

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE
YACHTING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA HELD AT 1000 HRS ON 14 DEC 01 AT
NAVAL SAILING CLUB, MUMBAI

1. The Annual General Body Meeting of the Yachting Association of India (YAI) was held at 1000 hrs on 14 Dec 01 at Naval Sailing Club, Mumbai. The following Council Members were present:-

President

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

Members

V Adm V Pasricha PVSM, AVSM, NM, ADC	President National Enterprise Assn.
VAdm NP Datta, PVSM, AVSM (Retd)	Honorary Treasurer
Maj Gen S Dutta (Retd)	President 420 Class Assn. of India
Mr Rabi Ahuja	Chairman Indian National Cadet Class Assn. of India
Cmde AS Bajwa	Hon Secretary General
Cdr HD Motivala	Chief National Coach
Mr Cyrus Herjee	President, National Seabird Class Association
Lt Cdr F Tarapore (Retd)	President Match Racing Assn. of India
Cdr PK Garg	Hon Jt Secretary General

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

- (a) National Enterprise Association
- (b) Laser Class Association of India
- (c) OK Dinghy Class Association of India
- (d) 420 Class Association of India
- (e) Indian National Cadet Class Association
- (f) National Seabird Class Association
- (g) Lightning Class Association

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- (h) Match Racing Association
 - (j) Board Sailing Association of India
 - (k) Naval Sailing Club, Mumbai
 - (l) Secunderabad Sailing Club
 - (m) Naval Sailing Club, Visakhapatnam
 - (n) Naval Sailing Club, Goa
 - (p) Corps of Engineers Sailing Club, Pune
 - (q) Naval Sailing Club, INS Mandovi
 - (r) Royal Madras Yacht Club
 - (s) Indian Naval Sailing Association
 - (t) WTC Kochi
 - (u) Sea Cadet Corps Sailing Assn.
 - (v) Colaba Sailing Club
 - (w) Royal Mumbai Yacht Club
 - (x) Bombay Sailing Association
 - (y) Goa Yachting Association
 - (z) WTC, Shivaji

Item No. 1 – President's Address

3. The President welcomed all members to the AGM. At the very outset, he lauded the performance of Indian yachts-persons in the international arena during 2001. He said that this had enhanced our image among the Indian sporting community. He hoped that this performance will inspire and enthuse all members of the yachting fraternity to achieve higher results in the future. He expressed his confidence that our yachts-persons will achieve greater laurels in the forthcoming international events.

4. The President informed the members of the sad demise of one of the Council Members, Mr JS Jehangir, on 08 Nov 2000, due to cancer. He commended the contribution of Mr Jehangir to the sport. The General Body observed a minutes silence to pray for Mr Jehangir.

5. The President thereafter welcomed the new members of the YAI Council, viz. Lt Gen Hari Uniyal as the new Executive Vice President, Vice Admiral Vinod Pasricha as the President of the National Enterprise Association, Lt Gen SK Jain as the President of the OK Dinghy Class Association, Lt Gen RK Mehta as the President of the Laser Class Association, Maj Gen VK Dua as the President of the National Optimist Association and Mr Shripad Naik as the President of the Board Sailing Association. He also expressed his congratulations to the 420 class for having the class launched in India, with the acquisition of six boats.

6. The President also congratulated Brig Jagdish Singh for qualifying as an International Judge and Col AP Singh, who qualified as the first International Race Officer from India. He emphasised the need for more of the senior yachts-persons to get themselves qualified as International Judges, International Umpires and International Race Officers.

7. The President also appreciated the efforts of the Indian team at the 10th Asian Sailing Championship. He congratulated Mr Aashim Mongia and Lt Cdr R Mahesh for winning the Gold in the Enterprise Class, thereby regaining this honour for India after a gap of 12 years. He also congratulated Mr Nitin Mongia and Maj Gautama Dutta for winning the Silver and Bronze medals respectively in the OK Dinghy class. The President also commended Hav Rajesh Choudhary in the Laser Radial class and Miss Shilpa Oberoi in the Optimist class for their performance in the 10th Asian Sailing Championship.

8. The President stressed the need for re-doubling our efforts towards achieving maximum number of medals in the Asian Games 2002. He emphasised that whereas he fully supported the broad-basing of the sport, winning medals was very important as it would strengthen the YAI's efforts for obtaining Govt support for foreign training and participation, as also for funding of equipment and essential yachting infrastructure. He expressed his happiness over the allocation of a string of international events to India in the next two years. He stressed that our yachts-persons must plan carefully and capitalise on these opportunities.

9. Thereafter, he requested the Hon Secretary General to take up the agenda points.

Item No. II – Action Taken Report – Minutes of Last Council Meeting

10. The HSG informed that the following actions were taken on the relevant points of the minutes of the last AGM :-

- (a) Para 8. The IOA was approached for an Olympic Solidarity Camp during 2001, but due to certain procedural problems the same did not materialise. However, the YAI organised the following coaching camps in India with foreign coaches since the last AGM:-
 - (i) 15-25 Dec 2000 - Optimist class at Mumbai, with Mr Peter Martin as coach.
 - (ii) 17 Aug–08 Sep 01 - Laser Radial class at Mumbai, with Mr Stewart Casey as coach.
- (b) In addition, foreign coaches were also provided to all teams during their training / participation abroad. Moreover, a training camp was conducted for the Optimist class in Malaysia during July 01. Thus, the objective of providing extensive coaching was achieved.
- (c) Para 11. A sum of Rs. 25000/-, being the balance due for YAI Team Championship 1997, was forwarded to RMYC in Feb 01.

- (d) **Para 22.** Since the last AGM, accommodation has been provided to outstation civilian teams at Mumbai.
- (e) **Para 24.** The procedure for writing off the Fireball boats at RMYC is being progressed with the Sports Authority of India.
- (f) **Para 25.** The issue was discussed during the YAI Council Meeting on 23 Nov 01 at New Delhi. It was decided that a formal proposal be taken up with the SSCB. A detailed proposal is under finalisation and will be submitted shortly.
- (g) **Para 27.** The issue of seeking corporate sponsors was discussed during the YAI Council Meeting on 23 Nov 01 and it was decided that the YAI would involve professional agencies for finding suitable sponsors for yachting events. It was also decided that the YAI should hire a PR agency and launch its own website.

11. Thereafter, there being no other observations, the passing of the minutes of the previous AGM was proposed by Mr Rabi Ahuja and seconded by Lt Cdr F Tarapore (Retd).

Item No. III – Honorary Secretary General's Report

12. ~~The~~ HSG's report is placed at Appendix 'A' for perusal of all member clubs.

Item No. IV – Presentation of Accounts 2000-01

13. The Hony Treasurer presented the accounts for the year 2000-01. He highlighted the following :-

- (a) For the first time, an increase in income over expenditure of approx Rs. 2.5 lakhs has been achieved.
- (b) Income from YAI 40th Anniversary Regatta was approx Rs. 2 lakhs.
- (c) Sponsorship of Rs. 3 lakhs from Indian Oil for the YAI's Team Nationals in Mar 2001.
- (d) Grant in aid of approx Rs.75 lakhs received from Govt during 2001 for participation in various national and international events.
- (e) Rs. 10 lakhs in fixed deposits

14. There being no observations on the accounts, the passing of accounts for the year 2000-01 was proposed by Maj Gen S Dutta (Retd) and seconded by Maj Gen VK Dhir.

Item No. V – Presentation of YAI Awards


15 The YAI Awards were presented to the following:-

<u>Sl.</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Awardee</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(a)	Admiral Kolhi Trophy for promotion of the sport of yachting	Late J S Jehangir (Royal Bombay Yacht Club)	Received on his behalf by Mr Aashim Mongia
(b)	Admiral R H Tahilaini Trophy for yachtsman of the year	Hav Rajesh Choudhary (EME Sailing Association)	Received on his behalf by Lt Col S Sahni, as the awardee was in Australia for yachting events.
(c)	Admiral Ramdas Trophy for offshore adventure of the year	Rohit Pardesi (Mumbai Customs Yacht Club)	
(d)	Admiral Nadkarni Trophy for the most promising yachtsman of the year	Ninad Mayekar (Sea Cadet Corps Sailing Assn)	

16. Thereafter, the President informed the General Body that he would be relinquishing office on 29 Dec 01. He thanked the HSG, Treasurer and the YAI Secretariat for the support and excellent work carried out during the last three years. He conveyed his best wishes to all the members of the yachting community for the growth of the sport in the years ahead. He re-emphasised the importance of winning medals at the international level to facilitate the YAI's efforts with the Govt. and corporate sponsors for obtaining greater level of financial support for yachting.

17. Thereafter, Vice Admiral V Pasricha, President NEA, presented a memento to the President on behalf of the yachting community. The meeting was then adjourned with a vote of thanks by Vice Admiral V Pasricha, as the President of the host club for the AGM.

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


(PK Garg)
Commander
Hony Jt Secy General

Date : 02 Jan 02
Place : New Delhi

HONORARY SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

1. Since the previous AGM, our yachtspersons have participated in a large number of sailing events, both in India and abroad. A summary of the events held in India is as follows:-

- (a) YAI National Team Sailing Championship - Goa - Oct 2000 - 120 Participants (20 Ladies).
- (b) Optimist Inlands - NDA - Dec 2000 - 36 Entries (9 Girls).
- (c) YAI National Team Sailing Championship - Chilka - Mar 01 - 90 Participants (16 Ladies).
- (d) OK Dinghy National Championship - Mumbai - Apr 01 - 7 Entries.
- (e) Asia Pacific Laser and Laser Radial Championship - Hyderabad - May 01 - 45 Participants (4 Ladies).
- (f) Optimist Coastal National Championship - Chennai - May 01 - 38 Entries (8 Girls).
- (g) National Inland Enterprise Championship - NDA - Jun 01 - 112 Participants.
- (h) Enterprise National Championship - Mumbai - Oct 01 - 66 Participants (2 Ladies).
- (i) Six coaching camps conducted for teams proceeding abroad as per LTDP.

2. During the year, a total of 55 sailors and 17 officials were sent abroad for training and participation in various International events, viz:-

- (a) IODA Asian Championships, Dubai.
- (b) Laser Australian Circuit.
- (c) Laser Radial World Championship, Barcelona.
- (d) Enterprise UK Circuit.
- (e) OK Dinghy World Championship, Sweden.
- (f) Laser World Championship, Ireland.
- (g) Optimist Training Camp, Malaysia.
- (h) IODA Optimist World Championship, China.
- (i) 10th Asian Sailing Championship, South Korea.

3. In Aug 01, at the ISAF World Team Sailing Championship in the Czech Republic, our team achieved 14th position out of the 19 participating teams. This was quite remarkable, as the event was sailed in 420 Class, in which we then had practically no experience. Our team was awarded a special trophy by the President of ISAF, for coming first amongst the first timers.

4. We also sent the largest ever contingent of 29 members for the 10th Asian Sailing Championship to South Korea. The results achieved were among the best ever and reflect the hard work put in by all concerned. India bagged a Gold in Enterprise Class, as well as a Silver and Bronze in the OK Dinghy class. The overall performance was as follows:-

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ENTRIES</u>	<u>COUNTRIES</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>RESULTS COUNTRY-WISE</u>
ENT	7	4	1,6	1,3
OK	3	2	2,3	2
LASER (R)	7	4	4,6	3
LASER	9	6	7,8	5
OPTIMIST	18	9	11,12	6
(BOY)				
OPTIMIST	14	8	5,10	3,6
(GIRL)				
420 (M)	3	5	6,8	5
420 (W)	7	5	5,7	5

5. All the foreign participations were fully funded by the Min of Youth Affairs & Sports, except the Optimist event in China and a training camp in Malaysia, which were partly funded by the YAI.

6. Over the past few years we have been able to garner increasing levels of financial support from the Govt. From a financial support level of about Rs 10 lakhs in 1995 we have already received Rs. 75 lakhs this year and a few more cases are in the pipeline.

7. The LTDP Meeting with the SAI officials took place on 22 Nov 2001 at New Delhi. They have approved our program in full and have agreed to support the following classes of boats for the Asian Games 2002:-

- (a) Enterprise
- (b) OK Dinghy
- (c) Laser Radial
- (d) Optimist (G)
- (e) Optimist (B)
- (f) 420 (W)
- (g) 420 (M)
- (h) Laser

8. The main problem is the procurement of equipment, which has been minimal for the past few years, mainly due to frequent changes in procurement procedures and the lack of response of foreign suppliers to the tender enquiries. The YAI has emphasised upon the DG SAI that the procurement of boats and other coaching aids is of utmost importance. During subsequent follow up interactions it has become evident that the DG SAI is taking a keen personal interest in this matter. May I assure the members that we shall continue to pursue our cases with the Govt.

9. During the year ahead, our main focus will be on preparing our teams for the Enterprise World Championship and the 14th Asian Games. The training programme and the method of selection was deliberated upon at the YAI Council Meeting on 23 Nov 01. The following has been decided:-

(a) **Programme for YAI Selection Trials**

- (i) Round 1—OK Dinghy, Laser (R), 420 (M), Optimist (B), Optimist (G), from 03-09 May

-Enterprise, Laser, 420 (W) from 21 – 26 May

- (ii) Round 2- combined for all classes from 01-07 Aug

(b) **Training Programme**

- (i) 30 day foreign training circuit for OK Dinghy, Laser (R) and 420 classes in Dec/Jan with foreign coaches.
- (ii) 15 day coaching camp in India under foreign coach and class coach for all classes except Enterprise prior to 1st round Selection Trials.
- (iii) Dates for above to be proposed by Class Associations.
- (iv) Coaching Camp for Enterprise team at Goa from 23 Mar – 05 Apr under Chief National Coach.
- (v) 15 Indian entries to participate in Enterprise World Championship at Goa from 06 – 13 Apr 02.
- (vi) 30 day foreign circuit for top 2 entries in all classes (except OK Dinghy), based on results of 1st round Selection Trials.
- (vii) Foreign coaches to be used during foreign training circuits.
- (viii) 30 day coaching in India with foreign coach and tune up partner for OK Dinghy.
- (ix) 15 day combined coaching camp under foreign and class coach in India for all classes 01-15 Sep 02, prior to departure for Asian Games.

(x) Train at Asian Games site 19-29 Sep under foreign coaches.

10. Our efforts to attract international events to India have begun to yield results with the scheduling of the following during the next two years:-

- (a) Enterprise World Championships – Goa, 6-13 Apr 2002.
- (b) Ok.Dinghy World Championships –Goa, Mar 2003.
- (c) 11th Asian Sailing Championships –Mumbai, Apr 2003 – Multi-Class Event.
- (d) IODA Asian Optimist Championship - Mumbai, Dec 2003.
- (e) ISAF World Team Sailing Championship 2005- To Be Proposed.

11. The Govt. has recently revised the sports policy and more financial aid will now be provided for foreign training and exposures. Details have already been given to the Class Associations. The Govt. has also initiated a new grant for **regional events** and I would urge the various clubs to propose events in their regions as soon as possible. The YAI Council has decided that, from the year 2002, a **combined Junior National Sailing Championship** will be run in Cadet, 420, Enterprise and Laser Radial Classes. The first event will be held at Mumbai from 21-25 Oct 2002 and will be hosted by the Sea Cadet Corps Sailing Association.

12. The YAI Council has also decided to pursue new avenues for attracting corporate sponsorships for sailing events. Some of the measures intended are as follows:-

- (a) Involvement of specialised firms.
- (b) Appointment of a PR firm.
- (c) Media drive.
- (d) Involvement of eminent sports personalities.
- (e) Involvement of Council members.

13. The YAI Secretariat has been very actively pursuing the case for procurement of boats and equipment under the 75% subsidy scheme through the Govt. Due to the protracted procurement procedures of the SAI, which also involve global tendering, the procurement has been delayed. After much persuasion, the SAI has finally called for limited tenders and the procurement is now awaiting the final approval of the Purchase Committee. The items to be procured under this scheme are:-

- (a) 420 class – 7 boats
- (b) Laser – 6 boats

(c) Laser Radial class - 10 Rigs

(d) Enterprise class - 2 boats

14. It has also been decided to set up a YAI web-site. This will be functional by Feb 2002.

15. The YAI Sailing Calendar for the next year is with the printers and would be ready before Christmas. This will be a wall calendar and will also be used in our efforts for attracting sponsors. To help recover the cost, the calendar is being priced at Rs. 100 each for the Class Associations and at Rs. 50 each for clubs and individual members. Our assessment is that the sponsorship drive will yield results and we will be able to provide the sailing calendar at subsidised rates in future. However, may I request the sailing community to be generous and purchase the sailing calendar in large numbers for this initial effort.

16. For information, the first events in the new calendar is the Laser Coastal Nationals at Chennai in early February, followed by Enterprise Coaching Camp at Mumbai.