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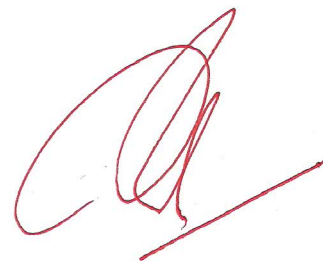


My warm greetings to the Indian yachting fraternity! My role as the YAI President continues to be an interesting and enriching experience and I would like to spare no effort in making India one among the leading sailing nations of this world. We have already published and circulated among all member clubs, a document defining YAI's vision and a set of principles that will guide the YAI in accomplishing it. It gives me great pleasure to now initiate a regular monthly newsletter to disseminate

information on events and policies to the yachting community of India.

The Yachting Association of India is fully committed to its core task of promoting excellence in yachting in terms of identifying and nurturing new talent and providing training and management support to athletes.

I look forward to all member clubs and affiliates pulling together to convert the YAI's vision into reality. I wish all of you success in your endeavours - in and out of water!



(RK Dhowan)
Admiral
Chief of Naval Staff &
President, YAI

Annual Calendar of Training & Competition



The Annual Calendar of Training & Competition has been approved by the MYAS on 23rd April and our athletes have started participating in overseas competitions generating greater hope and expectations. The

immediate goal is to qualify for Rio 2016, the preparation for qualification is in full swing and no stone is being left unturned to put our best foot forward.

35th National Games

The 35th National Games were hosted in Kerala in early Feb 2015. The event was held only in Laser Standard. 19 teams participated in the keenly contested event. Dharmendra (Services Sports Control Board), BK Rout (Manipur) and Jasvir Singh (Punjab) won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively in the keenly contested Championship.



ASAF Youth Sailing Cup 2014 -15 Final

The Final event of the ASAF Youth Sailing Cup was held at Abu Dhabi from April 7th to 11th. A large Indian contingent of 10 sailors participated in the event along with seven other countries. The final standing for the Indian yachtspersons at the end of ASAF Youth cup finals was encouraging and the results were commendable.



Name	Medal	Class
Chitresh Thatta	Gold	Optimist
Aniketh Rajaram	Silver	Optimist
Naveen Kumanan	Bronze	Optimist
Shikhar Garg	Bronze	Laser 4.7
Nethra Kumanan	Gold	Laser (Radial)

Delta Lloyd Regatta 2015



Delta Lloyd Regatta

24-28 May 2016 | Medemblik, The Netherlands
ISAF World Cup qualifier, Eurosaif Champions Sailing Cup

Indian yachtspersons participated in the Delta Lloyd Regatta from 24 to 30 May in Laser

(Standard), Laser (Radial) and 49er and 49erFX classes at Medemblik, Netherlands. The performance of the contingent did not meet the expectations and much more hard work is ahead of us to catch up with the leading nations.

Dutch Youth Regatta 2015

The Optimist team participated in the Dutch Youth Regatta during 12 to 18 May at Workum, Netherlands. The young sailors performed admirably and a majority of them finished in the top half of the fleet of 425 boats.



Dutch youth regatta



Name	Position
Chitresh Thatta	135
Aniketh Rajaram	144
Naveen Kumanan	146
Vivin Vinil	149
Navyn Prabhakar	281
R Neelanand	386

National Squad 2015

The Selection Committee of the YAI has announced the National Squad for 2015. The National Squad will provide development opportunities for the selected athletes to refine their sailing abilities in the build-up towards 2016 Olympic and 2018 Asian Games. The National Squad is composed of 'A' and 'B'



squads. The sailors in the 'A' squad will be fully funded whilst the sailors in the 'B' squad will be encouraged to participate in select overseas events on self-funding basis. A copy of the policy and squad list can be downloaded from the YAI website.

Age Fraud in Sports

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has issued directives to all National Sports Federations to take appropriate measures to check age fraud in sports and has directed to conduct random age verification at regular intervals on basis of records maintained by it and to resort to medical examination of an athlete whenever doubt arises with reference to the age of the athlete. This will help us to bringing more transparency in the sport.



Selection Criteria for Multisport Events

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has issued policy for formulation of selection criteria for sportspersons and teams for participation in multidiscipline sports events such as Olympics, Asian Games, and Commonwealth etc. Only the sportspersons, coaches and support staff approved by the MYAS and SAI will be part of the contingent for the events at cost to the government and no additional sportspersons, coach and support staff will be included even at no cost to the Government.



Information to be hosted on NSF Website

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has directed all the National Sports Federations and Indian Olympic Association to mandatorily host details of National Sports Federations and documents such as audited balance sheets on their websites to bring in more transparency in the functioning of the IOA and NSFs. We have updated our website with this information for everyone to see.

MoU - SAI & Balmer Lawrie Tours & Travels

The Sports Authority of India and Balmer Lawrie Tours & Travel, a Government of India Enterprise have entered into an MoU to facilitate easier and time bound services to Indian athletes representing India at overseas competitions. The MYAS has directed that with immediate effect the Balmer Lawrie Tours & Travel will provide services ranging from booking of Air Tickets, Hotel Bookings, VISA services, charter of equipment, DA etc. to the athletes and teams participating in overseas events or championships.



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