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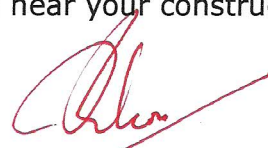
My very warm greetings to the yachting fraternity. It gives me immense pleasure to share with you the ongoing and future activities of Yachting Association of India.

We have accomplished a major milestone by amending YAI General Rules to comply with the Sports Code 2011 during the AGM held on 18 Nov 2015. I was particularly pleased to see that a large number of Member Clubs, Life and Annual Associate members attended and participated in the process of amending the General Rules of YAI. I would once again thank the yachting fraternity for this landmark change.

I would also like to highlight participation of a large number of yachterspersons during the YAI Senior and Youth Championships conducted at Mumbai and Chennai respectively. It was also pleasing to know that 166 sailors from 16 Countries including India participated in the India International Regatta 2015. Such a good response from participants reaffirms our faith that we are on the right path. We look forward to the 'Parade of Sails' during the International Fleet Review at Visakhapatnam.

I would urge the yachting fraternity to offer their suggestions or concerns, if any, about the YAI, by contacting me or any other members of the Council. We'll be happy to hear your constructive suggestions and feedback.

Happy Sailing!



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

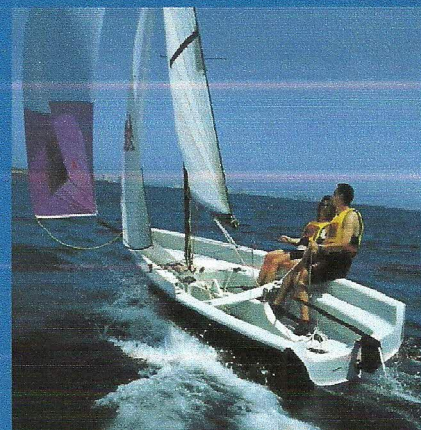
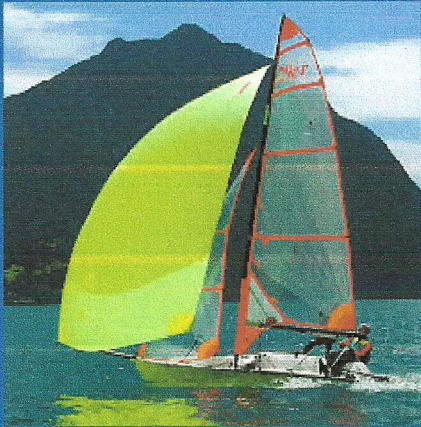
Annual General Body Meeting – New Delhi



The 47th General Body meeting of the YAI was held at 1630 hrs on 18 Nov 2015 at Varunika, Nau Sena Bagh I, Chanakyapuri New Delhi. A large number of Member Clubs, Life Associate Members and Annual Associate Members were present for the AGM. The meeting lasted over four and half hours in which sweeping changes were made to the existing General Rules to align with the Sports Code 2011 and to follow good governance practices.

The Hon Secretary General presented his annual report for the year 2015. The Treasurer also presented his report along with the audited accounts for the FY 2014-15. The meeting culminated with the President YAI, Admiral RK Dhowan PVSM AVSM YSM ADC presenting the YAI Annual Awards for the year 2015. The Minutes of the AGM has been forwarded to all Member Clubs. A copy of the minutes is also available on the YAI website.

YAI Senior National Championship – 2015 at Mumbai





The YAI Senior National Championship 2015 was held wef 18 to 23 Oct 15 at Mumbai. A record number of 153 sailors from different parts of the country launched their boats into the water to prove their mettle. The Organising Committee formed under Headquarters, Western Naval Command ensured that the event was conducted with much fanfare and perfect precision.

The calm waters and moderate winds presented perfect conditions for the participants to show their sailing skills and prove their abilities.

The President YAI, Admiral RK Dhowan PVSM AVSM YSM ADC graced the occasion by witnessing the races on the final day and presented the awards to the winners. The winners for various categories are tabulated below:

Category	Winners
470	P Muttu NS Rajput
Hobie 16	Samal Pradhan Rahul Rai
RS:X (Men)	Dayne Coelho
Enterprise	Sandeep Jain Pawan Kumar
Laser Std	Upamnyu Dutta
Laser Radial	Nethra Kumanan



YAI Youth National Championship 2015 at Chennai



95 young sailors jostled in Chennai waters from 24 to 29 Nov 2015 to prove their sailing skills in the quest to reach the podium finish during the YAI Youth National Championship.

The youth classes included 29er Open, RS One (Boys & Girls), 420 Open, Laser Radial (Boys & Girls), 4.7 Laser (Boys & Girls) and Optimist (Boys & Girls) categories.

Headquarters Eastern Naval Command and TNSA worked tirelessly in organising the event concurrently with the India International Regatta. The top honours in Youth National Championship 2015 went to :

Category	Winners
29er (Open)	Anand Thakur
	Alankar Suryavanshi
RS One (Boys)	Dayne Coelho
Laser Radial (Boys)	Vishnu Sarvanan
Laser Radial (Girls)	Ramyra Sarvanan
Laser 4.7 (Boys)	Rishab Nayar
Optimist (Boys)	Chitresh Tatha
Optimist (Girls)	Harishta Tomar

India International Regatta -2015 at Chennai



The seventh India International Regatta and ASAF Youth Sailing Cup 2015 - 16 brought together 16 countries including host country India to vie for top honours.

The regatta had sailors participating from many countries across the world alongside huge contingent of indian sailors, providing them with ideal competition conditions and platform to prepare against the best sailors in the world. The swell in the number of participants both Indian and Foreign yachterspersons amply demonstrated the caliber and credentials of the event as one of the premier sailing events in the Asian sailing calander.



At a glittering Prize distribution ceremony, organised by TNSA, Dr. Malav Shroff, President Asian Sailing Federation gave away the prizes to the winners.

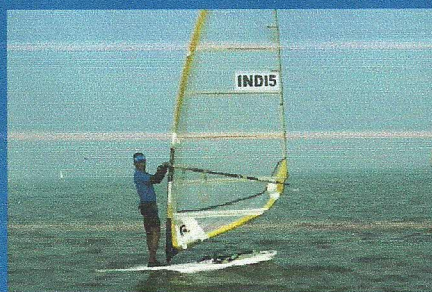
Podium Finishers in IIR 2015

Category	Winners	Country
29er (Open)	Casper Ladefoged Jakob P Jensen	Denmark
RS One (Boys)	Dayne Coelho	India
420 (Open)	Danish I Siddique Robin Singh	India
Laser Radial (Boys)	Vishnu Sarvanan	India
Laser Radial (Girls)	Ramya Sarvanan	India
Laser 4.7 (Boys)	Mohamed AOH	UAE
Laser 4.7 (Girls)	Nurul Rahma Ledha	Indonesia
Optimist (Boys)	Saif Saeed H Ali	UAE
Optimist (Girls)	Harishta Tomar	India

YAI Annual Awards - 2015

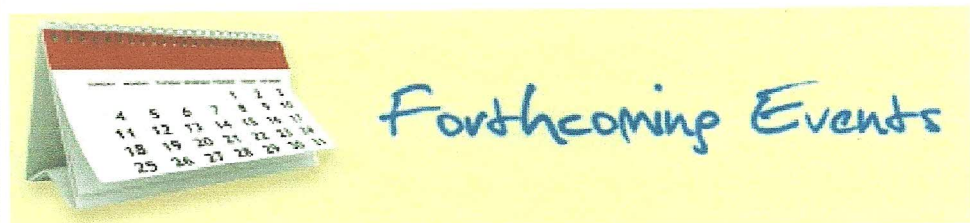
The YAI presents various awards to recognize the achievements of the members of the yachting fraternity. These awards are presented during the Annual General Body Meetings of the Yachting Association of India every year.

The President YAI, Admiral RK Dhowan PVSM AVSM YSM ADC presented the prestigious YAI Annual Awards for the year 2015 during the General Body Meeting held on 18 Nov 15.



The winners of the YAI Annual awards 2015 are:

<u>S No.</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Winners</u>
(a)	Admiral Kohli Trophy for promoting the sport of yachting	Mr Upendra Jain
(b)	E-in-C Trophy for most promising lady sailor.	Miss Nethra Kumanan
(c)	Admiral RH Tahiliani Trophy for the yachtsman of the year	Miss Harshita Tomar
(d)	Admiral Nadkarni Trophy for most promising yachtsman of the year	Master Dayne Coelho



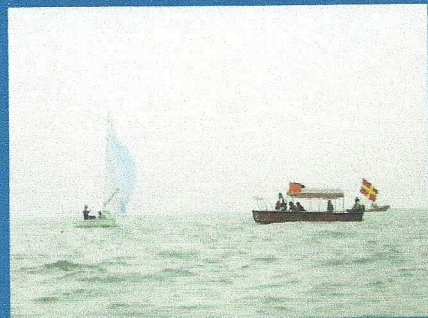
- Asian Sailing Federation EGOM at Abu Dhabi – 06 Mar16
- ASAF Asian Championship 2016 (Laser Standard, Laser Radial, 49er, 49er FX and RS:X (Men & Women) – Olympic Qualifier from 07 Mar to 12 Mar 2016

Obituary

Admiral RH Tahiliani (Retd)



Former President of YAI and Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Radhakrishna Hariram Tahiliani (Retd) passed away on 14 Oct 15 in New Delhi. He was elected as the President YAI from Jan,1985 to Nov, 1987. The YAI and the entire yachting community deeply mourns this loss, as his was a life of service, devotion, compassion and excellence. May his soul rest in peace.





A distinguished graduate of the French Test Pilot School and an outstanding pilot, he was the first to land on the deck of INS Vikrant on Sea Hawk fighter jet on May 18, 1961, ushering carrier-based aviation into the Indian Navy. He served as the 11th Naval Chief of the Indian Navy.

The YAI community is saddened by his loss and conveys heartfelt condolences and we hope that in a small way our prayers help the departed soul to rest in peace.

Comodore AS Bajwa (Retd)



On behalf of the YAI, our deepest condolences on the sad demise of our Treasurer, Comodore AS Bajwa, VSM (Retd). He will always be remembered for his incredible positive advice and zest for the betterment of the Association.

He was elected Treasurer of the YAI for the period 2008-2012 and once again from Aug 2013. He was also the Honorary Secretary General of

the YAI from Dec 1995 to Sep 1997 and again from Jun 2000 to Jun 2005.

The entire YAI community deeply mourns this loss, as his was a life of service, devotion, compassion and excellence. May his soul rest in peace.

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