

**MINUTES OF THE 53<sup>RD</sup> YAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**31 DEC 21**

1. The 53<sup>rd</sup> YAI Annual General Meeting was held at 1000h on 31 Dec 21 on Airtel Blue Jeans Online Portal. The following Council Members were present:-

**Chairman**

Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC (Retd)                      President

**Members**

Lt Gen SK Shrivastava (Retd)	Senior Vice President
VAdm Ajit Kumar P (Retd)	Chairman National Classes Committee and Offshore & Motor Boating Committee
VAdm Atul K Jain (Retd)	Chairman Events Committee
Lt Gen TSA Narayanan	Chairman Asian Games and Olympics Classes Committee
Maj Gen MS Pillai (Retd)	Chairman Youth Classes Committee
Mr. Atul Kulkarni	Chairman Sailing and Club Development Committee
Mr. Ashok Thakkar	Chairman Fund Raising and Publicity Committee
Mr. Suheim Sheikh	Chairman Sailing Performance and Development Committee
Ms Nilma Shah	Chairman Women Development Committee
Cmde Amarjeet Saluja	Treasurer
Mr. Malav Shroff	Co-opted Member
Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd)	Co-opted Member
Cmde BR Singh	Honorary Secretary General
Captain Jitendra Dixit	Honorary Joint Secretary General

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

<b><u>Ser</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Member</u></b>
(a)	VAdm Atul K Jain (Retd)	Council Member/ Life Member
(b)	Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd)	Council Member/ Life Member
(c)	Capt Abhimanyu Patankar	INWTC Goa
(d)	Mr Jolly Thomas	KWSO
(e)	Mr Ajit Diaz	CSA/ Life Mmember
(f)	Lt Col Alok Yadav	EMESA

(g)	Lt Aman Vyas	INWTC Mumbai
(h)	Mr Arjun Pradipak	SSC
(j)	Mr Ashok Thakkar	Council Member/ Life Member
(k)	Mr Atul Kulkarni	Council Member/ Life Member
(l)	Brig GS Julka (Retd)	Life Member
(m)	Brig Jagdish Singh (Retd)	Life Member
(n)	Capt. Amulya R Mishra	INWTC Pbl
(p)	Cdr Tarandeep Bakshi	INWTC Mumbai
(q)	Mr Cesar Menezes	GYA/ Board Sailing Assn
(r)	Mr Anil Madgaonkar	GYA/ Board Sailing Assn
(s)	Cmde BR Singh	HSG YAI
(t)	Cmde N Nangia	INWTC Lonavala
(u)	Col NS Johal	AYN
(v)	Capt Manish Sain	INSA
(w)	Lt Gen TSA Narayanan	EMESA/ Council Member
(x)	Lt Cdr Farokh Tarapore (Retd)	Life Member
(y)	GL Yadav MCPO (Retd)	NSS Bhopal
(z)	Hamla	INWTC Hamla
(aa)	Captain Jitendra Dixit	HJSG YAI
(ab)	Dronacharya	INS Dronacharya
(ac)	Cmde Rituraj Sahu	INWTC Kolkata
(ad)	Cdr Rana Pratap Singh Rao	INWTC Vizag
(ae)	Mr K K Singh	Jharkhand State Association
(af)	Adm KB Singh (Retd)	President YAI
(ag)	Mr Koeru Prabhakar Rao	Life Member
(ah)	Lt Gen KS Rao (Retd)	Telangana State Association
(aj)	Maj Vikram Singh	LCAI
(ak)	Lt Cdr Prashanth	INWTC Karwar
(al)	Lt Gen S.K. Shrivastava (Retd)	Sr Vice President YAI
(am)	Mr Malav Shroff	Co-opted Council Member
(an)	Lt Col MK Singh	Marve Sailing Club
(ap)	Maj Gen MS Pillai (Retd)	Council Member/ Life Member
(aq)	MWTC/INA	INA
(ar)	Mr Mylai Prabhakar	Life Member
(as)	Lt Cdr P Saini	NBSC/ INWTC Mandovi
(at)	Ms Nilma Shah	Council Member/ Life Member
(au)	Col Manoj Ranjan	NOAI
(av)	P Madhu Sub (Retd)	CESC
(aw)	Mr R Murugan	RBYC
(ax)	Mr Rabi Ahuja	Sea Cadet Corps/ Life Member
(ay)	Mr Rainer	GYA
(az)	Col S K Kanwar	Life Member
(ba)	Mr Siddharth Satardekar	Life Member/ GYA
(bb)	Mr Suheim Sheikh	Council Member/ YCH

(bc)	Ms Sweta Shervegar	Life Member
(bd)	Thimiti Srikanth Sub	Life Member
(be)	Mr Vikas Kapila	Life Member
(bf)	Vipin Mishra	Life Member
(bg)	Mr Vivek Shanbhag	Life Member/ RMYC
(bh)	Mr Jehan Driver	Life Member
(bj)	Ms Taramati Matiwade	Life Member

### **Item No. I – Opening Remarks by President YAI**

3. At the outset the President YAI extended a very warm welcome to all the Council members, Representatives of the Member Clubs, State & Class Associations, Life Associate members of the YAI, eminent yachtspersons, Ladies and Gentlemen from sailing fraternity. He thanked all members for having taken time from their busy schedule to attend the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Body Meeting.

4. The President stated that the country and the world have continued to be under the grip of COVID 19 pandemic since early 2020 and the humanity as a whole has suffered including the sporting activities. Though the pandemic has forced us to conduct this AGM online, 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 the General Body can collectively take effective decisions to take the sport of sailing to greater heights.

5. The President brought out that most of the sailing events both International and National had to be cancelled in first half of 2021 in adherence to Govt. directives and keeping the safety of athletes in mind. We were fortunate to have got the opportunity to conduct various domestic events Jul 21 onwards. Our teams were also fortunate to participate in the Olympics qualifier event at Mussanah, Oman in Apr 21. The Tokyo Olympics were scheduled from 23 Jul – 08 Aug 21.

6. The President highlighted that the Asian Championship (Olympic Qualifiers) that was scheduled in Mar 20 got postponed due to COVID 19. The event was, thereafter scheduled at Abu Dhabi in Feb 21 and SAI approval was obtained for training and participation in the event from 25 Jan–13 Feb 21. However, this event also got cancelled due to COVID protocols imposed by UAE Govt at Abu Dhabi. The event was finally scheduled at Oman from 01 – 08 Apr 2021 as the Olympic Qualifiers for Asia and Africa. Approval of SAI was obtained expeditiously on 15 Mar 21 for the visit of Indian yachting team to Oman and the team departed PM 16 Mar 21, keeping in view 07 days mandatory quarantine and to have sufficient time to tune up their boats and equipment.

7. The President further highlighted the historical moment that has been made by our sailors by qualifying in 49er, Laser Std and Laser Radial classes of boats for Tokyo Olympics. The performance of sailors in other classes was heartening. The sailing teams

relatively performed well in the Olympics. With continued focus on achieving excellence, our sailors will bring home medals for India in the future.

8. The President was pleased to share with the General Body that the Olympics qualified sailors were included in the Target Olympics Podium Scheme (TOPS) and the funding as proposed by the sailors and duly recommended by the YAI for the training at Europe with personal coaches till beginning of the Tokyo event was approved by SAI/ TOPS. These sailors have again been included in the TOPS Scheme towards preparation of Asian Games 2022.

9. The President informed the General Body that the ACTC for the year 2021-22 was approved on 19 May 21 for a budget of 4.27 Crs. The Contract of Mr Tomasz Januszewski, the YAI Chief National Coach, had been terminated wef 12 Jun 21. YAI has taken up a proposal with SAI to fund engagement of foreign coaches for short durations (90 – 150 days) for all Olympics classes.

10. The President emphasised that we must continue to leverage on the technology and schedule online training lectures and talks for our sailors. The sailing activities need to be conducted following all the promulgated safety SOPs and COVID protocols. The incident free and successful conduct of sailing activities always gives Indian sailors the required tempo to remain into the competitive mode. The President expressed heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of Naveen Vashisht, 49er sailor of AYN in an unfortunate accident during the Sail India 2021. A two minutes silence was observed to pay the mark of respect to the departed soul. The necessity to revisit safety/ rescue protocols during sailing competitions was emphasised and the sailing fraternity was requested to forward suggestions on the same.

11. The President stated that development of women teams in all classes needs more emphasis. The issue of gender equality needs utmost emphasis and we all have to work collectively to achieve the goal. There is need to immediately focus on Asian Games 2022 and also plan for Olympic 2024 and beyond.

12. The President emphasised that the YAI always endeavoured to function within the stipulated rules and regulations for the betterment of the sport of sailing. 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 Asian Games 2022 and beyond.

13. In the end, the President thanked the yachting community for their matured and whole hearted support which has helped propel the sport throughout the country. He hoped to look forward to some constructive suggestions and recommendations especially from some of our very senior and experienced yachtpersons who have taken the pains to attend this 53<sup>rd</sup> General Body Meeting. The President was confident that if we can all pull on our oars together, there is no reason why Indian yachtpersons cannot conquer the challenges at the highest international level.

14. The President thereafter requested the Hon Secretary General to commence the proceedings of the AGM.

**Item No. II - To Approve & Confirm Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of 28 Dec 2020**

15. The HSG brought out that the next item on the agenda was to confirm the Minutes of the General Body meeting held on 28 Dec 20. 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. The house unanimously accepted the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 Dec 20.

<b><u>Proposed By</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded By</u></b>
Maj Gen MS Pillai Council Member	Mr. Atul Kulkarni Council Member

**Info: All Members**

**Item No. III – Treasurer’s Report for the FY 2020-21**

16. The Profit and Loss A/c and the Balance Sheet for the FY 2020-21 was presented to the General Body for approval for adoption of the Profit and Loss A/c for the FY 2020-21 and the Balance Sheet as on that date including the Auditor’s report thereon.

17. Lt Gen TSA Narayanan raised the issue of large sum in savings account which could be shifted to fixed deposit. The treasurer was requested to clarify on the issue. The House unanimously accepted the Profit and Loss A/c for the FY 2020-21 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>
Maj Gen MS Pillai Council Member	Capt Manish Sain Capt (INSA)

**Info: All Members**

**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.**

18. M/s. Sanjay Pathak & Associates, Chartered Accountants, were appointed as the Auditors of the YAI during the last AGM held on 28 Dec 2020. They meet the criteria for further re-appointment. The Treasurer proposed passing of the following resolution:

“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 upto the conclusion of the next General Body Meeting, to audit the accounts of the Association for the financial year 2021-22 at a remuneration to be fixed by the General Body on the recommendation of the Council.”

19. 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>
Mr KK Singh Jharkhand State Association	Capt Abhimanyu Patankar INWTC Goa

**Info: All Members**

#### **Item No. V – Honorary Secretary General’s Report for 53<sup>rd</sup> YAI AGM**

20. The HSG thereafter briefed the General Body on the activities undertaken and issues being dealt with at YAI.

21. **Annual Calendar of Training and Competition (ACTC) for FY 2021-22.** It was intimated that the ACTC for the current year was approved on 19 May 21 for a budget of 4.27 Crs which is inclusive of International Events, Domestic Camps, Coaches salary and boats for Olympics qualified sailors. The participation in international events post last AGM was enumerated.

22. **Asian Qualifiers, Abu Dhabi.** The Asian Championship (Olympic Qualifiers) that was scheduled in Mar 20 got postponed due to COVID 19. The event was, thereafter scheduled at Abu Dhabi in Feb 21 and SAI approval was obtained for training and participation in the event from 25 Jan–13 Feb 21. However, this event also got cancelled due to COVID protocols imposed by UAE Govt at Abu Dhabi.

23. **Mussanah Open Championship 2021.** The Mussanah Open Championship at Oman during 01-08 Apr 21 was declared as the Olympic Qualifiers giving very short notice to the YAI/ teams to arrange for equipment and complete administrative formalities. Despite all the constraints due to prevailing covid conditions, the SAI approval was obtained for a team of 17 sailors and 03 Coaches to participate in the event. All other administrative formalities such as air ticketing, accommodation, boat charter, COVID testing, shifting of equipment from Abu Dhabi to Oman by road involving lot of paper work and dealing with different agencies etc were also completed in time bound manner. The team followed all the guidelines and safety measures imposed by the local authorities/ organisers.

24. **Results of Olympic Qualifiers.** It was informed that our sailors had qualified in 49er, Laser Std and Laser Radial classes of boats and made their place at Tokyo Olympics. In addition, the teams won bronze medal in 49erFX class and the RS:X Women class at the Mussanah Open Championship. The performance of sailors in other classes was also heartening.
25. **Hempel World Cup Series – Allianz Regatta 2021.** The Olympics qualified Laser sailors participated in the Hempel World Cup Series – Allianz Regatta 2021 at Medemblik 02-13 Jun 21.
26. **2021 Optimist World Championship, Italy.** The Championship was conducted at Riva Del Garda, Italy from 30 Jun to 10 Jul 21. Five Indian Sailors participated in the event.
27. **Olympics 2020 (23 Jul – 08 Aug).** It was a matter of immense pride for the YAI and for the nation that we had for the first time qualified for the Olympics competitively and participated in the Tokyo Olympics. The YAI supported the sailors since the beginning and was confident that the team of sailors representing India will do us all proud. The event ended up with lot of learnings and aspirations for the future. Vishnu Saravanan finished 20<sup>th</sup> out of 35 Laser Standard entries and Nethra finished 35<sup>th</sup> out of 44 amongst world's best Laser Radial sailors. The 49er duo of Ganapathy and Varun finished 17<sup>th</sup> out of 19 entries.
28. **2021 Europa Cup Hungary.** The Championship was held at Balaton, Hungary from 23-27 Sep 21. Nethra Kumanan won the bronze medal out of 72 participants.
29. The other International events where India sailors participated were highlighted: -
- (a) Laser Std World Championship from 03-10 Nov 2021 at Barcelona, Spain.
  - (b) IODA Asian and Oceanian Championship from 06-13 Nov 2021 at Thailand.
  - (c) 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 Asian & World Championship from 09-21 Nov 2021 at Oman.
  - (d) Laser Radial World Championships from 29 Nov – 06 Dec 2021 at Oman.
  - (e) Youth Sailing World Championship from 11-18 Dec 21 at Oman.
30. **Domestic Ranking Events.** The activities undertaken by YAI during the period were enumerated.
31. **5<sup>th</sup> Open Navy Windsurfing Championship 2021.** 5<sup>th</sup> Open Navy Windsurfing Championship was conducted successfully by INWTC Goa from 27-31 Jan 21. A total of 83 yachtspersons from 14 clubs across India participated in the event.

32. **J80 Offshore Regatta**. The J80 Offshore Regatta was conducted from 10-14 Mar 21 between Chennai to Puducherry and back. The event was conducted by Royal Madras Yacht Club (RMYC). Four teams of INWTC Mumbai, RMYC, EME Sailing Association and Puducherry Sailing Association participated in the event. The event was supported by Indian Navy and Coast Guard. It is for the first time in India an Offshore competitive event has been conducted following all the laid down guidelines of World Sailing. Satellite trackers were installed on all boats and the boats were tracked on an App world-wide. The results were as follows :-

(a)	INWTC Mumbai	-	1 <sup>st</sup>
(b)	RMYC	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>
(c)	EME Sailing Association	-	3 <sup>rd</sup>
(d)	Puducherry Sailing Association	-	4 <sup>th</sup>

33. **12<sup>th</sup> Monsoon Regatta**. The event was conducted by YCH from 30 Jul to 05 Aug 21. 40 Optimist sailors participated at Hyderabad.

34. **35<sup>th</sup> Hyderabad Sailing Week**. The Event was conducted by EMESA & SSC in conjunction with LCAI. The following classes participated in the event.

Laser Standard	-	27
Laser 4.7	-	46
Laser Radial (Women)	-	05
Laser Radial (Men)	-	25
Total Sailors	-	103 sailors

35. **Mysore Multiclass Youth Sailing Championship 2021**. Conducted by Trishna Sailing Club at Mysore from 26 to 31 Aug 21. The following classes participated in the event:-

Optimist	-	43
Optimist Green	-	14
Laser 4.7 Boys	-	25
Laser 4.7 Girls	-	06
Laser Radial	-	06
29er	-	05
RS One	-	03
Total	-	107 sailors

36. **YAI Senior Nationals 2021/ IN-MDL Cup 2021**. Conducted by INWTC Mumbai from 01-06 Sep 21. The event sailed in the following classes:-

Laser Standard (Men)	- 36 Entries
Laser Radial (Women)	- 08 Entries



470 (Mix)	- 15 Entries
49er (Men)	- 09 Entries
49er FX (Women)	- 02 Entries
RS: X (Men)	- 12 Entries
RS: X (Women)	- 02 Entries
Wind foiling (iQ Foil) (Men/Women)	- 01 Entry
Total	- 111 sailors

37. **YAI Youth Nationals 2021**. Conducted by CESC & NOAI at Marve, Mumbai from 11-16 Oct 21. The event sailed in the following classes:-

Optimist	- 72 Entries
ILCA 4 (Boys)	- 24 Entries
ILCA 4 (Girls)	- 10 Entries
ILCA 6	- 06 Entries
29er	- 05 Entries
420	- 04 Entries
RS One	- 02 Entries
Total	- 132 sailors

38. **Kochi to Goa Offshore Sailing Race Commemorating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**. As part of commemorative activities of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, INSA conducted an Offshore Sailing Regatta from Kochi to Goa under aegis of YAI from 24-29 Oct 21. Six Indian Naval Sailing Vessels (INSVs) viz Mhadei, Tarini, Bulbul, Neelkanth, Kadalpura and Hariyal participated in this event. The race started on 24 Oct 21 for a duration of five days and covered an approximate distance of 360 nm between the start point at Naval Base, Kochi to Goa. The Result of the race are as follows:-

(a) **40-foot Category**

First	- Team Kadalpura (WNC)
Second	- Team Bulbul (SNC)
Third	- Team Hariyal (IHQ and ANC)
Fourth	- Team Neelkanth (ENC)

(b) **56-foot Category**

First	- Team Mhadei (ENC)
Second	- Team Tarini (SNC)

39. **Sail India 2021**. Conducted by AYN, Mumbai from 09-15 Dec 21. The event sailed in the following classes:-

Laser Standard (Men)	- 33 Entries
Laser Radial (Women)	- 11 Entries
470 (Mix)	- 11 Entries

49er (Men)	- 09 Entries
49er FX (Women)	- 01 Entry
RS: X (Men)	- 12 Entries
RS: X (Women)	- 01 Entry
IQ Foil	- 02 Entries
NACRA 17	- 01 Entry
Total	- 103 sailors

40. **National Judge Clinic.** NJ Seminar was conducted by Brig Jagdish Singh (Retd) and Brig GS Julka (Retd), International Judges on 11-12 Aug 21 at EMESA Secunderabad. Out of nine candidates who appeared, only one candidate passed NJ exam while two candidates cleared CJ level. The details of qualified candidates are as follows:-

<b><u>Ser</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Marks</u></b>	<b><u>Level Cleared</u></b>
(a)	Lt Aman Mohan Vyas (INWTC MBI)	80 %	National Judge
(b)	Cdr Prasant C Menon (INWTC MBI)	67 %	Club Judge
(c)	Col NS Johal (AYN)	65 %	Club Judge

41. **National Measurers Clinic.** Maiden National Measurer's Clinic was conducted by Mr Ajit Diaz, World Sailing International Measurer Instructor. Out of 13 Members participated, 11 participants obtained qualifying marks (80% & above). The details of qualified candidates are as follows:-

<b><u>Ser</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Marks</u></b>
(a)	Cdr Madhu Lal Sharma (Retd)	INWTC (Kochi)	100
(b)	Nilma V Shah	TNSA	95
(c)	Ashish Mehta	TNSA	90
(d)	Vishnu Chandra Bose	CESC	90
(e)	Rahul Rai	INWTC (Mumbai) / INSA	90
(f)	Ram Lal	INWTC (Kar)	90
(g)	A N Swami	INWTC (Mumbai)	85
(h)	Col Vivek Ahlawat	EMESA	85
(j)	Sucharita Kamath	TNSA	85
(k)	Capt Vivek Shanbhag	RMYC	80
(l)	Lt Col Vishal Ahlawat	EMESA	80

42. **Domestic Sailing Calendar 2022.** HSG briefed about the sailing calendar and the upcoming events.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Host Club</u>
27 Jan – 07 Feb	National Coaching camp for Seniors - I  (Subject to SAI Approval)	<b>Male</b> - 49er, 470 (Mixed), Nacra (Mixed), ILCA 7, RS:X, IQ Foil  <b>Female</b> – 49erFX, ILCA 6, 470 (Mixed) Nacra (Mixed), RS:X, IQ Foil	Mumbai	INWTC Mumbai / Army Yachting Node
08-13 Feb	YAI 49er/49erFX/470 (Mix)/Nacra 17 Open Championship ( <u>Ranking Event, Asian Games Selection Trial 1 for Nacra 17 and AG Selection Trial 2 for 49er, 49erFX, 470 (Mixed) classes</u> )	49er, 49erFX, 470 (Mixed) & Nacra 17 (Mixed)	Mumbai	INWTC Mumbai
08-13 Feb	Kiteboarding Championship	Kiteboard	Tuticorin	TNSA
17-23 Feb	YAI All India Board Sailing Championship 2021 RS:X and IQ Foil Asian Games Selection Trials 2	IQ Foil, RS:X, RS:One, Techno OD 293, Race board, Windsurf Foil	Hawaii Beach, Dona Paula Goa	Goa Yachting Association
01-14 Mar	National Coaching Camp for Seniors - II  (Subject to SAI Approval)	<b>Male</b> - 49er, 470 (Mixed), Nacra (Mixed), ILCA 7, RS:X, IQ Foil  <b>Female</b> – 49erFX, ILCA 6, 470 (Mixed) Nacra (Mixed), RS:X, IQ Foil	Mumbai	INWTC Mumbai / Army Yachting Node
21-26 Mar	Navy Open Laser & Bahia Championships	ILCA 7, ILCA 6, Bahia	Karwar	INWTC Karwar
Apr	YAI Board Sailing Championship	IQ Foil, RS:X, RS:One, Techno OD293, Raceboard, Kiteboard (M & W)	Hawaii Beach, Dona Paula Goa	GYA

01 - 14 May	National Coaching Camp for Juniors (Subject to SAI Approval)	Boys and Girls - Optimist, ILCA 4	Marve Mumbai	CESC
05 - 14 May	YAI Multi Class Championships (IN-MDL Cup) ( <u>Ranking Event &amp; Asian Games Selection Trial 2 for Nacra and Selection Trial 3 for Laser, Radial 470, 49er &amp; 49erFX, RS:X, iQFoil</u> )	ILCA 7, ILCA 6, 49er & 49er FX, 470 (Mixed), Nacra 17 (Mixed), RS:X (M & W), iQFoil (M & W)	Colaba, Mumbai	INWTC Mumbai
15-20 May	YAI Youth Nationals ( <u>Ranking Event &amp; Asian Games Selection Trial 3 for Laser 4.7</u> )	Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 (Youth), 420, 29er, RS One, iQFoil	Marve, Mumbai	CESC
28- 30 May	FOTNA CUP	Multi class - NT, 420, Omega, ILCA 7, ILCA 6, 29er, Optimist, Seabird, J80	Chennai	RMYC
01-05 Jun	6 <sup>th</sup> NDA Inland Enterprise Championship	Enterprise	NDA Khadakwasla Lake	NDA Sailing Club
21-26 Jun	Kiteboard Championship	Kiteboard	Rameshwaram	TNSA
22 - 26 Jun	Telangana State Championship	Optimist, ILCA 4	Hyderabad	Telangana Sailing Association and YCH
03 - 09 Jul	YAI 35 <sup>th</sup> Hyderabad International Sailing Week ( <u>Ranking Event</u> )	ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4	Hyderabad	LCAI, EMESA & SSC
10 - 15 Jul	3 <sup>rd</sup> Secunderabad Club Youth Regatta	Optimist, 420, ILCA 4	Hyderabad	SSC & EMESA
11 Jul – 09 Aug	National Coaching Camp for Seniors – III	<b>Male</b> - 49er, 470 (Mixed), Nacra (Mixed), ILCA 7, RS:X, IQ Foil	Mumbai	INWTC Mumbai / Army Yachting

	(Subject to SAI Approval)	<b><u>Female</u></b> – 49erFX, ILCA 6, 470 (Mixed) Nacra (Mixed), RS:X, iQ Foil		Node
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<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Venue</u></b>	<b><u>Host Club</u></b>
11 -25 Jul	National Coaching Camp for Junior  (Subject to SAI Approval)	<b><u>Boys and Girls</u></b> – ILCA 4	Mumbai	INWTC Mumbai / Army Yachting Node
18 - 24 Jul	YAI Monsoon Regatta ( <u>Ranking Event for Optimist</u> )	Optimist	Hyderabad	Telangana Sailing Association and YCH
23 - 25 Jul	Carmichael Cup	J80 & Seabird	Chennai	RMYC
29 Jul – 04 Aug	YAI Youth Championship ( <u>Ranking Event</u> )	Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 (Youth) & RS: One	Mysore	RMYC / RMSC
06-12 Aug	YAI Mysore Multi-Class Youth Championship and Kiteboard Championship ( <u>Ranking Event</u> )	29er, 420, ILCA 6 (Youth), ILCA 4, RS: One, iQFoil Optimist & Kiteboard	KRS Dam, Mysore	Trishna Sailing Club
19 – 22 Oct	100 NM Regatta	Keelboats	Mumbai	INWTC Mb
25-30 Oct	ILCA Open Championships	ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4	Kochi	KWSO
01-14 Nov	National Coaching Camp for Juniors  (Subject to SAI Approval)	Boys and Girls – Optimist, ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 (Youth)	Marve Mumbai	CESC
10 - 16 Nov	YAI Senior National Sailing Championship ( <u>Ranking Event</u> )	ILCA 7, ILCA 6, 49er & 49er FX, 470 (Mixed), Nacra 17 (Mixed), RS:X (M & W), iQFoil (M & W), Kiteboard (M & W)	Chennai/ Rameshwaram	TNSA
Nov/	West Coast Sailing	470/ 49er	Mumbai	INWTC

Dec	Championship ( <u>Ranking Event</u> )			Mumbai
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<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Host Club</u>
Dec	YAI Youth Multi Class Championship and India International Regatta ( <u>Ranking Event</u> )	Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 (Youth), 420, 29er, RS One, iQFoil	Chennai/ Rameshwaram	TNSA
17 - 23 Dec	Pune Sailing Week	Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 (Youth), 420, 29er, RS One, iQFoil	Pavana, Pune	Bombay Sappers Sailing Club
07-14 Jan 2023	YAI Raja Bhoj Youth Championship ( <u>Ranking Event</u> )	Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 (Youth), 420, 29er, RS One, iQFoil	Bhopal	NSS Bhopal
24 - 31 Jan 2023	YAI Sail India 2023 ( <u>Ranking Event</u> )	ILCA 7, ILCA 6, 49er & 49er FX, 470 (Mixed), Nacra 17 (Mixed), RS:X (M & W), iQFoil (M & W)	Mumbai	AYN

43. **Target Olympics Podium Scheme (TOPS).** The sailors who had qualified for Olympics were included in the TOPS scheme and the funding as proposed by the sailors and duly recommended by the YAI for the training till the Tokyo event was approved by TOPS. These sailors have again been included in the TOPS Scheme towards preparation of Asian Games 2022.

44. **Termination of Services of Mr Tomasz Januszewski, CNC.** SAI had terminated the services of the Chief National Coach wef 12 Jun 21. YAI has proposed to SAI to approve engagement of short duration (03-06 months) foreign coaches for different classes.

45. **Interaction of President YAI with Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports.** It was informed that the President YAI called on Mr Anurag Thakur Hon'ble Minister YAS on 05 Oct 21. The following issues have been agreed upon during the meeting: -

- (a) MYAS agreed to special dispensation for five years on deviation from NSDC-2011.

- (b) MYAS agreed to one 'Centre of Excellence' for sailing under 'Khelo India'.
- (c) MYAS agreed to include sailing as part of Khelo India.
- (d) MYAS agreed to take up GST exemption with FM. However, his recommendation was that we buy in India, as far as feasible.

46. **AGM 2021 of WS, ASAF and IOA.**

- (c) WS AGM – Held on 30 Oct 21 and attended by the HSG and HJSG.
- (d) ASAF AGM – Virtual AGM held on 18 Dec 21 and attended by the HSG and HJSG.
- (e) IOA AGM- Held on 19 Dec 21 at New Delhi and attended by the HSG, HJSG and Treasurer.

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

47. No Agenda Points have been received.

**Item No. VII - Presentation of YAI Annual Awards for the year 2021.**

48. The YAI Awards Committee considered the nominations received from "member clubs" for the YAI Annual Awards for the year 2021. The list of awardees is as under:-

<b><u>Ser</u></b>	<b><u>Trophy</u></b>	<b><u>Awarded To</u></b>
(a)	YAI Life Time Achievement Award	Mr Rabinder Gokaldas Ahuja Cmde Sea Cadet Corps
(b)	Admiral Kohli Trophy	Cdr Tarandeep Bakshi, INWTC Mumbai
		Col Nachattar Singh Johal, AYN
(c)	Admiral RH Tahiliani Trophy for the yachtsman of the year	Ganapathy KC, TNSA
		Varun A Thakkar, TNSA
		Vishnu Saravanan, AYN
(d)	E-in-C Trophy for most promising lady sailor	Nethra Kumanan, TNSA
(e)	Admiral Nadkarni Trophy for most promising yachtsman of the year	Ishwariya Ganesh, TNSA
(f)	Race Official Trophy	Col Satish Kumar Kanwar
		Mr. Ajit Diaz
(g)	Admiral Ramdas Trophy	INSV Kadalpura (WNC) (i) Capt Atool Sinha

		(ii) Lt Cdr VS Bisht (iii) Lt Cdr K Pednekar (iv) Lt Cdr S Gupta (v) Slt Sri Hari (vi) Slt Prateek Kumar
(h)	Admiral RK Dhowan Trophy for best sailing club	INWTC Mumbai

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

49. **Class Association Membership.** Lt Gen TSA Narayanan, President LCAI brought out that the requirement of sailors taking Class Association membership was discussed in the Council meetings of 2021, however, the OAs are allowing sailors to participate in laser championships hosted by various clubs, wherein, these sailors are not members of the LCAI. It was suggested that all clubs should ensure that all the sailors who are participating in various championships are also member of LCAI. The President stated that if the issue was raised during the last council meetings, then the decision given should have been followed. The HJSG brought out that the onus of checking the valid memberships of sailors to participate in ranking regattas is with the respective OAs. The decision of last council meeting to process the case on file will be progressed.

50. Cdr Abhilash Tomy raised the question as to why there is a requirement of separate membership of Class Association. If sailors are member of YAI, member of a club there should be no separate need to be member of Class Association, to take part in an event. Lt Gen TSA Narayanan brought out that even Ms Nethra Kumanan was asked for LCAI membership when she went to participate in European regattas. Cdr Abhilash Tomy stated that it may be required for international events but why should there be need of Class Association membership for national events when the Clubs are members of Class Association. Col NS Johal who was trying to convey his opinion could not do so due to some network issue, however, he messaged his opposition to the proposal and offered to forward the justification for the same based on the statistics available world-wide. He intimated that Classes use either MNA membership (irrespective of number of sailors) or individual sailor Class membership and not both simultaneously. The President reiterated that if a decision has already been given in the last Council Meeting, we should follow that.

51. **Decision.** The President directed to progress the decision taken in the Council Meeting of 17 Jun 21, wherein, the proposal needs to be processed on file.

**Action: LCAI/ YAI Sectt**

52. **State Associations Affiliation.** Lt Gen SK Shrivastava (Retd) brought out that though the MYAS has agreed to give waiver on the issue of affiliation of State Associations with YAI for a period of five years, but this issue is going to be raised again and again and unless we are able to get all the state bodies associated with their



respective State Olympic associations affiliated to the YAI, we will again run into the similar situation. It was suggested that instead of a committee looking into the issue, it would be prudent that the issue of affiliation of States is taken forward at YAI level. In spite of individual intervention of few Council Members, no State Chief Secretary or Sports Secretary has got time to progress the case for Yachting. The various interactions with the DGNCC have also not yielded the desired results. It was recommended that the armed forces clubs in various states depending upon the availability of the water body could try and get associated to the state bodies. The already existing civilian clubs also must be associated with their state bodies though some of them have done. Unless and until we are able to push through over the next four to five years, the problem will remain active to hound.

53. Maj Gen MS Pillai (Retd) suggested that there is need for interaction with the respective State Govts, State Yachting Associations and State Olympics Associations to tap the skills and knowledge base available in a particular state. Mr Siddharth Satardekar from GYA brought out that the issue can be dealt with through the State Olympic Associations. Each State already has a State Olympics Association, YAI can involve them to encourage people in their States to form State Sailing Association. GYA is affiliated with Goa Olympic Association for a long time, almost 30 years. GYA is also affiliated to the Sports Authority of Goa, under Goa Govt. and registered with YAI. Other States may also follow the same procedure. It was further suggested to make all affiliated State Associations, who have been actively contributing towards the Yachting events in India, permanent voting member and remove the existing 'provisional' tag. Maj Gen MS Pillai (Retd) stated that the policy on the issue is under deliberation at YAI Council.

54. Mr Suheim Sheikh agreed with GYA proposal and further brought out the issue of a State Association to be recognised first by either the State Olympic Association or by the YAI. The YAI asks State Associations to be registered with the State Olympic Association, while the State Olympics Association wants you to be recognized by the Federation first. It was suggested that the General Body could approve that YAI will recognise State Associations first on merit as YAI knows the sport, knows who all are involved, has the knowledge base and understanding of the sport. The State Olympics Association may not be in the position to ascertain the same. Mr Suheim Sheikh brought out that the YAI affiliation fee for the Clubs and Class Associations be increased to Rs 15000/- aligned with the State Associations.

55. Lt Gen SK Shrivastava (Retd) brought out that there are very few State Associations like MP, Tamilnadu, Telangana and Goa which are actively contributing towards the sport of yachting. There is need to look at the larger picture and expand the State base to other States like Punjab, Delhi etc. There are multiple places where the Sailing Clubs are functioning, but there is no response from the State Govt Authorities. There is need for YAI to intervene and interact with the State Authorities to pursue the case forward. If MYAS has granted five years to implement the State affiliation issue, YAI should make an endeavour. YAI should either form a committee or leave it to the Chairman Sailing and Club Development Committee to pursue the matter.

56. Mr Siddharth Satardekar suggested that for the affiliation of a new State Association, YAI may give a provisional affiliation for the first year or two, and when the State Association is recognised by the respective State Olympics Association permanent membership could be granted subject to active participation in YAI sailing activities.

57. Mr Atul Kulkarni informed the General Body that he has been looking at the subject and has made a presentation to the YAI Council. YAI considers all stakeholders as equal and unless the stakeholders have their interest in the sport, nobody is going to support it. He narrated his own experience with the bureaucrats that whenever a sailing proposal is linked with some kind of tourism, livelihood etc, then the issue of creating infrastructure makes certain headway. It was informed that he had series of meetings with the Assam Chief Minister, Assam Chief Secretary, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh and also in Punjab and initial discussions in Rajasthan. There is some interest amongst the individuals who are in the business of tourism, lifestyle etc and together with them, probably we can create the necessary infrastructure alongwith formation of State Sailing Associations. States riding endlessly only on the infrastructure created by the defence establishments is not the solution. Some mechanism needs to be in place whereby YAI can help those State Associations who are actively contributing to the sport to get their permanent membership. He thanked the President YAI for agreeing to write to the various Chief Ministers at appropriate time. It was stated that we will be able to see four or five new States who are seriously considering the proposal. Three States have already moved to the Register of Societies for forming their Association with the members.

58. **Decision.** The President directed that YAI Council is to formulate a policy on the issue of affiliation of State Sailing Associations encompassing the conditions to be met for grant of permanent affiliation and that National Federation will recognise the State Associations first, followed by respective State Olympics Association. Mr Atul Kulkarni was requested to draft out letters from President YAI to the various Chief Ministers asking for more active involvement in formation of the State Associations. HSG is to continue pursuing the matter with the DGNCC. The President stated that the assurance has been given to the Hon'ble Minister YAS that YAI is going to continue making efforts to get more States affiliated.

**Action: Mr Atul Kulkarni/ HSG YAI**

59. Lt Gen SK Shrivastava requested the President to write a letter to the Minister of the Ports. He was ex RRM and there are large number of ports which have got waterfront and other facilities. If need be a meeting with the minister could be arranged. The President requested to draft out a letter.

60. Maj Gen MS Pillai (Retd) informed the General Body that the Optimist Association has applied to IODA to host the 2024 Asian Championships. This has been endorsed by YAI and NOAI is working towards it. He further brought out that while looking at the youth classes and attending all youth Championships over the last two years, there is no denying that the 420 class is our feeder for the 470s, 49er and the NACRA. The class

representation at the youth classes is less and there is need to come up with ideas to improve the participation in various Youth Classes, especially the twin handlers.

61. **OA Development Program.** Lt Col Alok brought out that the need to have an OA's development program has been under consideration for the last two years. There is a need to formulate standard protocols to be followed by all OAs while conducting the sailing championships and other training programs, akin to the various Race Officials/ Judges/ Measurers programs. An OA Development Program with standard protocols of conduct of an event will institutionalise the process and will not be individual personality dependent, as is the case especially in Clubs run by Defence Forces. Mr Suheim Sheikh seconded the proposal of formalising the set of guidelines, best practices and standards. A lot of conditions have already been incorporated into the policy for ranking regattas and we may further enhance them.

62. Mr Vivek Shanbagh of RMYC brought out that a few years back there was an India International Regatta held at Chennai where he was instrumental in getting Air India as the travel sponsor, which meant that all sailors would come to Chennai on the domestic and international network of Air India. And at that time the Joint Secretary Gen Captain Ajay Narang had assured RMYC four optimist boats under the Govt 75:25 scheme and they haven't received any boats till date. RMYC has a YAI certified coach and is a YAI accredited training centre. RMYC does not have the 75:25 scheme boats and has been taking up this issue regularly. It was requested to allot RMYC four optimist boats under 75:25 scheme. The President directed the YAI Sectt to provide update to RMYC.

63. **YAI Life Membership.** GL Yadav MCPO (Retd) from NSS Bhopal brought out that there is a need to review the life membership policy of the YAI which provides life membership for 15 years at a fee of Rs 25,000/-. YAI should either reduce the fee or increase the number of years to 30. Lt Gen TSA Narayanan suggested that the duration of 15 years could be increased to 25, keeping the fee at Rs 25000/-. Mr Siddharth Saterdekar stated that the duration could be increased to 20-25 years or the fee could be decreased in order to attract from life members. The President sought the opinion of the General Body on increasing the life membership duration to 20 years, which was agreed upon.

64. **Decision.** The President directed to increase the YAI Life membership duration to 20 years at a fee of Rs 25000/-.

#### **Action: YAI Sectt**

65. **J80 Boats.** Mr Vivek Shanbagh stated that RMYC has four J80s which were bought in 2013 and want to expand the fleet to six or eight boats. Due to high cost of new boats, RMYC is looking at importing second hand J80 boats from France. He queried on the assistance that can be provided for procuring the second hand J80 boats. The HJSG informed that the second-hand boats duty exemption issue needs to be cross checked with SAI. Mr Vivek Shanbagh further stated that the custom department depreciates the boat price from the date of manufacturing and then adds penalty to the cost. He also

queried on GST exemption. The HJSG informed that as of now there is no GST exemption on import of boats. The GST issue had been raised in the past with the GST Council as well as Sports Ministry. IOA had taken up this issue and as of now it is status quo, but YAI will continue pursuing the issue of reduction of GST. Mr Ashok Thakkar clarified that there is no penalty on import of second hand boat and the importer will have to get an Engineer's certification on the valuation. The custom officer may insist on a sea worthiness certificate, from ship surveying company. There is no ban on import of second hand boats. The valuation is a must because Custom Dept may not go only by depreciated value. If there is any repair or maintenance undertaken, the sails replaced, then the value of the sail will have to be added in overall cost. Mr Vivek Shanbagh agreed to discuss the matter separately with Mr Ashok Thakkar.

66. **420 Class.** Mr Ajit Diaz, IM brought out that the interest in the 420 Class needs to be revived. There are many clubs who have 420 class boats but they don't have the opportunity to take part in many events due to various reasons. The informal discussions with various stakeholders and the sailing fraternity have brought out that to revive the interest in 420 Class, it would be a good idea to have a Team Sailing Championship. There are venues in the country that are world class. However, the foremost difficulty in kick starting the team event is that the 420 boats are scattered across the country and transporting them is expensive. It was suggested that the Federation should find a way to help the Clubs in transporting the boats to event venue. The clubs connected to the armed forces may probably use their own resources to transport the boats and may assist some of the civilian clubs. Maj Gen MS Pillai (Retd) stated that the Team Championships is a very good idea and it will develop a lot of interest in the 420 Class. We need to explore venues where a lot of 420s are already based so that the requirement of movement of boats is the least.

67. Mr Ajit Diaz opined that there is no one place that has the required number of twelve to fourteen boats. One centre may have about four to five boats. Mumbai is a good location and Goa is a great location, however, Mysore could be the first choice for 420 Team Championship because it is a fantastic location even for an International Championship. If the armed forces could help in transporting the boats from different parts of India we can definitely have a good Team Sailing Championship and we can revive the interest in the 420 class. Mr Ashok Thakkar stated that the army normally moves the boats in their own trucks. The biggest cost for any club or for any civilian sailor is the transportation of boat from one location to the other. If the the armed forces can pitch in with the cost of transportation being borne by them, then probably more people could participate.

68. Col NS Johal, CO AYN brought out that Armed forces can spend the public funds on their own boats in case Armed Forces are providing the boats for the event. However, if the boats belong to someone else, then Armed Forces cannot spend government funds on transfer of those boats. Mr Ajit Diaz stated that it would be nice if an army unit or a Navy unit participates with own boats. If they are not participating, the assistance in providing the boats owned by armed forces for the event will be appreciated.

69. Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd) stated that the idea of team racing is fantastic. It really introduces a young sailor to the rules very well and it develops tactics very well. However, why do we want to do it only on 420s? It can be done on any boat, including the Enterprise class or the Bahia and there are sizable numbers in many locations. Enterprise is spread all over India. We have Laser Bahia in lot of clubs in India, so probably we should start a team racing event, an annual event at any location on either the Enterprise or the Bahia. INA has probably 10-15 Bahias or as many number of Enterprise boats or even Mumbai has got at least 10-15 Enterprise Class Boats. Mr Ajit Diaz stated that the 420 class is by far the largest double handler sailed in the world. In the 420 world championships, over 280 to 300 boats participate that shows 420 is still a very popular boat. It is the best class for anyone to move forward in a double handler and then onto a skiff because the sailors learn trapeze skills, spinnaker skills etc. Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd) suggested that then probably we should focus on fleet racing on 420s rather than getting it particularly in for team racing.

70. Mr Mylai Prabhakar of TNSA queried that in the 420 boats, are we going to encourage only boys and girls mixed pair or even two boys teams would be permitted. 420 Class is a feeder class and we must not restrict to only mixed teams as it's getting difficult to find female partners. Mr Ajit Diaz brought out that around the world there is a segment for boys and boys, girls and girls and mixed. We should also follow the same in order to give the opportunity to all. Mr Ashok Thakkar seconded the proposal.

71. **Decision.** The President directed that YAI may plan the 420 Team Championships and the Army and Navy will transport their own boats to that venue using permitted suitable means. The 420 team combination format followed world-wide may be followed in YAI events.

#### **Action: Chairman Events Committee/ YAI Sectt**

72. **State/ Class Associations and Clubs Membership Fee.** The President queried on the decision given on the issue of raising of Clubs/ Class & State Associations membership fees to Rs 15000/-. The HJSG stated that the decision on the issue of enhancement of subscription fees to Rs 15000/- for state/ class associations and clubs during the last Council Meeting was, to discuss the issue in the next AGM. Mr Ashok Thakkar brought out that he has no objection to the increase of the fee, but requested that the condition of affiliation of 50% districts for states to get voting rights be waived and the membership fee be increased to Rs 15000/- for all voting members inclusive of State/ Class Associations and Clubs. Mr Suheim Sheikh stated that the proposal basically is to bring the clubs, which are now currently paying Rs 5,000/- at par with the State Associations. Mr Ajit Diaz suggested that YAI should encourage the Clubs to also get affiliated to the State Associations. This will empower the State Associations in each state and assist in meeting the condition of 50% of the district associations affiliated to them. The HJSG brought out that there is a Committee under Mr. Atul Kulkarni that is looking into the affiliation of state associations all over India and the issue of various district associations who should be affiliated to the respective State Associations. It's a work in progress and YAI will come up with a policy in due course. It was recommended to increase the fees to Rs 15,000/- for all State/ Class Associations and Clubs across the

board and the Committee should look into removing provisional tag from the state associations which have been actively contributing towards the sport of sailing and are already affiliated to YAI for quite some time. Mr Ashok Thakkar seconded the recommendation and stated that atleast those three/ four States which have been regularly participating in the YAI activities, should be given the voting status immediately.

73. **Decision.** The President directed to increase the fees to Rs 15,000/- for all State/ Class Associations and Clubs across the board and the Committee should expeditiously look into removing provisional tag from the state associations which have been actively contributing towards the sport of sailing and are already affiliated to YAI for quite some time

**Action: Chairman Sailing & Club Development Committee/ YAI Sectt**

74. Mr Balram Naidu of Live-in Adventure Sports stated that they were recently accredited as YAI training centre and would like to develop water sports in Andhra Pradesh and requested for support to conduct courses for trainers. They are affiliated to Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh and would like to develop water bodies in Andhra Pradesh and would like to know the procedure for the same. Mr Naidu was advised to connect with YAI Sectt and all assistance will be provided.

75. Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd) queried that has the OA or the Class Association rendered a report regarding the death of the sailor in the Sail India 2021? Can it also be shared with the Council members' prior submission? The HJSG stated that the report once ready will be put up to the Council Members for perusal and approval.

76. Col SK Kanwar, IRO brought out the issue of development of the race officials, wherein, we have officials who have cleared the international examinations and are waiting for events to be done by them as mandated by WS. The Corona pandemic has been the cause of reduced events all over and ASAF may consider providing opportunity to develop Indian Race Officials. Mr Malav Shroff, President ASAF stated that he has already given the clarification on the issue during the ASAF AGM and the same could be intimated to all concerned.

**Item No. IX – Vote of Thanks**

77. Lt Gen SK Shrivastava (Retd) proposed the vote of thanks. He stated that since last meeting on 28 Dec 20, the year 2021 has been an eventful year for sailing fraternity. Our sailors have performed well in Olympics and other international events primarily due to the support and guidance from Member Clubs, Coaches and YAI. The Senior VP thanked the various stake holders for the considerable support provided inspite of the pandemic, wherein, clubs had taken lead and initiative in organizing events at Marve, Mysore, Bhopal, Hyderabad, Mumbai etc. The efforts put in by Mr. Suheim Sheikh, Brig Jagdish, Brig Julka and Mr. Ajit Diaz for conduct of online training sessions and NRO/NJ/NM clinics were appreciated. The YAI Sectt was applauded for supporting, planning, organizing and ironing out the issues towards conduct of events, support to the

sailors for foreign visits, and especially looking after the four Sailors who had the qualified for the Olympics. The creation of Kiteboarding Association was appreciated. He further brought out that the Clubs have successfully organized Championships, Senior and Youth Nationals and offshore sailing events. Khelo India and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav have brought awareness about sailing in the youth and these events have also showcased what the sailing can do to the youth and their future advancement. On behalf of YAI, he thanked all the members for participating wholeheartedly in the AGM.

### **Concluding Remarks by President YAI**

78. The President thanked all the members of the General Body for their active participation. He reiterated that the issues discussed by him with the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, especially issues regarding YAI recognition and reduction of custom duties, etc, will provide a lot of relief and make things a little better as far as the sailing goes in the country. Lastly, the President wished all a very happy New Year 2022 and hoped that 2022 will bring good tidings as far as the sailing goes and most importantly, as far as the pandemic goes.

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