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## **(TEAMS DIVISION)**

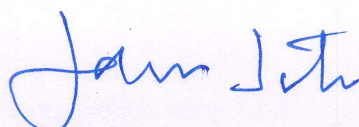
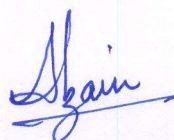
### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16.03.2016 TO FINALIZE THE ANNUAL CALENDAR FOR TRAINING AND COMPETITION (ACTC) IN THE DISCIPLINE OF YACHTING FOR THE YEAR 2016-17**

A meeting to finalize the Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) in the discipline of Yachting was held on 16 March 2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

2. The following were present :-

- (i) Shri Onkar Kedia, Joint Secretary (Sports), MoYAS
- (ii) Rear Admiral Dhiren Vig, Hon Secretary General, YAI
- (iii) Commodore Sudhir Setia, Executive Director (Teams), SAI
- (iv) Commander K D Singh, Hon Joint Secretary General, YAI
- (v) Shri Ganpati Consultant (TEAMS) Division, SAI
- (vi) Shri Sudhir Jain, Project Officer (TEAMS), SAI

3. At the outset, Secretary (Sports) welcomed the members and requested the Yachting Association of India (YAI) to present the Annual Calendar for Training and competition for the year 2016 - 2017.
4. The Jt. Secretary General, YAI, briefed about the activities of the Association and presented the ACTC for the year 2016 -17 for Senior and Junior Division. The Secretary General, YAI highlighted the achievements of the YAI in the past and brought out that the Sailors had been consistently winning medals at the Asian Sailing Championships and Asian Games.
5. It was also highlighted that the sport required extensive finances for procurement of equipment, especially the Olympic class boats as being specialized equipment, these were very costly in procurement and maintenance. The Secretary General YAI stated that having achieved a medal in the Asian Games 2014, the federation is on track to win many more medals at the Asian Games 2018 and at Olympic 2020 and 2024.



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6. ED (TAMS) brought out that despite the services of a foreign coach being available, the results this year have not been encouraging. The Association, should therefore, review the performance of the UK foreign coach. The Association informed that the foreign coach would be changed and someone who can take care of the interests of the young sailors would be engaged. In addition to the national coach, one or two assistant coaches would also be required.
7. Joint Secretary (Sports) brought out that the YAI was supported heavily from NSDF on the assurance that they would not only qualify but also win medals in the Olympics, 2016. However, only a Bronze medal was won in the last Asian Games held in the year 2014. The performance of the two sailors selected for the TOP Scheme had not met the performance expectations, hence recommended that they be removed from funding support under TOP Scheme.
8. Secretary General, YAI also brought out that there is a need for a devoted Sailing Centre for the YAI in the near future and the YAI had initiated a dialogue with few State Govts. for allocation of land to set up such a centre. He stated that if approval is obtained from the State Govt, the YAI would request the MoYAS/SAI to consider financial assistance for the project.
9. Secretary (Sports) informed that there is no scope for increase in allocation of funds, as the budget of the Department for 2016-17 has been kept at the same level of the F.Y. 2015-16. Therefore, he directed that the ACTC budget of Yachting Association should be fixed at the level of Rs. 3.95 Crores out of which, Rs. 0.50 Crores would be utilized for developmental activities like youth development, talent scouting, up gradation of coaches, referees/umpires, technical officials etc. In addition, 0.10 Crores. is also provided for payment of salary to the coaches and support staff. Accordingly, the Federation was asked to modify the proposals of YAI from Rs. 6.7 Crores to 3.95 Crores. He further added that the YAI shall exercise financial prudence while utilizing the funds accordingly.
10. The meeting concluded, with thanks to the Chair.

