 sailors to participate in the Oman Nationals in early Aug 2018 and the performance of our sailors was praiseworthy. Our team won Gold in Boys Laser 4.7, Gold and Silver in Boys Optimist and Gold and Bronze in Girls Optimist class.

32. **Asian Games 2018 at Jakarta, Indonesia.** The Indian sailing team had done the country proud, winning one silver and two bronze medals at the Asian Games 2018 at Jakarta, Indonesia. The duo of Varsha Gautham-Shweta Shervegar won the silver in the 49 er FX, while Harshita Tomar, in the Laser 4.7 open category won the bronze. The 49er team of Varun Thakkar-Ganapathy had secured the third position. Govind Bairagi in Laser 4.7 came fourth. Among the remaining sailors, Nethra of Laser Radial secured fifth position. The RS One team of Dayne and Katya Coelho secured the eighth position. This was the first time India has won two medals in Olympic classes and one in Youth Class sailing event at Asian Games 2018.

33. **Participation in Other International Events.** The young sailors of Optimist class got the opportunity to participate in the IODA World Championship 2018 at Cyprus in Aug 18 and Asian and Oceanian Championship at Myanmar in Nov 18.

34. **YAI Senior Nationals 2018.** YAI Senior Nationals was successfully conducted by INWTC (Mbi) from 12-16 Nov 18 at Colaba, Mumbai. A total of 149 sailors competed in the 49er, 49er FX, 470, Finn, Laser Std, Laser Radial, Laser Bahiya and RS X.

35. **Guangzhou Nansha International Regatta 2018.** Indian Naval Sailing Team represented by Lt Cdr K Sai Anand, Rahul Rai CPO, Imo Lemnok CPO, Praveen Kumar PO and Virendra Singh PO won a Bronze medal at the Guangzhou Nansha International Regatta 2018 at Guangzhou City, China. The Championship was conducted in one-design Far East 26 class of boat from 07 to 10 Dec 18. The Gold medal was bagged by Hong Kong, while Singapore won the Silver medal.

36. **Events Planned till Mar 19.** The major events planned till Mar 2019 were highlighted: -

- (a) YAI Youth Nationals and India International Regatta 2018 scheduled at Chennai from 26-30 Dec 18 and 31 Dec 18-06 Jan 19 respectively.
- (b) Hong Kong Race Week 2019 from 12-17 Feb 19 for Opti and Laser 4.7.
- (c) ASAF Youth Cup at UAE from 30 Mar - 09 Apr 19.
- (d) Princess Sofia Regatta at Spain from 29 Mar - 07 Apr 19 for 49er, 49erFX and Lasers.

37. **Foreign Coach.** The members were informed that the Chief National Coach Ian Stuart Warren had resigned on 13 Jun 2018. Short term foreign coaches were hired to continue preparation for Asian Sailing Championship and Asian Games 2018. The process of selection of a new Chief National Coach was in progress and the case has been forwarded to SAI for approval.

38. **Conflict of Interest.** A policy on 'Conflict of Interest' has been formulated post incorporation of recommendations by the Council Members in Dec 18.

39. **Gender Equity.** The IOC had directed all ISF's to work towards ensuring gender equity at the Olympic Games. As stated in the Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendations, the WS Council during its last Annual Conference has published the slate for Olympic 2024 events. Mixed two person offshore, mixed two-person dinghy and mixed kite boarding are the three events which need participation by both the genders. Since the resources available to the YAI are very limited, we need to identify the Classes in which we have the best chances of qualifying at the OG and build up the teams accordingly.

40. **ASAF AGM.** Asian Sailing Federation AGM was held on 01 Sep 18 at Jakarta. Some of the important issues brought out during the meeting were highlighted to the General Body. These are as follows: -

- (a) Development Goals which encompass the need for increase in number of ITOs, by 60, a clear focus on increasing participation at events, with an aim to get

at least 5000 sailors to participate in future, ASAF would need to also devise a strategy to get cheaper sailing equipment, and also chalk out a comprehensive plan to develop more coaches across Asia.

(b) Among the Events, the Keelboat Racing was witnessing a lot of participation and hence there was need for more races to be held.

(c) Development of International Technical Officials (ITOs) and Asian Technical Officials (ATOs) was discussed.

(d) The General Body unanimously approved, launching of a new status of Asian Technical Officers in all 4 categories. ARO - Asian Race Officer, AJ - Asian Judge, AM- Asian Measurer and AU- Asian Umpire. The House also unanimously approved support to WS Qualified Seminars in all categories.

(e) ASAF would support at least two International events to help in applying for ITO status. Such requests would have to be routed through the respective MNA.

(f) On the issue of IROs qualification, it was highlighted that normally to get an IRO status, the individuals need to officiate in some principle events and obtain recommendations of qualified IROs/IJs who should have assessed them in major events. It was also highlighted that they should have performed in events overseas and not just within their respective countries. As regards the time taken, it was stated that it normally takes two to three years at the maximum, after qualifying their exam, provided they take part in overseas events.

41. **World Sailing Annual Conference**. World Sailing Annual Conference was held at Sarasota, Florida, USA from 27 Oct-04 Nov 18. The new events planned for Olympics 2024 are Mixed Two person Offshore, mixed two-person dinghy and mixed kiteboarding. These three events will need participation by both the genders.

#### **Item No. VI - Agenda Points for Discussion**

42. **Agenda No 1 - ACTC for Senior Players (AYN)**. There was an urgent need to issue directions wrt issuing ACTC programme till 31 Mar 19 and beyond so that players are aware of the programme and also equal opportunity be given to youth classes to participate in regattas to gain experience.

43. **Comments**. Col SK Kanwar of AYN stated that there was an urgent need to issue directions wrt issuing ACTC programme till 31 Mar 19 and beyond so that players are aware of the programme and also equal opportunity be given to youth classes to participate in regattas to gain experience. The HSG informed the General Body that the Minutes of approved ACTC till Mar 19 were uploaded on the YAI website on 03 Dec 18. The next event planned for Seniors is Princess Sofia Regatta at Spain from 29 Mar – 07 Apr 19. Mr Suheim Sheikh of YCH brought out that there was a need to enhance the

level of training for Optimist class sailors. Col SK Kanwar of AYN emphasised that opportunity should be given to sailors of senior classes.

44. **Decision.** The President YAI stated that there was a need to take a pragmatic view on foreign training of the sailors and directed that the ACTC, when approved, should be uploaded on the YAI website at the earliest.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

45. **Agenda No 2 - Holding of SPDC Meeting (AYN).** There has been continuous postponement over holding of SPDC meeting since October 2017 over reasons not given.

46. **Comments.** The HSG brought out that it is a fact that the SPDC has not met as desired and there were valid reasons for that, the Chief National Coach had resigned and there were issues of the conflict of interest. The issue was discussed in the Council Meeting and the President has directed that the SPDC should meet once every quarter. The SPDC comprises of members from the four main clubs/ associations viz TNSA, AYN, NSS Bhopal and INSA with all four having a stake in the selection and training of their sailors/ members. He also stated that the current model of SPDC has been working fine and issues of personalities should not affect the functioning of the committee. SPDC has been advising YAI on a regular basis and has been instrumental in whatever we have achieved.

47. **Decision.** The President YAI directed that SPDC should meet once every quarter.

**Action: The Chairman SPDC**

48. **Agenda No 3 - Updating of National ranking after each Approved Ranking Event (AYN, NOA & TSA).** The YAI ranking on the website must be updated after each ranking event to enable sailors to identify their position. The policy of conduct of ranking events has been promulgated by YAI and same is being followed by various clubs. However, it is important that consent of Class Association is taken prior to grant of ranking status for that Class in a multiclass event. Also a tech rep from Class Association must be present during the conduct of pure Class event or in any multiclass event which has that particular Class in the event, who can facilitate proper monitoring of the conduct & ensure feedback of the event. In order to promote class associations, the Multiclass nationals should be held once in two years, with the class association holding their own championship every alternate year.

49. **Comments.** Col SK Kanwar of AYN brought out that the YAI ranking on the website must be updated after each ranking event to enable sailors to identify their position. Mr Suheim Sheikh of YCH stated that the Organisers are supposed to forward the results of all ranking events within 15 days of completion of sailing championship and updating ranking is possible. Captain Ashwin Arvind emphasized the importance of consistency of sailors keeping the long term goals of 2020/ 2024 in mind. Mr GL Yadav from NSS Bhopal stated that sailors on training abroad miss out on ranking events, and

due consideration should be given to this fact. Mr Suheim Sheikh of YCH reiterated the importance of stability in the performance of sailors.

50. HSG informed the General Body that the current Ranking system of the YAI was implemented in 2010 after detailed examination by the Council. The ranking system is intended to reward and identify those who perform consistently. There are practical difficulties in implementing frequent updates of ranking wherein Clubs will demand change in the National Squad with every update in ranking. HSG also intimated that the process of nomination of sailors starts approximately three months before an event. The frequent changes in ranking and national squad may lead to litigations. Captain Ajay Narang stated that the period of Jan to Jun is a lean period as far as ranking events are concerned and most of the events are scheduled between Jul and Dec. He suggested that the national squad promulgation may be adjusted to 01 Apr and 01 Oct instead of 01 Jan and 01 Jul. The Chairman National Classes Committee and Offshore & Motor Boating Committee stated that if events are not evenly spaced throughout the year then we may change the dates. The President Telangana Sailing Association suggested changing the ranking and national squad quarterly.

51. **Decision.** The President YAI directed to continue with half yearly update of ranking and national squad, however, dates to be changed to 01 Apr and 01 Oct instead of 01 Jan and 01 Jul.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

52. **Agenda No 4 - Promulgation of National Squad after every Ranking Event (TSA).** The National Squad should be updated based on the current ranking immediately post completion of event.

53. The issue was discussed alongwith the Agenda Point 3.

54. **Decision.** As above at Para 51.

55. **Agenda No 5.** It is proposed to institute a new Trophy for the Coach of the Year. (YAI & NSS Bhopal).

56. **Comments.** The HSG informed the General Body that an exclusive trophy to acknowledge and reward the efforts and performance of the coaches is proposed to be instituted. A suitable name for the trophy may be proposed. Some of the QRs that may be considered to decide on the contender of the award were highlighted as follows: -

- (a) Tangible contribution towards training and coaching the sailors measured against their performance at National/ International level.
- (b) Positive contribution to uplift the standard of training of budding sailors.
- (c) Be a major source of inspiration to budding sailors and act as a motivational source.

(d) Effective conduct/ organising of coaching camps/ selection trials.

57. The General Body unanimously agreed for the proposal.

58. **Decision**. The President YAI directed that the members may forward QRs and comments to YAI Secretariat. YAI to institute a new Trophy for the Coach of the Year in 2019.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

59. **Agenda No 6 - Senior National Camp be held at Mumbai (AYN)**. The Senior National camp must be kept at a place where maximum squad members belong rather than asking them to repeatedly move to Chennai - a case seen by Bunny Warren and coach before him.

60. **Comments**. The HSG brought out that AYN has proposed that the Senior National camp must be held at a place where max squad members belong rather than asking them to repeatedly move to Chennai - a case seen by Bunny Warren and coach before him.

61. HSG stated that the issue was discussed in the Council Meeting and it was broadly agreed that the camp must be conducted at a place where maximum participants belong to. He further stated that the conduct of coaching camps is decided in consultation with the CNC and SAI and depends on overall program charted out for the year for the YAI. Conduct of a coaching camp at Mumbai in the past has revealed that the effort has been lost view typical weather and tidal conditions that exist at Mumbai. Loss of training during limited duration camps is not recommended. Also the accommodation at Colaba is very expensive and the stay of a foreigner in a military area would be a cause of concern.

62. Cdr Ramjas Yadav of INWTC (Karwar) suggested conducting the Nationals at Karwar. The President YAI emphasised that we need volunteers to conduct the camps with support from other units. Maj Neeraj of CSE Pune expressed his support to AYN for conduct of a camp at Mumbai. The Chairman SPDC stated that the camp should be conducted at different venues.

63. **Decision**. The President YAI directed that the feasibility of conducting the next sailing camp at Mumbai be examined by the YAI Sectt in consultation with the requisite stakeholders.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

64. **Agenda No 7 - Following of standard pattern for constitution of Race Management duties for Ranking events and Senior Nationals (also a Ranking event) {AYN, Lt Col DS Dikhit (Retd)}**. YAI has spelt out the constitution of Race Management Officials and composition of Race Officers and Jury wrt Number of International Technical officials for a Ranking event once clubs organise such events. However, the same is not followed once YAI is OA, e.g Senior Nationals Nov 18 at

Mumbai. There is a requirement to have standard composition wherein even Indian qualified members are allowed to gain experience in National and International Regatta held within the country.

65. **Comments.** Col SK Kanwar of AYN informed the General Body that YAI has spelt out the constitution of Race Management Officials and composition of Race Officers and Jury wrt number of International Technical officials for a Ranking event once clubs from Hyderabad and Bhopal organise such events. However, the same was not followed during Senior Nationals in Nov 18 at Mumbai. There is a requirement to have a standard composition wherein even Indian qualified members are allowed to gain experience in National and International Regatta held within the country.

66. The HSG stated that the appointment of qualified Race Officials as brought out is essential and the organisers are duty bound to comply with the policy issued by the YAI Council in end 2017.

67. Col SK Kanwar of AYN informed the members that the composition of Jury is defined in Appendix 'N' of World Sailing RRS. Brig G Jhulka (Retd), IJ intimated that the International Jury is composed of three IJs and two NJs. The ranking events could have the IROs and International Jury if the affordability permits. Mr Suheim Sheikh of YCH was of the opinion that the Nationals and IIR could be conducted by IROs and Internationals Jury and for other ranking events could be conducted by Indian Race Officials and Jury. The Chairman Sailing Performance and Development Committee suggested involving International Jury for all ranking events.

68. **Decision.** The President YAI directed that the composition of Race Officials and Jury for all ranking events should be in accordance with Appendix 'N' to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

69. **Agenda No 8 - Development of Race Officials and requirement of programme to ensure steady growth {AYN, Lt Col DS Dikhit (Retd)}.** For the first time, three officials from AYN qualified International Race Officers exam in Apr 18. The officials were NROs and acquired all parameters needed to be eligible for nomination by World Sailing except remarks by MNA. MNA approached Director General of Military Training and submitted that YAI had reservations in accepting and forwarding names of these three officials. Indian Yachting Technical Officials cannot develop till the time clear cut parameters and a programme fully managed by YAI is in place to ensure that Race Officials are given adequate exposure within and outside the country to work under International Technical Officials.

70. **Comments.** The HSG informed the General Body that the YAI had received applications for endorsement in respect of three individuals of AYN for appointment as an International Race Officer. These individuals passed the written examination for International Race Officer conducted by World Sailing in Mar 18. However, the YAI decided to put these applications on hold for this year and put the individuals under "watch for improvement" in terms of their professional competence as a Race Officer.

71. On the issue of IROs qualification which was also discussed during the presentation of HSG's report, it was highlighted that during the ASAF AGM at Jakarta on 01 Sep 18, the development of International Technical Officials (ITOs) and Asian Technical Officials (ATOs) was discussed and it was decided that ASAF would support at least two International events to help in applying for ITO status. Such requests would have to be routed through the respective MNA.

72. Dr Malav Shroff opined that Indian Race Officials should be given adequate opportunity to develop skills. The input at World Sailing is that lot of Asians are coming up for IROs, however, they are not as good as the Western country IROs.

73. **Decision.** The President directed that the individuals who qualify various race official exams are to be given adequate opportunity to develop and are to be recommended on merit.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

**Item No. VII - Presentation of YAI Annual Awards for the Year 2018**

74. HSG briefed the Members that the YAI Awards Committee considered the nominations received from "member clubs" for the YAI Annual Awards for the year 2018. The list of awardees was informed:-

<b><u>Ser</u></b>	<b><u>Trophy</u></b>	<b><u>Awarded To</u></b>
(a)	YAI Life Time Achievement Award	Munna Jamal, TNSA
(b)	Admiral Kohli Trophy	Dr Vinod Pradhan, NSS Bhopal
(c)	Admiral RH Tahiliani Trophy for the yachtsman of the year	Varsha/Sweta Varun/Ganapathy Harshita Tomar
(d)	Admiral Nadkarni Trophy for most promising yachtsman of the year	Govind Bairagi, NSS Bhopal
(e)	E-in-C Trophy for most promising lady sailor	Uma Chouhan, NSS Bhopal
(f)	Race Official Trophy	-
(g)	Admiral Ramdas Trophy	Tarini Crew for Navika Sagar Parikrama Cdr Abhilash Tomy, KC
(h)	Admiral RK Dhowan Trophy for best sailing club	TNSA

75. The President thereafter presented the YAI Annual Awards for the year 2018.



**Item No. VIII - Any other Business with Permission of the Chair**

76. Lt Col Alok Yadav, Secretary EMESA brought out that as has been decided by the General Body to conduct all ranking events with composition of International Jury and Race Officials, it is requested that some financial support could be provided from YAI to conduct various regattas. Mr Suheim Sheikh of YCH seconded the proposal.

77. **Decision.** The President directed that the proposal be examined on a case to case basis.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

78. Maj Neeraj of NOAI brought out the issue of taking the consent of NOAI for teams, coaches and team managers participating in international competitions. The HSG informed the house that the Sports Code mandated national team selection to the Sports Federation. The Council has agreed that the YAI would only 'inform' the NOAI regarding details of the participation in international events under IODA, as soon as the team comprising of Participants and Officials is formed and before it is finally forwarded to SAI for approval.

79. **Decision.** The President YAI directed that NOAI be kept informed as far as feasible while selecting and deputing the teams for IODA events. However, approval of NOAI is not to be sought.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

80. Mr Jolly Thomas of Kerala Water Sports & Sailing Organisation brought out that Kerala Govt is not honouring the YAI training and qualification certificates. During the Kerala floods KWSO was actively involved in saving 263 lives with the help of power boats and now Kerala Govt may have lenient view if a State Association is formed and affiliated with YAI. He requested that Kerala Yachting State Association's affiliation to YAI may be considered provisionally for a month or so. The HSG stated that the affiliation of State Association can be considered if certain laid down guidelines are complied with and KWSO was accordingly advised in the past. Captain Ajay Narang proposed to help Kerala State Association in drafting the constitution and assist in State Association affiliation.

81. **Decision.** The President YAI directed that Kerala Water Sports & Sailing Organisation be assisted in drafting the constitution and State Association affiliation.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

82. Mr Suheim Sheikh of YCH brought out that for import of boats, the Clubs have to pay heavy custom duty and now in addition, the GST charges were adding to the overall cost. This makes the import of boats/ equipment very expensive. He requested the YAI to help the importers of boats for duty exemption and waiver in GST.

83. The Chairman Sailing Performance and Development Committee suggested that respective Clubs may request State Govts to write to GST Council for reduction in GST rate on sailing equipment. The President YAI informed the General Body that he had written to the Finance Minister to rationalize the GST rate on sailing boats and equipment by explaining the distinction between luxury yachts and competitive boats of Olympic classes and the same will be followed up. The HSG also reiterated that YAI would try to facilitate duty exemption with SAI for the import of sailing boats.

84. **Decision.** The major Clubs are to request respective State Govts to take up the issue of reduction of GST rate with the GST Council. The YAI is also to follow-up the case.

**Action: All Affiliated Clubs**

85. Lt Col Alok Yadav, Secretary EMESA enquired about the plan for induction of new class of equipment like Nacra, Kite and Keel boat. The HSG informed that the plan for induction of new equipment for Olympics 2024 will be finalized in due course once the equipment is finalized by World Sailing. The President YAI reiterated that for 2020 Olympics we have a plan in place for the qualifiers and the induction of new equipment in 2024 has recently been discussed in World Sailing and we shall take the plan forward.

86. **Decision.** The President directed that once the World Sailing finalizes the type of boat/ equipment to be used in Olympics 2024, the induction plan for the new equipment is to be worked out.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

87. Maj Neeraj of NOAI raised the point regarding conduct of Coastal National Championships (Ranking Event) for juniors. He brought out that the venue should be rotated between the east and west coast, instead of being conducted at the same venue year after year. He stated that, this change of venue would go a long way in promoting sailing among other states and clubs and increase their entries for the events when held in their proximity. The transportation of boats and equipment also was a logistical challenge and often resulted in damage to boats and equipment in the transportation process. Col SK Kanwar of AYN also suggested having Youth Nationals alternating on the East and West coasts. Mr Suheim Sheikh of YCH suggested that the decision on conduct of Senior as well as Youth Nationals may be left to the Council. The President emphasized that it was agreed by the house in the past that the Senior and Youth Nationals will be rotated every year between the western and eastern coasts alternatively. He further stated that the sailing cannot be made only Mumbai centric.

88. **Decision.** The President directed YAI to examine the issue holistically.

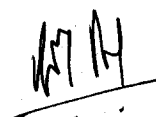
**Action: YAI Sectt**

**Item No. IX – Vote of Thanks**

89. The Chairman Sailing Performance and Development Committee expressed his gratitude to the President, the Council Members, the Executive Members of various Clubs and Associations, Life Members and all the Members of the YAI who were present in the House.

90. **Concluding Remarks by President YAI.** The President thanked the General Body for their suggestions and active participation during the meeting. The President stated that we all needed to work together to take the sport of sailing to new heights. He highlighted that we have made a beginning after a very long gap and have succeeded in winning the medals at Asian level including Asian Games 2018. The important event ahead is to work to facilitate the sailors for qualifying to participate in the forthcoming Olympics. The President wished the General Body and the Indian sailing a bright future.

91. These Minutes are issued with the approval of the President YAI.



(Atul Anand)  
Rear Admiral  
Hon Secy Gen  
01 Feb 19

