

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE YACHTING
ASSOCIATION OF INDIA HELD AT 1530 HRS ON 22 OCT 2000 AT
BOGMALO BEACH RESORT, GOA**

1. The Annual General Body meeting of the Yachting Association of India (YAI) was held at 1530 h on 22 Oct 2000 at Bogmalo Beach Resort, Goa. The following Council Members were present:-

President

Admiral Sushil Kumar, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, NM, ADC
Chief of Naval Staff

Members

V Adm Madhvendra Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC
Flag Officer Commanding-in Chief
Western Naval Command

President, National
Enterprise Association

V Adm (Retd) NP Datta, PVSM, AVSM

Treasurer

Mr. Ajay Balram

Chairman, Racing Rules
Committee

Cmde AS Bajwa

Hon Jt Secy General

Mr. JS Jehangir

President National Seabird Class
Association

Cdr HD Motivala, SC

Chief National Coach

Cdr PK Garg

Hon Jt Secy General

2. The representatives of the following Class Associations and Clubs were also present:-

- a) 420 Class Association of India
- b) Indian National Cadet Class Association
- c) Laser Class Association
- d) Lightning Class Association
- e) Match Racing Association of India
- f) National Enterprise Association
- g) National Optimist Association of India
- h) National Seabird Class Association
- i) OK Dinghy Class Association
- j) Board Sailing Class Association of India
- k) Bombay Sappers Sailing Club
- l) Corps of Engineers Sailing Club
- m) EME Bhopal Sailing Club
- n) FME Sailing Association
- o) Gen Datta Sailing Club
- p) Gen Datta Sailing Club
- q) Indian Club of Sailing Association
- r) Naval Sailing Club, Mumbai
- s) Naval Sailing Club, Lonavala

- t) Royal Bombay Yacht Club
- u) Royal Madras Yacht Club
- v) Sea Cadet Corps Sailing Association
- w) WTC, Kochi
- x) WTC, Madavi

Item I - President's Address

3. The President welcomed all members to the Annual General Body Meeting and conveyed his congratulations to the yachting community for having so many teams at the YAI National Team Sailing Championships at Goa. He specially mentioned the participation of so many ladies in the competition and emphasised that the YAI will endeavour to have many more lady participants in the future events. He also expressed deep satisfaction over the events in connection with the YAI's 40th Anniversary Celebrations at Mumbai, Pune and Hyderabad. The President once again reminded all clubs to have credible sailing programs in order to have a broader base of yachts-persons and promised the support of YAI for broad basing this sport to the maximum possible extent. He also welcomed Cmde (Retd) SK Mongia, as the new Vice President and V Adm (Retd) NP Datta as the new Treasurer. He congratulated Mr. Aashim Mongia for having won the Arjuna Award for the year 1999.

Item No. II - Honorary Secretary General's Report

4. The HJSG stated that since the last AGM in May 1999, a number of events have been conducted, as listed at Appendix 'A'. He also informed the members regarding the participation in International events in 1999. He regretted that due to political and security considerations the Indian yachting team could not participate in the Asian Sailing Championships at Karachi, though it would have been a good opportunity for the teams to check their performance levels against other Asian yachts-persons. A complete list of the foreign participation is placed at Appendix 'B'.

5. The HJSG informed the members that after a long time our Optimist teams were cleared for foreign exposure. This provided very good training for the young boys and girls and is largely responsible for the large number of Optimist entries at the 2000 National Championship. The HJSG also apprised the Council members of the coaching camps conducted during the year as listed at Appendix 'C'.

6. The members were also informed that, for the first time, a camp for training coaches in the Optimist Class was organised by the YAI with the help of International Optimist Association and Sports Authority of India. A foreign coach was arranged to impart this training. This camp has given a tremendous boost to Optimist Sailing in the country. It is intended to conduct more national level camps for the training of coaches. The details are being worked out by the Chief National Coach and would be promulgated shortly. Thereafter, the HJSG apprised the members regarding the events organised to commemorate the year 2000 as the 40th year of YAI's formation. List is placed at Appendix 'D'.

7. He informed the gathering that the Hon'ble Sports Minister was present for the 40th Anniversary Regatta and was very pleased with the large turnout at the event. The Minister of State witnessed the Hyderabad Sailing Week and was also highly appreciative of the regatta. There were a record 65 entries at the National Inland Championships at NDA, Khadakvasla.

8. The HJSG stated that the YAI Secretariat has ensured a constant flow of funds from the Ministry of Sports and have been able to send as many as 26 yachtspersons and officials for foreign participation in the year 2000. A full time foreign coach was made available to the Optimist team during the European circuit. This will largely enhance the overall standard of Optimist sailing in the country. He assured that the same coach will be invited to India in future to train our young boys and girls. The HJSG further informed that the YAI Secretariat had obtained approval for purchase of equipment under the 75 % subsidy scheme. He assured that efforts are on with the IOA to get approval for organising an Olympic Solidarity Camp in the year 2001 for Optimist, 420 and Laser Classes.

9. The HJSG advised the Class associations regarding grants from the government for conducting national & international events in India. He also briefly touched on the LTDP 2000-2002 and stated that the same has been submitted to the SAI. The LTDP is placed at Appendix 'E'.

Item III – Presentation of Accounts for 1998-99 & 1999-2000

10. The Treasurer explained the reasons for the high expenditure over income during the year 1998-99. The reasons mainly being pending ISAF Subscription of 1997, loss of interest due to breaking of FD's, and increased expenditure on mail and office requirements. The Treasurer outlined that the YAI had to break FD's in order to open Letter of Credit (LC) to facilitate import of items by Class Associations. The Class Associations were depositing exact amount of money as per the invoice with the YAI. The YAI, however, was required to pay margin money of 20% to the bank while opening the LC, thus necessitating the breaking of FD's and loss of interest.

11. Mr. Nawaz Currimbhoy from Royal Madras Yacht Club inquired whether the accounts for the YAI Team Championships 1997 held at Chennai had been cleared as a sum of Rs. 25,000.00 was outstanding to RMYC. The HJSG cleared that the same would be cleared soon. The Treasurer also explained that the YAI Secretariat had started the policy of not including Grant in Aid received from the Govt. in the income and expenditure heads as the same was disbursed directly to the teams. The accounts of 1999-2000 were also presented. The members appreciated the fact that after a long time the YAI had made profit and that the income had exceeded the expenditure. Maj Gautam Datta inquired what exactly was covered under grant-in-aid. The Treasurer explained this in detail giving out the various schemes of the government which were covered under grant-in-aid..

12. The Treasurer presented the accounts for 1998-99 and 1999-2000. The accounts for 1998-99 were proposed by V Adm Madhvendra Singh and seconded by Brig TPS Choudhary. The accounts for 1999-2000 were proposed by Mr. Ajay Balram and seconded by Mr. Nawaz Currimbhoy

Item No. IV - Presentation by Class Associations

13. The following Class associations made brief presentations to the members regarding their activities and forthcoming events in 2001:-

- a) Indian National Cadet Class Association
- b) National Optimist Association of India
- c) National Enterprise Association
- d) OK Dinghy Association of India
- e) Board Sailing Association of India

- f) Laser Class Association of India
- g) National Seabird Class Association
- h) 420 Class Association of India

14. The Indian National Cadet Class Association was represented by Ms Ridhi Jani. She informed the members regarding the sailing activities during 2000 and brought out the importance of Cadet Sailing for juniors. She emphasised that this was the only class currently available for juniors with three sails and that more clubs should invest in this particular class of boat. She also thanked the YAI and the Min of Youth Affairs & Sports for its continued support to the Class, on behalf of the Class association.
15. The Hon Secretary of the National Enterprise Association presented to the members the various achievements of the Enterprise sailors during the foreign circuit and also outlined the calendar for the year 2001. He emphasised the need for sailors to put in hard practice towards achieving medals at the International events.
16. The National Optimist Association of India complimented the yachting community for encouraging Optimist sailing in the country and reported that Optimist sailing was on the upswing. The members were also apprised that an AGM of the Class Association was held after 8 years and that the Class affairs were now in order. The events for 2001 were outlined and the members were informed of the decision to hold two Class Nationals every year, one Coastal and one Inland. This was welcomed by all members. A number of coaching camps were also outlined.
17. The OK Dinghy Association informed the members of the increased activity in the Class during the year. It was also revealed that the International Federation had awarded the 2003 World Championship to India and the same would be conducted at Goa.
18. The Laser Class Association highlighted the achievement of Hav Rajesh Choudhary for having won the first International Laser title abroad, namely Sail the Gulf 2000. The association outlined its 2001 programme, the main item being conduct of 2001 Asia Pacific event at Hyderabad during March- April. A programme for coaching the ladies in the Laser Radial class was also outlined.
19. The Board Sailing Association informed the members that the association had planned to send experienced board sailors with boards to conduct coaching and awareness camps to various clubs and requested all clubs to actively support the same.
20. The National Seabird Class Association President Mr. JS Jehangir outlined a busy calendar of events in the Bombay Harbour for the Seabirds.
21. Maj Gautam Datta represented the 420 Class Association. He thanked the YAI for granting affiliation to this class. He informed the general assembly that the boats were under construction and that the first lot should be available by mid November at an approx. cost of Rs. 2 lakhs. He also informed that it was planned to hold a national event in mid March/Apr.

Item No. V - Any Other Points

22. Mr. Navaz Currimbhoy submitted to the President that outstation sailors were facing the problem of accommodation at Mumbai during sailing events. He requested if a dormitory type accommodation could be made available for the

ailors. V Adm Madhvendra Singh, President NEA stated that the Naval Sailing Club, Mumbai, would help in providing dormitory type accommodation for such sailing events at Mumbai.

23. Mr. Navaz Currimbhoy also proposed to conduct the 2001 National Team sailing Championship at Chennai under the aegis of the Royal Madras Yacht Club during Oct 2001. The HJSG welcomed the proposal and replied that the club will soon be informed of the decision.

24. Mr. Navaz Currimbhoy informed the President that RMYC was given some Fireball Boats two years back. However, these boats had outlived their life and were in need of serious repairs to remain sail-worthy. The club had managed to keep two boats afloat. Mr. Currimbhoy wanted to know whether major expenditure should be done on these boats or the club should make investments in newer trapeze dinghies based on YAI future policy. Mr. Ajay Balram suggested that the clubs should invest in newer trapeze dinghies like the 420 instead of putting money in old boats. V Adm Datta suggested that the government subsidy of 75 % should be availed for this purpose. The HJSG also requested all clubs to send their requirements to the YAI, which would be consolidated and forwarded to the government.

25. Maj Gautam Datta requested the President to have the sport of yachting included in the list of recognised sports by the Services Sports Control Board. The President clarified that this was not the correct forum to address this issue. However, he assured that the matter will be taken up with concerned authorities.

26. Mr. Umaji Chougule requested the President that yachting should be recognised by the University Grants Commission so that the participants could get extra marks for participation in National events etc. The HJSG explained that this issue had been taken up earlier also with the UGC. He assured that the matter will once again be taken up with the appropriate authorities. However, our case would be strengthened when this sport becomes much more broad based and the number of entries in the various National level events becomes significantly larger.

27. Mr. G.Dijendranath enquired whether there was any policy on attracting corporate sponsors to support yachting. The HJSG replied that the YAI had approached a number of sponsors in the past few years. However, none were forthcoming. He also informed the members that the Govt. had now given 100% tax exemption for donations made to the sports federations and this will help in attracting sponsors. V Adm Madhvendra Singh informed the members that he had received a proposal from a certain corporate house regarding major sponsorship for the sport. He also stated that the sponsor might want some recognition in return for this and the YAI should be ready for that. VAdm Datta and Mr. Ajay Balram supported this suggestion. The members of the house were in favour of the YAI seeking sponsors and be prepared to give something in return for major contributions. V Adm Madhvendra Singh assured all members that the proposal would shortly be forwarded to the YAI.

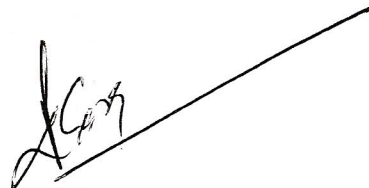
28. V Adm Datta regretted that the Goa Yachting Association and the Goa Naval Area Sailing Club lacked the facilities of a proper Club house and storage space for boats. Mr. Umaji Chougule explained that they had some space at Dona Paula beach and that they were in the process of acquiring some space from the National Institute of Water Sports, which had a large and well located site.

Item No. VI – YAI Awards

29. The YAI Awards were presented by the President to all the award winners. A list of award winners is placed at App 'F'. Hav Rajesh Choudhary of the EME Sailing Association was also presented with a cheque of Rs. 5,000/ for winning the Sail the Gulf International Regatta in Mar 2000.

30. There being no other points, the meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks being proposed by Mr. Ajay Balram.

31. These minutes have the approval of the President of the YAI.



(PK Garg)

Cdr

Hon Joint Secretary General

New Delhi

Date : 17 Nov 2000