

MINUTES OF THE 54TH YAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
31 JUL 23

1. The 54th YAI Annual General Meeting was held at 1100h on 31 Jul 23 on Webex Online Portal. The following Council Members were present:-

Chairman

Admiral Karambir Singh (Retd) - President

Members

Lt Gen SK Shrivastava (Retd)	Senior Vice President
Lt Gen TSA Narayanan (Retd)	Chairman Asian Games and Olympics 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 Amit Srivastava	Honorary Secretary General
Captain Jitendra Dixit	Honorary Joint Secretary General
Captain Manish Sain	Treasurer

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
Mr Ajit Diaz	Chennai Sailing Academy
Mr Amish Ved	Long Term Member
Mr Arjun Pradipak	Secunderabad Sailing Club
Col Shyam Prasad S	Trishna Sailing Club
VAdm Krishna Swaminathan, AVSM, VSM	Vice President INSA
Capt Bharat Deep Gaur	INWTC Okha
Col N S Johal	Army Yachting Node
Mr D R Bhote	TSA/ YCH
Mr Ravi Gupta	MP Sailing Association
Mr Derrick Menezes	Premier Kiteboarding Association
Lt Cdr Farokh Tarapore (Retd)	Long Term Member
Lt Col Gautama Dutta (Retd)	420 Class Association of India
Mr Gopal Amin	Board Sailing Association
Harish Poonati	INWTC
Capt Tarandeep Bakshi	INA Watermanship Area
Lt Alok Kumar	INWTC Chilka

Lt Cdr Pranab	INWTC Kalinga
Capt Soumyajit Mohanty	INWTC Porbander
INWTC Valsura Rep	INWTC Valsura
Surg Lt Cdr T Santosh	INWTC Kolkata
INWTC Kamorta Rep	INWTC Kamorta
Cmde Iftekhar Alam, NM	INWTC Karanja
Capt Prashant C Menon	INWTC Mandovi
Capt AS Patankar	INWTC Mumbai
Lt Gaurav Gupta	INWTC Porbandar
Cdr N Singhajit Singh	INWTC Vizag
INWTC Okha Rep	INWTC Okha
Capt Prashant P Tole	INWTC Goa
Ms Jayalakshmi S	Long Term Member
Lt Cdr Dilna k	Ocean Sailing Node
Marve Sailing Club Rep	Marve Sailing Club
Lt Cdr Aman Mohan Vyas	National Enterprise Class Assn
NOAI Rep	NOAI
Mr Rainer Dias	President GYA
Col Satish Kanwar	Long Term Member
Lt Cdr Saurabh Kumar	INWTC Kochi
Mr Siddharth Satardekar	Goa Yachting Association
Capt Tribhuwan Jaiswal (Retd)	Long Term Member
Cmde Viresh Das	J 24 Class Association
Mr Vivek Shanbhag	RMYC
Lt Cdr Rakesh C Jha	INWTC Hamla
Lt Col Alok Yadav	420 Class Association
Capt Girish Phadnis	Yachting Assn of Maharashtra
Lt Col Akshat Dogra	EMESA/ LCAI
Col Sunil Udeck	LCAI
Lt Cdr Praveen Prabhakar	470 Class Association of India

Item No. I – Opening Remarks by President YAI

3. The President extended his warm welcome to all members and took the opportunity to congratulate Cdr Abhilash Tomy for the marvellous achievement of successfully completing the Golden Globe Race 2022, after having overcome so many challenges. The President stated that Abhilash has done the country and all of us proud and has been an example of grit, determination and inspiration to all.

4. The President informed the General Body that the Indian sailing teams have been actively participating in various international events and have been performing relatively well. With continued focus on achieving excellence, our sailors will bring home medals for India in the coming months, especially in the Asian Games 2023 in China. The ACTC for the year 2023-24 has been, in principle, approved on 18 Apr 23 for a budget of Rs 7.92 Cr and lauded the efforts of YAI Secretariat in convincing the MYAS/ SAI to commence issuing sanction letters and credit advances for events projected in the ACTC 2023.

5. The President apprised the General Body that in view of the ongoing Court case at Delhi High Court, there is a need of formulating the way ahead towards acceptance of the voting structure, as mandated by the National Sports Development Code 2011 (NSDC 2011) and directed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS). The sailing

fraternity was requested to forward comments/ suggestions on the way ahead to ensure that the sport of sailing does not suffer and is taken to newer heights, however, the response has not been very encouraging. The President requested the members to put on their thinking caps and assist in formulating the new norms/ QRs for affiliation of State Associations/ Class Associations/ Clubs/ District Associations.

6. The President brought out that the matter of the status of the federations, which are non-compliant of the National Sports Development Code 2011, is being heard in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. YAI had sought waiver from MYAS to retain its present voting structure, in which State Associations, Class Associations and Sailing Clubs vote. However, MYAS has not renewed the Annual recognition of non-compliant Federations, including YAI, for 2023 and the grant-in-aid funding was suspended in compliance with the Delhi HC order. However, in April 23, the court had set up a committee in SAI to commence disbursement of funds to all federations preparing for Asian Games 2023 and Olympics 2024.

7. The President highlighted that the sailing events of the Asian Games 2023 are scheduled to be held in Sep 23 at Ningbo, China. Indian sailors will be participating in 13 of the total 14 events. It is expected that Team India should get a rich medal haul at the event. YAI is also very optimistic that our sailors will achieve Olympics 2024 qualifications by Dec 23, when the Asian Continental qualifiers are scheduled in Thailand.

8. The President brought out that apart from supporting our elite sailors towards winning of medals at international events, YAI has an important charter of promoting sailing at the grass-root level. The efforts being put in by member units towards conduct of training camps at various locations across the country are praiseworthy. Dedicated training and learning camps for junior sailors have been conducted by INWTC Mumbai & RBYC at Colaba, MG&G Club/ AYN at Girgaum Chowpatty in Mumbai, by the GYA at Dona Paula, Goa, EMESA/ SSC at Hyderabad and by TNSA/ RMYC at Chennai. YCH and NSS Bhopal have continued with the good work for Youth Sailors. In addition to the Fleet racing events, Team racing has been conducted for Optimist class sailors and is also scheduled in Enterprise class of boats in Oct 23 at Mumbai. Dedicated efforts need to be sustained in promoting sailing amongst our youth.

9. The President emphasised that the development of women teams in all classes as well as bringing in gender equality into the sport are issues of utmost importance and urgency. We all have to work collectively towards achieving these goals. YAI must continue upholding the principles of good governance and international best practices, while maintaining the ethos of a democratically constituted body. With the whole hearted support from Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India and IOA, YAI is confident of producing a historic result at the forthcoming Asian Games and beyond.

10. The President thanked the yachting community for their matured and whole hearted support which has helped propel the sport throughout the country.

Item No. II - To Approve & Confirm Minutes of the AGM held on 31 Dec 21

11. HSG requested for confirmation of the minutes of meeting held on 31 Dec 21 and the same was approved by the General Body. The motion was proposed by Lt Gen TSA Narayanan (Retd) and seconded by Lt Col Akshat Dogra.

Item No. III – Treasurer’s Report for FY 2021-22 and 2022-23

12. The broad income and expenditure status for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 was shown to the General Body. Mr Atul Kulkarni sought information regarding corporate, Private or Govt. Sector sponsorships received by YAI. HJSG clarified that the sponsorships are managed by organising authorities of various domestic events locally which are routed through YAI for specific events. The President stated that there is need to work more towards garnering sponsorships in addition to current efforts. HJSG informed that Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd) has approached Goa Govt. to adopt and support the sport of sailing as has been followed by other states for various sports and outcome of the same is awaited. The President enquired about the projected budget. HJSG stated that the amount projected is Rs. 10 Crs.

13. The balance sheets for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 were approved by the General Body, the motion was proposed by Lt Cdr Farokh Tarapore (Retd) and Seconded by Mr Atul Kulkarni.

Item No. IV – Appointment of Auditors for FY 2023-24

14. **Appointment of Auditors.** Sanjay K Pathak & Associates were proposed to be re-appointed as statutory auditors. According to MYAS directives, only CAG empanelled audit firms are to be appointed as auditors. Since, Sanjay K Pathak & Associates meet the guidelines, they were appointed as auditors for the FY 2023-24. The same was proposed by Lt Cdr Aman Vyas and seconded by Lt Cdr Anand Raj.

Item No. V – Honorary Secretary General’s Report

15. **ACTC.** HSG informed the General Body that ACTC for the current year has been approved in principle for a budget of 7.92 Cr. The approved budget for the FY 2022-23 was Rs. 5.2 Cr. HJSG highlighted that for the first time trials of Asian Games were finished by Feb 23 which has enabled the sailors to get ample time to participate in international events and prepare for Asian Games and Olympics qualifiers.

16. **International Events Participation.** The HJSG covered the event wise participation by Indian Team in various International Competitions during Jan 2022 to Jul 2023. It was brought out that exposure to large competitive events is essential for development of Indian elite sailors in order to get rich medal haul in forthcoming Asian Games 2023 and achieve qualifications for Paris 2024 Olympics. The forthcoming International events scheduled in 2023 were also highlighted.

17. **Domestic Events Participation.** The event wise performance of sailors in various domestic ranking competitions during Jan 2022 to Jul 2023 was highlighted. The forthcoming domestic events scheduled in 2023 were also covered.

Item No. VI – Agenda Points

18. **Agenda Points.** Nil agenda points were received for the AGM.

Item No. VII - Presentation of YAI Annual Awards for the year 2022- 2023

19. The YAI Awards Committee considered the nominations received from 'member units' for the YAI Annual Awards for the year 2022 - 2023. The list of awardees is as follows:-

<u>Ser</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Awarded To</u>
(a)	YAI Life Time Achievement Award	Maj Gen HK Kapoor (Retd), CESC
(b)	Admiral Kohli Trophy	Mr. Ashok Thakkar, TNSA
(c)	Admiral RH Tahiliani Trophy for the yachtsperson of the year	Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd)
(d)	E-in-C Trophy for most promising lady sailor	Neha Thakur, NSS Bhopal (ILCA 4)
(e)	Admiral Nadkarni Trophy for most promising yachtsperson of the year	Adhvait Prasant Menon, INWTC (Mandovi), ILCA 4
(f)	Race Official Trophy	Cdr ML Sharma (Retd), National Measurer
		Capt AS Patankar, International Umpire
		TS Chaturvedi, Sub, International Race Officer
(g)	Admiral Ramdas Trophy	INSV Tarini (i) Capt Atool Sinha (ii) Cdr Nikhil Hegde (iii) Cdr Abhishek Doke (iv) Cdr MA Zulfikar (v) Cdr Divya Purohit (vi) Lt Cdr Ashutosh Sharma (vii) Lt Cdr Dilna K (viii) Lt Cdr Roopa A (ix) SLt Aviral Keshav
(h)	Admiral RK Dhowan Trophy for best sailing club	Army Yachting Node, Mumbai

Item No. VIII - Any other business with permission of the chair

20. Mr. Suheim Sheikh brought out that ACTC budget allocation for youth sailors is very low level at 10% and hoped to increase it by 20-25% by next ACTC. HJSG stated that the same is noted and budget for the juniors will be increased in next ACTC.

Action by – YAI Sectt

21. Dr. Shipra Srivastava on behalf of MP State Sailing Association extended an invitation to host the YAI 55th AGM at Bhopal. She requested to add name of respective clubs in International participation slides of the power point presentation. Further, she sought clarification about the recognition of YAI by IOA and MYAS. HJSG clarified that YAI

is recognised by IOA as an associate member. MYAS provides annual recognition to all federations and a court case is undergoing at Delhi HC against 54 sports federations for non-compliance with NSDC 2011 and a very few federations are 100% compliant. YAI is non-compliant in voting aspect only as YAI has clubs, Class/ State associations which are an integral part of YAI. YAI's proposal has already been submitted to MYAS requesting to retain the current voting structure. The MYAS decision is awaited. However, the YAI is getting funding from MYAS as per ACTC.

22. Dr. Shipra Srivastava sought clarification whether YAI is associate or full member of IOA. HJSG clarified that YAI is Associate member of IOA without voting rights.

23. Dr. Shipra Srivastava sought clarification regarding non-conduct of YAI elections since 2021. HJSG stated that as per old constitution, the current council came into force in Oct 2019. Re-elections as per Sports code are due in Oct 23 and directives for the same are awaited from Ministry.

24. Col NS Johal requested YAI to take up the case with SAI to release at least 90% funds for sailors as was done earlier. HJSG stated that the MYAS provides upto 90% advance to TOPS sailors, however, due to ongoing court case, funding was stopped for all federations and it has been re-started recently with only 75% as advance. HJSG added that YAI will provide 25% funds to the sailors from its own capital and later seek reimbursement from SAI.

25. Mr. Ravi Gupta, Dir Sports MP brought out the following issues:-

(a) YAI policy in place for receiving funding from private entities may be shared as they may be able to garner more funding. HJSG stated that under CSR, YAI is authorized to get funds from various companies/ entities provided the funds are only utilised for the sport. The entities providing funds under CSR are benefitted u/s 80G of IT Act.

(b) If there has been any funding received through CSR in last 2-3 years as the same is not visible in financial statement. HJSG clarified that the sponsorships are being arranged and utilised by the Event organisers and they are only routed through YAI for benefit u/s 80G of IT Act.

(c) Dependency should be shifted from Govt funds to other private institutions. Also as YAI is governed by Navy, will it be possible to get some grants from the Navy. HJSG clarified that YAI is governed by YAI Council consisting of civilians, Navy and Army members and receives funding only from SAI. If funding is not received/ delayed from SAI, then it is arranged by respective State Associations/ Clubs which is reimbursed later. Navy and Army do not provide funds for YAI events.

(d) Next YAI AGM may be organised at Bhopal and any Nationals/ ranking competition be also conducted in MP and the same will be assisted by Dir Sports MP.

26. Mr. Ashok Thakkar submitted that Tamil Nadu Govt. has written to all big corporates to allot 25% of CSR funding to Youth Affairs Dept of State Govt. He suggested that YAI may approach various State Govts to allot reasonable amount and in return conduct National events/ competitions in that state. Mr Ravi Gupta added that the same is being followed in MP and U-19 women's football team is being supported.

27. HJSG highlighted that just as Odisha is providing support to sport of Hockey, YAI has approached Goa Govt. to adopt the sport of sailing. A proposal with Goa Govt.'s Sports Department for annual grant of Rs. 10 Cr has already been submitted along with a program to conduct domestic/ International events in Goa. The approval for the same is awaited.

28. Mr Suheim Sheikh proposed to conduct state championships/ state open championships by respective State Associations. Mr. Ravi Gupta proposed that states not having access to water bodies may be provided access to sea venues with some charges to conduct events. HJSG clarified that YAI will assist in providing access to venues free of cost towards conduct of events and sought such proposals for the next YAI calendar and promised future assistance.

29. Mr. Ravi Gupta submitted that if any State Association is short of required equipment towards conduct of sailing event, they will be more than happy to provide the same. In addition, he also extended his support to sailors from other states/ clubs if they require coaches, boats, training or venue.

Item No. IX - Vote of Thanks

30. Lt Gen SK Shrivastava (Retd), Senior Vice President proposed the vote of thanks to the chair. He appreciated the efforts of YAI Sectt on various issues including promulgating NORs and calendars etc. well on time. He thanked YAI Sectt for smooth coordination with SAI, Clubs and State Associations and also finishing of the Asian Games selection trials well in time in Feb 23 that has enabled the sailors' availability for dedicated training thereafter. He highlighted that it will be very first time sailors will be participating in all Olympic classes at the Asian Games. He also commended the clubs for their efforts and council members to resolve issues in well settled manner. He thanked the President, council members and other attendees for their valuable time and active participation during the discussions.

31. These minutes are issued with the approval of the President YAI.

Honorary Secretary General YAI

Date : 24 Aug 23