

**MINUTES OF THE YAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**24 Oct 19**

1. The 51<sup>st</sup> YAI Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at 1500 h on 24 Oct 19 at Kota House, New Delhi. The following Council Members were present:-

**Chairman**

Admiral Sunil Lanba PVSM, AVSM, ADC (Retd)

President

**Members**

Mr. Ashok Thakkar	Chairman Sailing Performance Development Committee
Mr. Atul Kulkarni	Chairman Sailing and Club Development Committee
Capt A Saluja	Treasurer
Mr. Shankar Narayanan	Chairman Fund Raising and Publicity (Granted leave of absence)
Dr. Malav Shroff	Co-opted Member
Cmde Dinesh Singh, 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) Bengal Sappers Sailing Club, Roorkee
- (b) Bombay Sappers Sailing Club
- (c) Chennai Sailing Academy
- (d) Corps of Engineers Sailing Club, Pune
- (e) Defence Services Sailing Club, Delhi
- (f) EME Sailing Association, Secunderabad
- (g) Goa Yachting Association
- (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 Hansa, Goa.
- (q) INWTC Hamla, Mumbai
- (r) INWTC 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 Kamorta
- (z) INWTC Lonavala,Pune
- (aa) INWTC Mandovi, Goa
- (bb) INWTC Mumbai
- (cc) INWTC Porbandar, Gujarat
- (dd) INWTC Port Blair
- (ee) INWTC Okha
- (ff) INWTC Visakhapatnam
- (gg) Kerala Water Sports & Sailing Organisation
- (hh) Madhya Pradesh State Yachting Association
- (jj) Marve Sailing Club, Mumbai

- (kk) National 9er Class Association, Chennai
- (ll) National Board Sailing Association
- (mm) National J-24 Class Association
- (nn) National Laser Class Association
- (pp) National Optimist Class Association
- (qq) NDA Sailing Club, Pune
- (rr) NSS Bhopal, Upper Lake Bhopal
- (ss) Offshore Sailing Club
- (tt) Royal Madras Yacht Club, Chennai
- (uu) Telangana Sailing Association
- (vv) Tamil Nadu 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>
(a)	Sub Srikanth Chaturvedi T
(b)	Brig Jadish Singh (Retd)
(c)	Ashok Thakkar
(d)	Malav Shroff
(e)	Lt Gen SK Shrivastava
(f)	Maj Gen MS Pillai (Retd)
(g)	Lt Gen KS Rao (Retd)
(h)	Cdr Niel Jose Manjooran

- (j) Cdr Apoorv Ghosh
- (k) Cmde RB Rai (Retd)
- (l) RAdm Atul Anand
- (m) Cdr Sherpal Singh
- (n) Capt Jitendra Dixit
- (p) Brig GS Julka (Retd)
- (q) Capt Amarjit Saluja

#### **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 yachtpersons and thanked all members for having taken time from their busy schedules to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> General Body Meeting.

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 the Indian sailing teams have participated in 14 International events since last General Body Meeting in Dec 18. Some of the noteworthy performances have been by Ms Nethra Kumanan who has won Gold medals at the Mapfre Middlesea Euromed Regatta 2018 at Malta in Dec 18 and at Regatta De Carnival Gran Canaria Spain in Feb 19. Russell Lobo has won Silver in the RS:One Youth Category and Keona Rajani has won Bronze in the Techno 293 event at the Singapore Open Windsurfing Championship in Jan 19. Ram Milan Yadav (Laser 4.7) secured second position and Uma Chauhan (Optimist) stood fourth at Hong Kong Race Week 2019 in Feb 19. Upamanyu Dutta has won Bronze in the Laser Std category at the Asian Open Laser Championship 2019 at Singapore in Mar 19. Nethra Kumanan secured 4th position in Laser Radial category at the event. Vishnu Saravanan won Bronze medal at the 2019 Laser U21 European Championships, Dziwnow, Poland conducted from 23-27 Aug 19. In the recently concluded Abu Dhabi Open Regatta from 14 – 19 Oct 19, Mohit Saini and Upmanyu Datta won Gold and Bronze respectively in Laser Standard, Ritika Dangi won Gold in girls and Ram Milan Yadav won Bronze in boys in Laser 4.7, Nethra Kumanan won Gold and Harshita Tomar secured fourth position in Laser Radial.

7. The President also brought out that Ms Harshita Tomar of NSS Bhopal was selected by World Sailing for the Emerging Nations Programme which included participation in World Sailing sponsored training programme followed by Youth Worlds at Gdynia in Jul 19. She secured 17<sup>th</sup> position out of 47 in her first international exposure in Laser Radial. Ms Nethra Kumanan was also selected by World Sailing for the Laser Radial Development Program towards preparation for Olympics 2020 qualifications.

8. The President informed the General Body that the ACTC 2019-20 was submitted to SAI in Feb 19 in paper and in May 19 in new digitised form. Secretary Sports chaired the first meeting to consider ACTC on 20 Aug 19. The President emphasized that YAI proposals falling between Apr – Oct 19 have been processed and approved, pending formal approval of ACTC. It was highlighted that Secy Sports i.a.w new guidelines of 'Khelo India' had requested YAI to develop Centre of Excellence in Sailing. Mr Kiren Rijju MoS (IC) YAS also chaired a meeting on 11 Oct 19 to emphasise on the need for Centres of Excellence.

9. The President highlighted that the MYAS/ SAI has approved hiring of services of Mr Tomasz Januszewski of Poland for appointment as Chief National Coach for a period of one year from Sep 19, the date of his arrival in India and signing of the agreement for training of the Indian sailors towards Olympics 2020. The coach is based at Mumbai.

10. The President further stated that the IOA during their AGM held on 22 Dec 18 had downgraded membership of the YAI to Associate Member without Voting Rights. The reason stated at the meeting was that YAI had allowed individuals to vote during elections held in the past. The issue has been taken up with the appropriate authorities to review their decision, explaining the election procedures being adopted by the YAI in accordance with YAI General Rules and NSDC 2011.

11. The President also brought out that on the IOA directives all Federations were to constitute an Athlete Commission. YAI Interim Athlete Commission has been promulgated whose term will be till end-Dec 19. The election of new Athlete Commission will be conducted during the next yachting Nationals in Dec 19, where maximum yachtspersons are likely to be in attendance.

12. 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.

13. The President further informed the General Body that the tenure of current YAI Council will end today with Elections being conducted as the last Agenda. The main focus of the current council had 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. YAI aimed to work on popularising the sport and making it accessible to schools and colleges throughout the country. The President once again assured the august gathering that YAI always endeavoured to function within the stipulated rules and regulations for the betterment of the sport of sailing and with the whole hearted support from Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India and IOA, is confident of producing a historic result at the forthcoming Olympics 2020 and beyond.

14. Prior concluding, the President thanked the yachting community for their very matured and whole hearted support which has helped propel the sport throughout the country. The President expressed hope for some constructive suggestions and recommendations especially from some of our very senior and experienced yachtpersons who had taken the pains to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> General Body Meeting. The President expressed optimism that if we pulled on our oars together, there was no reason why Indian yachtpersons could not conquer the challenges at the Olympic level.

15. 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 20 Dec 2018**

16. The HSG brought out that the next item on the agenda was to confirm the Minutes of the General Body meeting held on 20 Dec 18. 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 Member Club on the Minutes. The HSG thereafter sought to confirm the Minutes from the General Body.

17. The house unanimously accepted the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 Dec 18.

<b><u>Proposed By</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded By</u></b>
Mr Siddharth Satardekar Board Sailing Association	Brig GS Julka (Retd) Life Associate Member

**Item No. III . To Receive, Consider and Adopt the Profit and Loss Account for the Financial Year ended on 31 March 2019 and the Balance Sheet as on that date and the report of Auditors' thereon**

18. 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 2017-18 had been approved by the General Body during the AGM held on 20 Dec 18. 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.

19. The Treasurer thereafter highlighted the financial report for the FY 2018 - 19 and stated that the audited accounts for FY 2018 - 19 reflected an 'Excess' of Expenditure over Income of Rs 9.55 lakhs. This was mainly due to the expenditure on Asian Games Selection trials, legal fee and short term coach fee.

20. The Treasurer further stated that the Profit and Loss A/c for the FY 2018-19 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 2018-19 and the Balance Sheet as on that date including the Auditor's report thereon.

21. The House unanimously accepted the Profit and Loss A/c for the FY 2018-19 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>
Lt Gen KS Rao (Retd) Telangana Sailing Association	Mr Jolly Thomas KWSO

**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**

22. 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 2019-20. 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."*

23. 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>
Lt Gen KS Rao (Retd) Telangana Sailing Association	Mr Jolly Thomas KWSO

**Item No. V- To Receive the Report of HSG for the Period 20 Dec 18 – 23 Oct 19**

24. The HSG presented his report for the period 20 Dec 18 – 23 Oct 19. The various issues covered by the HSG in his report are enumerated.

25. **Annual Calendar of Training and Competition (ACTC) for FY 2019-20.** It was intimated that the ACTC-2019-20 was submitted to SAI in Feb 19 in paper and in May 19 in new digitised form. Secretary Sports chaired the first meeting to consider ACTC on 20 Aug 19. It is noteworthy that YAI proposals falling between Apr – Oct 19 have been processed and approved, pending formal approval of ACTC. Secy Sports i.a.w new guidelines of 'Khelo India' requested YAI to develop Centre of Excellence in Sailing. Mr Kiren Rijju MoS (IC) YAS also chaired a meeting on 11 Oct 19 to emphasise on the need for Centres of Excellence.

26. The budget proposed in ACTC 2019-20 was highlighted as follows: -

**(Covering events and Remuneration upto Mar 2020 in Rupees)**

<b><u>Ser</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Senior</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Junior</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Total</u></b>
(a)	National Coaching Camp for Senior Men & Women and Junior Boy and Girl	80,11,450.00	76,13,100.00	1,56,24,550.00
(b)	<b>International Competition for Senior, Junior and Sub- Junior category</b>	<b>5,72,32,600.00</b>	<b>2,12,00,000.00</b>	<b>7,84,32,600.00</b>
(c)	National Championship for Senior, Junior and Sub- Junior	NIL		
(d)	Remuneration for coaches and support staffs	27,56,000.00	27,56,000.00	55,12,000.00
(e)	Equipment and consumables	1,15,00,000.00		1,15,00,000.00
(f)	International Competition in India		30,00,000.00	30,00,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,95,00,050.00</b>	<b>3,45,69,100.00</b>	<b>11,40,69,150.00</b>



**(Covering events and Remuneration upto Sep 2020 in Rupees)**

<b><u>Ser</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Senior</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Junior</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Total</u></b>
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(b)	<b>International Competition for Senior, Junior and Sub- Junior category</b>	<b>9,89,16,900.00</b>	<b>2,12,00,000.0</b>	<b>12,01,16,900.00</b>
(c)	National Championship for Senior, Junior and Sub- Junior	NIL		
(d)	Remuneration for coaches and support staffs	49,79,000.00	49,79,000.00	₹ 99,58,000.00
(e)	Equipment and consumables	1,15,00,000.00		1,15,00,000.00
(f)	International Competition in India		30,00,000.00	30,00,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,34,07,350.00</b>	<b>3,67,92,100.0</b>	<b>16,01,99,450.00</b>

27. The ACTC events post last AGM and inclusive of proposals of 2019-20 were highlighted as follows: -

- (a) Hong Kong Race Week 2019 from 11-18 Feb 19 (Optimist/ Laser 4.7).
- (b) Princess Sofia Regatta 2019 from 29 Mar – 06 Apr 2019 at Spain.
- (c) Kiel Week Regatta 2019, Germany from 24 – 30 Jun 19 (49er Class).
- (d) Laser Std Men's World Championship Japan from 02-09 Jul 19.
- (e) 2019 Hempel Youth Sailing Championship, Poland from 13-20 Jul 19 funded by World Sailing under Emerging Nation Programme.
- (f) J-80 World Championship, Getxo, Spain from 13-21 Jul 19 (Self-funded).
- (g) Laser Radial World Championship Japan from 17-24 Jul 19.
- (h) 2019 Laser U21 European Championships, Dziwnow, Poland from 23-27 Aug 19 (Self-funded).
- (j) IODA Asian and Oceanian Championship 2019 at Oman in Sep/Oct 19.

- (k) ASAF Sailing Cup and Enoshima Olympic Week 2019 in Oct 19 (Laser (Std)/ Laser (R)/ 470/ RS:X).
- (l) Auckland Training/ Oceanic Championship/ World Championships (Olympic Qualifiers 2) at New Zealand in Nov 19 (49er/49erFX).
- (m) Training with SailCoach at Malta in Nov 19 (Laser 4.7).
- (n) 470 Asian Championship/ Asian Qualifiers at China in Dec 19.
- (p) India International Regatta 2019
- (q) Australian Training/ Sail Melbourne/ World Championship/ Oceania Championship at Australia in Jan/ Feb 20 (49er/49erFX).
- (p) Singapore Open Windsurfing Championship 2020 in Jan 20 (RS One, RS:X).
- (q) Hong Kong Race Week 2020 in Feb 20 (Optimist/Laser 4.7/420/29er).
- (r) Mussanah Race Week 2020 at Oman in Feb 20 (RS:One).
- (s) ASAF Youth Cup 3, 2020 in Mar 20 (Optimist/4.7/29er/420).
- (t) Abu Dhabi Training/ Asian Qualifiers at Abu Dhabi in Mar 20 (49er, Laser Std)/ Laser (Radial, RS X).
- (u) Training/ Asian Qualifiers at China in Mar 20 (49erFX).
- (v) Princess Sofia Regatta 2020 in Mar/ Apr 2020 at Spain.
- (w) Semaine Olympic Franciese De Voile, Hyeres France Apr/ May 2020.
- (x) Kiel Week Regatta, Germany in Jun 2020.
- (y) Olympics 2020, Enoshima, Japan in Jul/ Aug 2020.

28. **Participation in Other International Events (Self Funded).**

- (a) Ms Nethra Kumanan won Gold medals at the **Mapfre Middlesea Euromed Regatta 2018 at Malta** in Dec 18 and at **Regatta De Carnival Gran Canaria Spain** in Feb 19.
- (b) Russell Lobo won Silver in the RS:One Youth Category and Keona Rajani won Bronze in the **Techno 293 event at the Singapore Open Windsurfing Championship** in Jan 19.

(c) Upamanyu Dutta won Bronze in the Laser Std category at the **Asian Open Laser Championship 2019 at Singapore** in Mar 19. Nethra Kumanan secured 4th position in Laser Radial category at the event.

(d) In the recently concluded **Abu Dhabi Open Regatta** from 14 – 19 Oct 19, Mohit Saini and Upmanyu Datta won Gold and Bronze respectively in Laser Standard, Ritika Dangi won Gold in girls and Ram Milan Yadav won Bronze in boys in Laser 4.7, Nethra Kumanan won Gold and Harshita Tomar secured fourth position in Laser Radial.

29. **Domestic Ranking Events.**

<b><u>Ser</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>No of Participants</u></b>
(a)	Youth Nationals 2018, Chennai from 25-31 Dec 18	Optimist	43
		Laser 4.7	26
		29er	5
		420	5
		RS One	5
		Laser Radial	8
(b)	India International Regatta 2018, Chennai from 31 Dec 18 – 06 Jan 19	Optimist	51
		Laser 4.7	26
		29er	4
		420	5
		RS One	7
		Laser Radial	7
(c)	Junior Coastal Multiclass Regatta 2019, Marve from 27 Apr – 02 May 19	Optimist	65
		Laser 4.7	23
		29er	4
		420	7
		RS One	6
		Laser Radial	8
(d)	All India Boardsailing Championship, Goa from 15-19 May 19	RS One	6
		RS X Youth	3
		Race Board Junior Division	4
		Techno 293	4
		RS X	13
		Race Board Open Division	12
		Race Board Master Division	3
		Race Board Grand Master Division	4
		Race Board Men Division	10

(e)	Hyderabad Sailing Week 2019, Hyderabad from 02-07 Jul 19	Laser 4.7	37
		Laser Radial	55
		49er	1
		RS X	17
		470(M)	18
		Laser Std	40
		Finn	5
(f)	11 <sup>th</sup> Monsoon Regatta 2019 at Hyderabad from 23 -28 Jul 19	Optimist Main Fleet	59
(g)	75 Knots Ranking Regatta 2019 at Goa from 09 – 13 Oct 19	470	16
		Laser Radial	04
		Laser 4.7	11
		RS X	13
		Techno 293	03
		Raceboard	08

30. **Domestic Events Planned till Dec 19.** The domestic ranking events planned till Dec 2019 were also highlighted: -

- (a) NRO Clinic from 27 – 28 Nov 19 at Mumbai.
- (b) NJ Clinic from 30 Nov – 01 Dec 19 at Mumbai.
- (c) Senior and Youth Nationals from 01-07 Dec 19 at Mumbai.

31. **Seminars/ Clinics for NRO/NJ.** The following two seminars were conducted by World Sailing approved Instructors:-

- (a) **National Race Officers (NRO) Seminar** from 20-21 May 19 at Goa by Mr Ilker Bayindir, International Race Officer. A total of eight individuals out of twenty one participants have qualified written exam are required to meet the laid down criteria by Jun 2020 for appointment as National Race Officer.
- (b) **National Judges (NJ) Seminar** from 28-29 Jun 19 at Hyderabad by Mr Chris Watts, International Judge and World Sailing Instructor. A total of two individuals out of twenty six participants obtained qualifying marks for appointment as National Judge and 08 individuals obtained qualifying marks for appointment as Club Judge. Qualified individuals are required to meet the laid down criteria by Jun 2020 for appointment as National Judge / Club Judge.

32. **Foreign Coach.** The MYAS/ SAI has approved hiring of services of Mr Tomasz Januszewski of Poland for appointment as Chief National Coach for a period of one year from Sep 19, the date of his arrival in India and signing of the agreement for training of the Indian sailors towards Olympics 2020. The coach is based at Mumbai.

33. **YAI as Non-Voting Associate Member of IOA.** The General Body was informed that the IOA during their AGM held on 22 Dec 18 had downgraded membership of the YAI to Associate Member without Voting Rights. The reason stated at the meeting was that YAI had allowed individuals to vote during elections held in the past. The issue has been taken up with the appropriate authorities to review their decision, explaining the election procedures being adopted by the YAI in accordance with YAI General Rules and NSDC 2011.

34. **Constitution of Athlete Commission.** It was brought out that on the IOA directives all Federations are to constitute an Athlete Commission. The Clubs were requested to nominate one athlete each by 30 Aug 19 to be considered as member of the interim Athletes' Commission. The term of the Interim Athlete's Commission will be till end- Dec 19. The election of new Athlete Commission will be conducted during the next yachting Nationals in Dec 19, where maximum yachtspersons are likely to be in attendance. The following members have been nominated for YAI's Athlete Commission on 09 Sep 19: -

<b><u>Ser</u></b>	<b><u>Athlete</u></b>	<b><u>Member Clubs</u></b>	<b><u>Remarks</u></b>
(a)	Dr Malav Shroff	Mumbai Yacht Club	Ex- Olympian 2004
(b)	Col NS Johal	CESC,Pune	Ex- Olympian 2008
(c)	KC Ganapathy	TNSA	Asian Games Medalist
(d)	Ekta Yadav	NSS , Bhopal	Asian Sailing Championship Medalist
(e)	Nethra Kumanan	TNSA	Participant of Asian games
(f)	Imolemnok ,CPO	INWTC (MBI)	Participant of Senior National Championships

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

35. The General Body was intimated that no Agenda Points have been received and the members may raise issues, if any, during the discussions of any other points with the permission of the Chair.

#### **Item No. VII - Presentation of YAI Annual Awards for the Year 2019**

36. HSG briefed the Members that the YAI Awards Committee considered the nominations received from "member clubs" for the YAI Annual Awards for the year 2019. 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	Cesar Menezes, GYA

(b)	Admiral Kohli Trophy	Suheim Sheikh, YCH
(c)	Admiral RH Tahiliani Trophy for the yachtsman of the year	Vishnu Saravanan, AYN
(d)	Admiral Nadkarni Trophy for most promising yachtsman of the year	Ritika Dangi, NSS Bhopal Saanya Punjkar, EMESA
(e)	E-in-C Trophy for most promising lady sailor	Nethra Kumanan, TNSA
(f)	Race Official Trophy	Sub Srikanth Chaturvedi T, AYN
		Hav Chandra Shekar Dalai, AYN
(g)	Admiral Ramdas Trophy	-
(h)	Admiral RK Dhowan Trophy for best sailing club	EME Sailing Association

37. The President thereafter presented the YAI Annual Awards for the year 2019.

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

38. Col Vachali of NOAI brought out the issue of inadequate funding for Youth sailors foreign exposure. The budget in current year is meagre 7% for optimist class foreign participation. It was requested to enhance the youth foreign participation budget commensurate to the number of participants in the events. The HSG informed the house that YAI is in agreement with the proposal and the same has been projected to the MYAS.

39. **Decision.** The President YAI directed to examine the feasibility of enhancing the budget in ACTC for Youth participation in foreign exposures.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

40. Mr Siddharth Satardekar of Board Sailing Association proposed that the next YAI AGM be conducted alongwith a sailing event and Goa is willing to take on the responsibility.

41. **Decision.** The President directed that the proposal be examined.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

42. Cdr SP Singh of INWTC Goa highlighted that he has been training NCC Cadets for last three years and the young talent could be tapped for further training and exposure. The HSG informed the General Body that the proposal to create five Centres of Excellence (CsOE) is being considered by MYAS and the feeders for COE will be children from NCC, KV, APS, NCS etc. Cmde S Gadhvi of INWTC (MBI) brought out that Sea Cadet Corps also has good potential. The President YAI stated that it has to be

kept in mind that NCC is a part time activity where the cadets come for shorter duration whereas Yachting requires longer dedicated training.

43. **Decision.** The President YAI directed to examine the proposal for inducting NCC trained yachters into YAI affiliated clubs for further long term training.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

44. Lt Col Alok Yadav of EMESA brought out that though the foreign exposures are necessary for raising the standards of our sailors, the importance of in-house efforts need no emphasis. With availability of International Coach and Jury for our in-house events, world class sailors could be produced. There is a need to support Indian IJs as Instructors for seminars/ clinics. However, there is always paucity of funds with the Organisers and there is a need to get sponsors for the ranking events and seminars. The President YAI stated that in the last couple of years YAI has not held back any funds and have been sending the sailors for foreign exposure based on their ranking in a transparent manner. The President YAI reassured the General Body that as and when the funds flow to YAI improves, it will be passed on to the Event Organising Clubs.

45. **Decision.** The President YAI directed that efforts be made to garner enhanced funding in order to support the member clubs in the endeavour to organise high class ranking regattas and seminars.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

46. Lt Gen KS Rao (Retd) of Telangana Sailing Association informed the gathering that in order to promote and broad base the sport of sailing, all clubs used to participate in the Inter Club sailing events like Godrej Trophy. The President YAI suggested that the member clubs should come forward and volunteer for the event.

47. **Decision.** The President YAI directed to examine the feasibility of reviving the Godrej Trophy.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

48. Lt Pandey of INWTC Chennai brought out that this year there has been no sailing event at Chennai. The HSG stated that Youth Regatta and IIR could be planned at Chennai and may be proposed for the next Annual Sailing Calendar.

49. **Decision.** The President YAI directed to examine the feasibility of conducting the events at Chennai.

**Action: YAI Sectt**

### **Item No. IX – Vote of Thanks**

50. The Chairman Sailing and Club 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.


51. **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. 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.

**Item No. X – YAI Elections**

52. The HSG requested Mr Ajit Kumar Sinha, Former High Court Judge and the Returning Officer to commence the YAI Elections proceedings. The Returning Officer intimated the General Body that the YAI Council has eleven vacancies/ posts and there are equal number i.e eleven valid nominations received duly proposed by the members of the Electoral College. The Returning Officer declared the following candidates as elected to the YAI Council for a term of three years wef 24 Oct 19: -

<b><u>Ser</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Post</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Elected Candidate</u></b>
(a)	President	Adm Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC
(b)	Senior Vice President	Lt Gen SK Shrivastava, AVSM
(c)	Vice President	VAdm Ajit Kumar P, PVSM, AVSM, VSM
(d)	Vice President	VAdm Atul Kumar Jain, AVSM, VSM
(e)	Vice President	Maj Gen TSA Narayanan
(f)	Vice President	Maj Gen MS Pillai (Retd)
(g)	Vice President	Mr Ashok R Thakkar
(h)	Vice President	Mr Atul Kulkarni
(j)	Vice President	Mr Suheim Sheikh
(k)	Vice President	Ms Nilma Shah
(l)	Treasurer	Captain A Saluja

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

  
 (Dinesh Singh)  
 Commodore  
 Hon Secy Gen  
 15 Nov 19