

MINUTES OF YAI's ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF 2004  
HELD ON 05 JUN 04 AT NDA, KHADAKWASLA

1. The YAI's AGM of 2004 was held at 1000 hrs on 05 Jun 04 at Peacock Bay, NDA, Khadakwasla. The following Council members were present.

President

Admiral Madhvendra Singh PVSM, AVSM, ADC  
Chief of the Naval Staff

Members

Cmde SK Mongia VSM (Retd)	Executive Vice President
Lt Gen Mathew Mammen AVSM, VSM*	Executive Vice President
R Adm R Chopra VSM	Treasurer
V Adm Madanjit Singh PVSM, AVSM	President, NEA
V Adm Yashwant Prasad PVSM, AVSM, VSM	President, OSAI
Lt Gen VK Dhir AVSM	President, OKDAI
Lt Gen VC Jain AVSM, VSM*	President, LCAI
Maj Gen S Dutta VSM (Retd)	President, 420 Class Assn
Mr. Rabi Ahuja	Chairman, INCCA
Lt. Cdr F Tarapore (Retd)	President, MRAI
Mr Cyrus Heerjee	President, Lightning Assn of India
Col RV Kenjalkar	Exec. Vice President, NOAI.
Mr. Anil Madgaonkar	Secretary, BSAI
V Adm SCS Bangara AVSM, Commandant NDA	Co-opted Member
Capt S Contractor (Retd)	Co-opted Member
Mr. Ajay Balram	Chairman, Racing Rules and Appeals Committee
Cdr HD Motivala SC	Chief National Coach
Cmde AS Bajwa VSM	Hon Secretary General
Cdr AS Raghuvanshi	Hon Joint Secretary General

2. Representatives of following clubs were also present :-

- (a) Colaba Sailing Club
- (b) Royal Bombay Yacht Club
- (c) Bombay Sailing Association
- (d) Royal Connaught Boat Club
- (e) Pune District Board Sailing Association
- (f) Indian Navy Watermanship Training Centre (Mumbai)
- (g) Indian Navy Watermanship Training Centre (Kochi)
- (h) Indian Navy Watermanship Training Centre (Shivaji)
- (i) Indian Navy Watermanship Training Centre (Mandovi)
- (j) Naval Sailing Club (Vizag)
- (k) NDA Sailing Club
- (m) Indian Naval Sailing Association.
- (n) Goa Naval Area Sailing Club.
- (p) Army Yachting Node, Mumbai.
- (q) EME Sailing Club, Secunderabad
- (r) Corps of Engineers Sailing Club, Pune
- (s) No 3 (NU) NCC.

### Item I - President's Address

3. The President welcomed the yachting fraternity to Khadakvasla and appreciated the efforts made by so many lovers of this sport to come to NDA from distant places. He also welcomed the new members of the YAI Council :-

- (a) VAdm Madanjit Singh, as President NEA.
- (b) VAdm Yashwant Prasad, as President OSAI.
- (c) Lt Gen Mathew Mammen, as Executive Vice President of the YAI.
- (d) Lt Gen VC Jain, as President LCAI.
- (d) RAdm Rakesh Chopra, as the Honorary Treasurer.

4. The President also thanked the outgoing members of the Council for their contributions to this sport and wished them all success and good health in the years ahead.

5. The President informed the members of the sad demise of VAdm NP Datta, the Honorary Treasurer of YAI, in a road accident at New Delhi. The President stated that Adm Datta was an experienced International Judge and had served for many years as an office bearer of the YAI, always making significant contributions to the deliberations of the YAI Council. He requested the general body to observe a minute's silence in memory of Admiral Nar Pati Datta.

All present rose and observed a minute's silence.

6. Thereafter, the President commended the performance of India's sailors at the National and International levels. He congratulated Nitin Mongia for winning the Gold in the OK Dinghy World Championships at Goa and also for being conferred the Arjuna Award. The President also congratulated Cdr Homi Motiwala for being conferred the Dronacharya Award, thus making him the only sports person of India to win all the three National Sports Awards, viz the Arjuna, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and the Dronacharya awards.

7. The President informed the members about the successful conduct of the **IODA Asian Optimist Championships** and **11<sup>th</sup> Asian Sailing Championships** at Mumbai. He also highlighted that the medal tally of India's sailors at the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Sailing Championships was the best ever performance, as we won 5 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze medals. He appreciated the efforts put in by the sailors and their coaches, as also the organizers who ensured that the event was a big success. The foreign competitors and their officials had greatly appreciated the manner in which both these major championships had been organized and conducted. He stated that the YAI will continue its efforts to host more international sailing events, as this would enable our sailors to get much more competitive exposure. This would also improve our organisational capabilities and prepare us for hosting much bigger events, such as the Asian Games.

8. The President thereafter requested the HSG to take up the agenda points and progress the meeting.



## **Item II - Review of Minutes of Previous AGM (20 Feb 03)**

9. The HSG informed the members that the minutes of the last AGM, held on 20 Feb 03, were circulated to member clubs and no comments have been received on the minutes. He enquired from the audience if there were any issues of the previous AGM that the members may wish to discuss. As no issues were raised, Mr Rabi Ahuja proposed the passing of the minutes, seconded by Mr Ajay Balram.

## **Item III - Honorary Secretary General's Report.**

10. A copy of the Honorary Secretary General's Report is placed at Appendix 'A' for perusal and record.

## **Item IV - Presentation of Accounts for 2002-03.**

11. The Honorary Treasurer presented the audited accounts for 2002-03, copies of which had been placed on the notice board and also made available to the members. He highlighted that the corpus for investments, for the financial year 2002 – 03, had remained static at Rs 10.00 lakhs. However, this is expected to increase to about Rs. 30.00 lakhs for the year 2003 – 04, due to the commendable efforts of the President YAI in securing sponsorships for the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Sailing Championships, as also the effective financial management of various activities for the conduct of this major event.

12. Mr Rabi Ahuja brought out that there were large owings pending from member clubs. The President directed that, as per the current rules, the clubs be advised to clear their dues at the earliest, failing which they would be disaffiliated.

13. The passing of accounts for 2002-03 was proposed by Mr Anil Madgaonkar and seconded by Lt Cdr F Tarapore (Retd).

## **Item V - YAI Awards**

14. The President YAI gave away the awards for 2003 to the following:-

- (a) **Admiral Kohli Trophy**, for promotion of the sport of yachting, to VAdm Madanjit Singh, PVSM, AVSM.
- (b) **Admiral RH Tahilaini Trophy**, for yachtsman of the year, to Mr Nitin Mongia.
- (c) **Admiral Nadkarni Trophy**, for the most promising yachtsman of the year, to Mr T Helegaonkar.

15. The **Admiral Ramdas Trophy**, for offshore adventure of the year, was not awarded as the Awards Committee had not received nominations and details of offshore sailing activities for 2003.

Item VI – Any Other Point

16. Maj Gautama Dutta proposed that the Commodore of Army Yachting Node be co-opted on the YAI Council. The President clarified that such issues pertain to the YAI Council and should be taken up accordingly.

17. Introduction of Admiral Madhvendra Singh Trophy. The President emphasised the need to further promote participation in yachting by lady competitors. He, therefore, announced his decision to introduce a rolling trophy to be awarded each year, as part of the YAI's annual awards, to **the best lady helm of the year**. The trophy would be titled as the **Admiral Madhvendra Singh Trophy**.

Item VII – President YAI's Closing Remarks

18. The President thanked the yachting fraternity for their keen interest in promoting the wonderful sport of sailing. He noted that the sport has grown considerably over the past decade and that it was very satisfying to observe the considerable increase in the number of participants in various sailing events. The number and variety of sailing championships have also grown, providing many more opportunities for our sailors to participate and improve their skills. Most significantly, in the recent past, the more modern classes of boats have been introduced, such as the 420 and the 470. He also informed the members that the Navy will soon introduce the J-24 class boats for coastal sailing and offshore racing.


19. The President informed the members that his tenure at the helm of the YAI is coming to an end and this will be his last AGM as President YAI. However, though he will be laying down office on 31 Jul 04, he will continue to take a keen interest in this sport.

20. He thanked the entire yachting community for making his tenure such a successful and memorable one. He expressed his confidence that this sport will develop further in the years ahead and that, apart from winning medals for India, efforts will also be made to popularise this sport across India, thereby increasing the participation base.

Item VI – Vote of Thanks

21. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the President YAI by Cmde SK Mongia (Retd), who highlighted the contribution of the President in promoting the sport and wished him the very best in the years ahead.

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

  
(AS Raghuvanshi)  
Commander  
Honorary Secretary General



## HONORARY SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

1. The HSG's report is appended below in the succeeding paragraphs.

### Equipment

2. After considerable effort, Govt sanction was obtained for 58 Optimist class boats under the 75% subsidy scheme. This bulk sanction was obtained on "one time" basis, as the Govt had committed itself to help the YAI in hosting two major events, viz IODA Asian Optimist Championships and the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Sailing Championships. Subsequently, these boats have been distributed to various sailing clubs, as decided in consultation with NOAI and Sports Authority of India (SAI). It is hoped that this large infusion of boats will be fully exploited by the yachting fraternity to promote this sport amongst the young girls and boys, so as to produce future sailing enthusiasts and champions.

3. In view of the Govt and IOA decisions to include yachting in the sports disciplines short listed for Olympics 2004, Govt sanctions were also accorded for the following boats under the 75% subsidy scheme :-

- (a) Three 420 class boats.
- (b) One boat each of the Star, 470 and 49er classes.

### National Events

4. **Sailing Calendar.** A large number of sailing championships are now conducted each year. However, the finalisation, printing and distribution of the annual sailing calendar gets delayed due to the lack of timely inputs from the major sailing clubs and the Class Associations. This aspect may kindly be noted by all concerned. The proposals for the next year's events should reach the YAI Secretariat by 15 September each year, to enable co-ordination, adjustments, final compilation and printing.

5. Last year, the YAI introduced the **National Junior Sailing Championships**, so that a major multi-class event could be developed for the budding sailors, after they finish with the Optimist class. It is intended to popularise and expand this event, which would provide opportunities to develop our sailors for higher level competitions.

6. **Courses by ISAF.** With Mr Ajay Balram's help, two courses were got sanctioned from ISAF and were conducted at Mumbai, as follows :-

(a) The **Learn to Sail Instructor Course** was conducted by Mr Tony Walton from UK, during 10-14 Nov 03. This course aims at developing the fundamental coaching skills, to produce instructors for teaching sailing to beginners and to mid-level competitors.

(b) The **ISAF Race Management Course** was conducted by Mr Tony Lockett, again from UK, during 14-16 Jan 04, ie just after the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Sailing Championships, so that many more participants from Asia could participate. A total of 14 participants passed the grueling tests at the end of the course.

7. **Special Cash Awards.** After the Asian Games 2002, the Govt. had announced a substantial increase in the cash awards for sportsmen and their coaches. The earlier scheme has been revised, with a 100% increase. The cash awards are now substantial and should encourage all competitors and their coaches to put in their best efforts to achieve medal winning standards.

8. **Re-constitution of YAI's Committees.** As the tenure of the earlier Committees had expired, the Committees of the YAI have been re-constituted and will hold office upto Feb 2008. The current composition of the YAI Council and YAI's Committees is appended to this report, for information of the yachting fraternity.

### **International Events**

9. The IODA Asian Optimist Championships were conducted most efficiently at Mumbai, from 26 Dec 03 to 03 Jan 04, by the NOAI. Mr Rabi Ahuja and his team did India proud. 58 Asian Optimist sailors from 12 countries participated, with Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan competing for the first time.

10. The 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Sailing Championships were conducted at Mumbai, during 05 – 13 Jan 04. This was the largest sailing event ever conducted in India, with over 200 competitors and officials from 14 Asian countries participating in 14 events. Through the efforts of the President, we got sponsorships from the Tatas, IOC and MDL. The foreign competitors and officials have greatly appreciated the manner in which the event was organised and conducted. I would like to convey their gratitude and thanks to our yachting fraternity. India achieved a record medal haul by winning 5 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze medals.

11. Based on the YAI's steady medal winning record, the Govt and the IOA decided in Dec 2002 to include sailing amongst the sports in which India would seek to participate in **Olympics 2004**. The YAI identified 4 classes on which to focus our preparations, viz Star, 470 (men), Laser and 49er. It has been a very strenuous period for the competitors, as they are sailing the Star and the 49er for the first time and tremendous effort has been put in to achieve the necessary skills. Though our competitors have not qualified for the Athens Olympics, these preparations have developed their sailing skills and the effort would yield results in the future. We should not loose heart, as an Olympic qualification cannot possibly be achieved in just 18 months. However, if we persevere, we would be well placed for the World Championships and the next Olympics.

12. Apart from the Olympic campaign, approvals were also obtained for sending our competitors to the World Championships in the 420 and the OK Dinghy classes. Also, a team was sent for the Race Board World Championships 2004.



### Forthcoming Events.

13. Currently, efforts are being made to convince the Govt to send our sailors for the following international events :-

- (a) ISAF Youth Sailing Championships 2004, scheduled in Jul 04, in Poland.
- (b) South Asian Yachting Regatta at Colombo, in Jul 04. We hope this will lead to the inclusion of yachting in the SAF Games.
- (c) IODA Asian Optimist Championships in Japan, in Aug 04.
- (d) Enterprise World Championships 2004 in UK, in Aug 04.

### Conclusion

14. I would urge the yachting fraternity to plan ahead for the large number of sailing championships now conducted each year, so that our sailors, officials and administrators gear up for larger number of participants and higher levels of competitive skills. **The 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Sailing Championships are due in 2005 and the Asian Games in 2006.** Concerted efforts from now would lead to medal winning performances at these major events. In particular, our younger sailors need to put in a lot of hard work to build themselves up as future champions.

15. Apart from preparations for international events, it is very important to regularly conduct sailing events at the club level. This activity lays the foundations for developing the sport and broadening the participation base. May I request the Class Associations and the member clubs to kindly encourage local competitions and include them in your annual sailing calendar.



(AS Bajwa)  
Commodore  
Honorary Secretary General

Encls : List of members of YAI's Council and Committees.

## LIST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

### CHAIRMAN

Admiral Madhvendra Singh PVSM, AVSM, ADC

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YAI's COMMITTEES UPTO FEB 2008

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Members</u>
Race Management	Cmde SK Mongia VSM (Retd)	Col AP Singh Cdr HD Motivala SC Mr Hakim Sabir Col MS Pillai
Awards	Cmde SK Mongia VSM (Retd)	Col AP Singh Mr Cyrus Heerje Cdr PK Garg Lt Cdr F Tarapore (Retd)
Racing Rules and Appeals	Mr Ajay Balram	Mr Rabi Ahuja Mr C.S. Pradipak Brig Jagdish Singh (Retd) (one more member will be added at a later stage).
Selection Committee	Mr Rabi Ahuja	Mr Ajay Balram Cmde AS Bajwa VSM Cdr HD Motivala SC Cdr PK Garg
Training	Cdr HD Motivala SC	Class Coaches
Technical / Management	Lt Cdr F Tarapore (Retd)	Class Measurers