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**YACHTING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**  
**STRATEGIC PLAN**  
**2020-2028**

## **YACHTING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA STRATEGIC PLAN**

1. **Introduction**. The YAI Sailing Performance and Development Committee (SPDC) needs to undertake a comprehensive review of the yachting/ sailing excellence framework in India and to create world class Centres of Excellence for Yachting.
2. The Committee is to be tasked to formulate the High Performance Sailing Strategic Plans based on the following: -
  - (a) The collective input from numerous individuals encompassing a broad area of expertise.
  - (b) Comparisons with international norms.
  - (c) Consultation from various stakeholders, including sailors, parents, coaches, club management, race officials, SAI and MYAS.
3. The Strategic Plan is to be based on the fundamental equation:  
$$\text{Talent} + \text{Training Quantity} + \text{Training Quality} = \text{Peak Performance}$$
4. The core strategies of the High Performance Sailing Strategic Plan should be:
  - (a) To attract and build a broad pool of TALENT.
  - (b) To boost TRAINING HOURS to match international norms.
  - (c) To ensure a high TRAINING EFFICIENCY.
5. The specific plans arising from the core strategies are to be implemented through the various Centres of Excellence for yachting, which will serve as the high performance arm of Indian sailing.

# **OVERVIEW**

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1. Indian sailing community has always been reliable in delivering medals at the Asian Games and Asian Sailing Championships, and we have also won medals against the Asian sailing powerhouses of China, Singapore, South Korea, and Japan. While we have progressed steadily in raising our standards, so too have other nations. The challenge is not only to maintain progress, but progress at a faster pace than others. Only then can we go beyond the Asian arena to produce medals at the World and Olympic level. Our Olympic dreams can be realised if we optimise our resources and aim for perfection in all our processes.

2. With this in mind, Yachting Association of India under directions and support from SAI and MYAS is to develop a high performance sailing strategy to support Indian Sailing's ongoing plans to meet the challenge to deliver a medal at the Olympics and other major World Championships. The first set of building blocks leading towards this challenge is to begin with the building of a broad base of sailors. This scheme can be best characterised by the successful implementation of the Optimist program, which will help in inducting several hundred regular youth competitors.

3. The Optimist and other youth programs in India have in recent years yielded some very good performances on the Asian-stage. Our sailors have performed well at Asian arena and have brought laurels by winning medals at Asian Sailing Championships and Asian Games. YAI believes that its current crop of talented young sailors puts the country in good stead for the future.

4. The Sailing Performance and Development Committee (SPDC) will have to initiate multi-stage consultative process that would encourage active participation and effective collaboration between stakeholders. The process should assist in the formation of the High Performance Sailing Strategic Plan (2020 – 2028), which is hoped will form a roadmap for India's Olympic aspirations in sailing.

5. To meet the Olympic target YAI recognizes it must strive hard in some core areas; namely continuing to build the Olympic and National squads, improving the efficiency of training delivery and in particular boosting training hours to meet international norms.

6. In India the competing time demands of school, university, and employment aspirations have made it difficult to deliver training and competition hours that are common in other strong sailing nations. The sailing demands are often outweighed by the demands of these other activities and hence the sailing standards required at the top level tend to be compromised. YAI can see that there is a necessity to address this issue if the country is to continue on the path of generating world-class sailors. This necessity has spawned the concept of the Centres of Excellence for Sailing.

7. YAI acknowledges the importance of school, university and employment aspirations and therefore is actively seeking ways to balance these activities with the sport of sailing, in the belief that with a strong working relationship between various constituencies, a balance can be found so that the ultimate aims of each of these pursuits are met.

8. YAI believes the country has what it takes to reach the Olympic pinnacle in sailing. India has the talent, the infrastructure and the support from clubs and Government. To bring it to reality is primarily a question of balance. Balance between the demands of training and competition and the educational, vocational, and employment goals of the sailor and the country.

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**2020-2028**

**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR**  
**YACHTING/ SAILING**

## **CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR YACHTING/ SAILING**

### **Objective**

1. The Centres of Excellence for Yachting are to be set up to implement the High Performance Sailing Strategic Plans.
2. To establish strong relationships with the various contributing constituencies, including clubs, schools, universities, employers, SAI and the MYAS.
3. To prepare training regimes for each class and to set standards for the sailors, including on-water and dry-land training hours, fitness levels, and competition benchmarks and to manage and monitor sailor progress.

### **Location**

4. The five Centres of Excellence for Yachting are proposed to be located at INWTC (Mumbai), INWTC (Goa), INWTC (Kochi), INWTC (Visakhapatnam) and COE/ Sailing Academy at Chennai.

### **Staffing**

5. The Centres of Excellence will be required to be staffed by full time Sports Administrators, Indian Coaches, Foreign Coaches, Sports Technical and Supporting staff.

### **Enrollment**

6. All Olympic and National Training Squad members will automatically be enrolled into the Centres of Excellence. A basic scouting exercise will be required to be undertaken to search for talents from the existing Naval Schools, Army Schools, NCC Cadets, SCC Cadets, Kendriya Vidyalayas and youth sailors already enrolled with various clubs.

**7. How do we make sailing Olympians in India?** Currently study, work, and employment aspiration demands outweigh sailing demands. Not enough time is attributed to training and competition to meet Olympic standard. Can cutting back on education and work demands contribute more time to sailing? Yes, Olympic standards will be met but sailors' future in terms of education and work commitments may suffer. Effort is required on behalf of sailors and organisations to achieve behavioural change in managing education, work and training demands and practices. This includes improved collaboration, long-term planning and time management. In this way the sporting, educational and vocational goals can be met.

## **STATEMENT OF CASE FOR CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR YACHTING/ SAILING**

1. The Armed Forces have been serving the country with utmost dedication in various roles and sports is one such area they have brought laurels to the country with an outstanding performance at both the National and International levels. Sports activities channelise the energy of our personnel in a positive direction, enhance their competitiveness, instill team spirit and significantly improve their physical and mental strength. Accordingly, the sports activities of the Armed Forces as well as the whole nation as such need an organised push and enhanced support from the Ministry of Sports.

2. The Sports Authority of India operates Centres of Excellence (COE) for several disciplines in the country and it is proposed setting up of CsOE for Sailing with an aim of winning medals at Olympics 2024 and 2028 and thereafter with the assistance of MYAS / SAI.

### **PROPOSAL**

3. It is proposed to set up a Centres of Excellence (CsOE) for Sailing at the following places:-

- (a) INWTC Mumbai
- (b) INWTC Goa
- (c) INWTC Kochi
- (d) INWTC Visakhapatnam
- (e) COE and Sailing Academy, Chennai

4. The CsOE would operate as regular venue for coaching camps for the best available talent in India. It would provide two or possibly three concurrent layers of highly skilled sports persons giving a wider choice of

talent, continuity for selection to National Teams and alternatively second/ third options for the National Teams.

5. The CsOE will also provide avenue for hosting National and International sailing events, develop the area as a whole to become a sailing destination for world-class sailors, open the door for new sailors, offer opportunities for more people to become involved and develop skills and will be an asset for the nation.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. The financial implications for infrastructure development and initial equipment procurement for the establishment of five CsOE for sailing are envisaged to be approx. Rs. 716 crores as follows:-

(a)	Infrastructure Development	-	500 Crs
(b)	Initial Equipment Procurement	-	185 Crs
(c)	Annual Recurring Cost	-	31 Crs

7. The Project, including daily operation cost of the COE on a scale similar to that of other CsOE, needs to be funded by SAI.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

8. The Navy has always been at the forefront of the sport of Sailing and a number of Naval personnel have brought laurels to the Country by winning medals at various International competitions including the Asian Sailing Championships, the Asian Games and World Championships. However, an Olympic Medal has eluded the Naval as well as National Yachtsmen till now.

9. In order to provide training to elite sports persons in Sailing with the aim of winning medals at Olympics, creation of a COE is considered an essential requirement. The Centre would provide two or possibly three

concurrent layers of highly skilled yachtsmen, thereby creating a large pool of talent. Further, the Centre will also become a venue for National and International Sailing events and provide opportunity to large number of sportsmen to participate in such events.

10. Once created, the Centres will be an asset for the Navy and the Nation as it would become a sailing destination for world class sailors. It would also open the doors for new sailors, offer opportunities for more people to become involved and develop skills in outdoor activities.

11. The details of proposed infrastructure, Equipment and recurring cost are placed at Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C' respectively.

## **CONCLUSION**

12. The CsOE for Sailing would provide World class training facilities to the Yachtsmen having potential to win medals at higher international level competitions. Further, it would also enable creation of a large pool of trained yachtsmen for selection of a competent National Squad. As a result, the CsOE would facilitate realisation of our most cherished aim of winning an Olympic medal.

**Appendix 'A'**

**DETAILS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSED TO BE CREATED AT  
FIVE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (CsOE)**

<b><u>Ser.</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>	<b><u>Approx. Cost per centre (Rs. In crores)</u></b>	<b><u>Approx. Cost of Five Centres (Rs. In crores)</u></b>
1.	Accommodation for 250 Men & Women	30.00	150.00
2.	Accommodation for 20 Coaches & Support Staff	10.00	50.00
3.	Changing Rooms for 200 Competitors	9.00	45.00
4.	Dinghy Parking & Launching Facility	9.00	45.00
5.	Gymnasium & Fitness Centre	8.00	40.00
6.	Launching & Recovery Ramp	18.00	90.00
7.	Dining Hall, Auditorium and Lecture Rooms (Wet & Dry)	16.00	80.00
	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	100.00	500.00

TOTAL cost of infrastructure for Five Centres = Rs. 500.00 Crores approx.

**Appendix 'B'**

**LIST OF EQUIPMENT TO BE PROCURED FOR  
FIVE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (CsOE)**

<b><u>Ser.</u></b>	<b><u>Equipment</u></b>	<b><u>Qty per Centre</u></b>	<b><u>Approx Unit Cost (Rs. In Lakhs)</u></b>	<b><u>Approx Cost per centre (Rs. In Lakhs)</u></b>	<b><u>Approx Cost for five centres (Rs. In Lakhs)</u></b>
1.	Optimist Boats	100	2	200	1000
2.	29er Boats	15	10	150	750
3.	420 Class	15	8	120	600
4.	Laser 4.7	20	6	120	600
5.	Nacra 15	10	40	400	2000
6.	RS:One	20	3.5	70	350
7.	Laser Boats (Std and Radial)	40	6	240	1200
8.	49er Boats	15	30	450	2250
9.	49erFX Boats	15	30	450	2250
10.	470	20	12	240	1200
11.	Nacra 17	20	42	840	4200
12.	RS:X Windsurfing	20	3.5	70	350
13.	Kiteboard	20	3.5	70	350
14.	Keelboat (two persons)	5	21	105	525
15.	RIBs	5	20	100	500
16.	Rescue Boats	5	12	60	300
	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>			3685	18425

TOTAL cost of equipment for Five Centres = Rs. 185.00 Crores approx.

**Appendix 'C'**

**DETAILS OF ANNUAL RECURRING EXPENDITURE AT  
FIVE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (CsoS)**

<b><u>Ser.</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>	<b><u>Approx. Cost for Per Centre</u></b>	<b><u>Approx. Cost for Five centres</u></b>
1.	Food Charges @ Rs. 350/day for 250 Sailors	31937500	159687500
2.	Coaching Fee for 05 coaches @ Rs. 100000/month/coach	6000000	30000000
3.	Salary to 04 Physiotherapist/Doctor and support staff @ Rs. 100000/month/person	4800000	24000000
4.	Salary to 05 Boat Operators @ Rs. 40000/month/person	1920000	9600000
5.	Salary to 01 High Performance Foreign Coach @ US\$ 10000/month (inclusive of accommodation, transport etc)	10000000	50000000
6.	Sailing Kit @ Rs. 10000/sailor/per year	2500000	12500000
7.	Foreign Training and Participation per year	5000000	25000000
	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	62157500	310787500

TOTAL cost of Annual Recurring Expenditure for Five Centres = Rs. 31.00  
crores (Approx)

**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR**  
**KAYAKING & CANOEING AND ROWING**

## **STATEMENT OF CASE FOR CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR KAYAKING & CANOEING AND ROWING**

1. The Armed Forces Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing teams have made rapid strides over last few years and continue to perform well despite several infrastructures constrains. Armed Forces have the potential to become a major stakeholder in these water sports, provided better sporting facilities are made available to them.

2. **Existing Facilities.** The Navy Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing teams were set up in 1989 and 2015 respectively on the banks of the already dying channel near Katari Bagh, Kochi. The teams had just a handful of paddlers and skeletal infrastructure with no major stakes in the sport at the time. They continue to practice in the Kochi traffic of motorized civil boats which pose severe limitation and make it unsuitable for any meaningful rowing activity. The standard length of straight race tracks required for Rowing and Kayaking & Canoeing are 2.5 Km and 01 Km respectively. The length of race track available at Katari Bagh, Kochi channel is 750 m and additional 350 m is available after a 30 degree bend, which is grossly inadequate for real time practice/ evaluation or competition.

3. **Node at Ezhimala.** In order to win medals at Asian/ World Championships/ Asian Games/ Olympics, the Naval paddlers and rowers need to be provided contemporary infrastructure and practice track akin to that available at international championships venues. The back waters with a long straight stretch of nearly still water body at Ezhimala provide an ideal location for the sport to evolve and prosper. When fully developed, the Naval Node would be the best venue for Rowing, Kayaking & Canoeing available anywhere in India. It meets all conditions of standard race track and availability of the 18.5 Km long stretch for practice in Kavvayi back waters is ideal for developing endurance and stamina of rowers and paddlers. National Rowing Championships have also been conducted at Ezhimala in the past and interaction with RFI officials indicates that it is amongst the best locations in the country.

4. The under-mentioned initial infrastructure/ requirements are essential for shifting of Navy teams from Kochi and other top national athletes to INA Ezhimala. It is proposed to provide a fresh project for Navy Kayaking &

Canoeing and Rowing teams at existing old boat pool, INA, Ezhimala with all the initial required amenities such as POL Store, Boat shed, Store room, changing room attached with bath room and toilets etc.

5. The scope of work for provisioning of Navy Canoeing & Kayaking and Rowing team Node at Old Boat Pool, INA Ezhimala and associated initial infrastructure is enumerated in the succeeding paragraphs.

6. Selection of Site.

(a) Keeping in view the user's functional requirements the Old boat pool, INA Ezhimala has been identified as the best suited site for Node which is situated nearer to Fighter Squadron.

(b) **Soil Investigation**. Soil investigation may be carried out as required for deciding the type of foundation.

(c) **Site Conditions**. The site area is uneven, undulated and covered with huge trees, digs and boulders. Space utilisation of the site is to be carried out in a manner to cater for any envisaged future expansion. The disturbances thus made to the environment should be compensated by adequate landscaping.

(d) **Availability of Water**. The main fresh water line can be used for this new project to cater for full water requirements as per authorisation.

(e) **Availability of Electricity**. The electrical supply in the area is through existing local electricity board at Ezhimala and appropriate electric supply at proposed site/ building shall be taken from the nearby available transformer as per load requirements.

(f) **Sewage Disposal**. The existing sewage line of fighter squadron which will further connect to the proposed site.

(g) **Drainage**. A network of suitable covered drainage to be provided which should merge with the nearby storm drainage.

(h) **Tree Cutting**. Suitable number of trees needs to be cut at proposed site.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS AND SCOPE OF WORK**

7. The proposed infrastructure required at the old boat pool for navy kayaking, canoeing and rowing node at INA Ezhimala is enumerated in the subsequent paragraphs.

8. **Earth Filling**. The proposed site for construction is a low coast line area. The area needs to be suitably raised by filling earth.

9. **Layout facilities**. The area for construction of various infrastructures being low coast line and undulated is required to be developed by earth filling. The proposed infrastructure to be constructed as POL Store, Boat washing station and Boat shed etc.

### **B/R Works**

10. **POL Store**. The teams will use the motor boats for safety and monitoring purposes during training sessions. The certain amount of fuel (Petrol and 2t Oil) is essentially required for motor boats towards smooth operations. Further, to keep these highly inflammable petroleum products safely, the construction of new POL store is mandatory. The specifications and necessary requirements are appended below:-

- (a) Dimensions of the building is 5m X 5m X 3m (L x W x H).
- (b) Provision of RCC roof top permanent structure.
- (c) Provision of sand filled floor inside the building.
- (d) Provision of sufficient ventilation/ metal window.
- (e) Provision of adequate metal door.
- (f) Provision of fire safety equipment inside and outside the building.

11. **Boat Washing Station**. Due to Kavvayi back (Salty) water condition, after every training session used boats are required to be washed by fresh water to maintain its long serviceability. Hence a hard standing structure

with fresh water line fittings is essentially required at proposed site. Dimensions and specifications for boat washing station is appended below:-

- (a) Dimensions are 15m X 5m (L x W).
- (b) Provision of anti-slip RCC Surface.
- (c) Provision of adequate water drainage slopes in and around the hard platform.
- (d) Provision of Six water taps with the gap of 2.5 m in between.
- (e) Provision of water pipe line with water connection.

12. **Fresh Boat Shed and Type of Boat Shed**. The existing temporary shed is in perished condition and not been in use from many years. Further, the team is presently holding 150 various types of Rowing, Kayak & Canoe boats which are very expensive in nature and seeks regular maintenance through systematic stowing system. The existing shed by its virtue of present condition will not be sufficient to accommodate above number of boats. To avoid rusting of costly boats and its accessories the proposed shed of (30m X 40m X 5m) (L X W X H) and other requirements and specifications are enumerated below:-

- (a) Provision of permanent RCC Structured wall at three side of the building.
- (b) Provision of five shutter doors at sea facing side of building (4m X 4m) (W X H).
- (c) Provision of RCC asbestos sheets at roof top to avoid rust and to enable proper ventilation.
- (d) Provision of sufficient ventilation at building.
- (e) Provision of drainage around the structure.
- (f) Provision of hard surface inside the boat shed.

13. **Provision of Stowing Boats Accessories.** For smooth utility and maintenance of the boats, 50 both sided and 16 one sided arms/ beam (eight right & left each) stowing racks are extremely essential and to be fixed permanently inside the boat shed in specific alignments to store 200 boats at a time. The specifications and other requirements are as enumerated below:-

(a) Provision of permanent both sided of iron racks (2.1m X 2m) H x W).

(b) The arms end of iron pipe should be covered by rubber plastic layers.

14. **Additional Requirements.** The additional requirements for Navy Canoeing & Kayaking and Rowing Node are as follows:-

(a) **Repair/ Upgradation of existing Slip Way.** The existing slipway at old boat pool is of old vintage which needs to be upgraded to meet the standard requirement of proposed Kayaking Node. The following works are required to be undertaken to match the proposed standards:-

(i) Provision of repairs for damaged slipway.

(ii) Provision of extension of slipway upto 03 m from existing length.

(b) **Changing Room & Store Room.** Construction of an enclosed changing room (20m X 5m X 3m) (L x W x H) and a Store room (8m X 5m X 3m) (L x W x H) provided with suitable plug points of 5/15 Amps. All switch sockets are to be of the recessed modular variety.

## **E/M Works**

15. **Internal Electrification.**

(a) **Wiring.** Concealed wiring in high quality conduits with all plug points, switches, fan regulators, ceiling rods etc. to be provided in boat shed store room and changing room. Additional conduits of necessary size and specification are to be provided to facilitate

passing of cable for internet and telephone connection. Boat shed, store room and changing room are to be provided with suitable plug points of 5/15 Amps. All switch sockets are to be of the recessed modular variety.

(b) **Lights and fans**. LED tube lights with fittings are to be provided in boat shed, store room and changing room including covered terrace, All other places are to be provided with LED lamps with associated fittings/ fixtures. Fans are to be provided in store room and changing room. Exhaust fans are to be in all toilets as per authorization.

(c) **Plug Points**. Plug points of 5/15 Amps are to be provided as per authorised scale in boat shed, store room and changing room.

(d) Powder Coated MCBs, DBs and JB's as per E-in-C Policy directives/ specifications are to be provided.

(e) **Restoration of Cables for Communication (Telephone & fax)**. The Telephone/ Fax wiring/ Socket connection to the proposed Canoeing & Kayaking and Rowing Node restored through telephone exchange and all external wiring in the buildings are to be undertaken in the electrical chute only.

(f) **Restoration of Electricity**. The electrical supply to the proposed Canoeing & Kayaking and Rowing Node to be restored and shall be taken from the existing nearby transformer.

(g) **Electric Connection at POL Store**. No Electric Points are required in and around the POL store due to the safety guidelines.

## 16. **External Electrification**

(a) **Street lights**: Provision of LED street lights are proposed site as per authorization is recommended for security / safety guidelines.

## **JUSTIFICATION**

17. The Navy is woefully short of basic Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing infrastructure and above mentioned initial requirements would be essential at old boat pool for shifting of Navy teams. This has proved to be major deterrent in inducting potential talent and excelling at these sports. A lot of impetus will therefore need to be given at every level to successfully establish the Node at Ezhimala, so as to enable the teams to excel.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

18. The appropriate financial implication towards the above mentioned work is to be ascertained by the concerned authorities.

## **CONCLUSION**

19. In view of the above it is proposed that approval may kindly be accorded to undertake the fresh project for making of initial infrastructure at INA Ezhimala for shifting of Navy Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing teams from Kochi to INA Ezhimala.

**SAI CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR  
KAYAKING & CANOEING AND ROWING AT BHOPAL**

1. It is proposed that the existing SAI Centre of Excellence for Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing at Bhopal be handed over to Indian Navy.
2. All National Training Squad members including athletes from Armed Forces will automatically be enrolled into the Centres of Excellence. A basic scouting exercise will be required to be undertaken to search for talents from the existing Naval Schools, Army Schools, NCC Cadets, SCC Cadets, Kendriya Vidyalayas and youth athletes already enrolled with various clubs.
3. The Centre of Excellence will be required to be staffed by full time Sports Administrators, Indian Coaches, Foreign Coaches, Sports Technical and Supporting staff funded by MYAS/ SAI.
4. In order to provide training to elite sports persons in Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing with the aim of winning medals at Olympics, creation of a COE is considered an essential requirement. The Centre would provide two or possibly three concurrent layers of highly skilled athletes, thereby creating a large pool of talent. Further, the Centre will also become a venue for National and International Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing events and provide opportunity to large number of sportsmen to participate in such events.
5. Once created, the Centre will be an asset for the Navy and the Nation as it would become a Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing destination for world class athletes. It would also open the doors for new athletes, offer opportunities for more people to become involved and develop skills in outdoor activities.

**NEW INTEGRATED CENTRE OF**  
**EXCELLENCE FOR**  
**KAYAKING & CANOEING, ROWING,**  
**SWIMMING, DIVING AND WATER POLO**

**INDIAN NAVY INTEGRATED CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR  
KAYAKING & CANOEING AND ROWING, SWIMMING, DIVING AND  
WATER POLO AT BHOPAL**

1. It is proposed that in the long term Indian Naval Centre of Excellence for Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing and other water sports like swimming, diving and water polo at Bhopal may be developed.
2. All National Training Squad members including athletes from Armed Forces will automatically be enrolled into the Centres of Excellence. A basic scouting exercise will be required to be undertaken to search for talents from the existing Naval Schools, Army Schools, NCC Cadets, SCC Cadets, Kendriya Vidyalayas and youth athletes already enrolled with various clubs.
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## **NAVY BOYS SPORTS COMPANY**

1. **Background.** Indian Navy's first Boys Sports Company in the sailing Discipline was set up at INS Mandovi in Jul 17. This is a joint venture between the Indian Navy and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Promising boys in the age group of 12 to 15 years were inducted for sailing coaching in the first two batches. This strength is likely to increase to 20 in the next two years.
  
2. **Aim.** The aim of the set-up is to have boys with talent in the discipline of sailing inducted at an early age. Subsequently, these young yachtsmen be groomed and inducted in the Navy.
  
3. **Proposals for the Future.** NBSC intake may be progressively increased to 250 post establishment of the new Integrated Centre of Excellence at Bhopal which should be catering for the sport of Sailing, Kayaking, Canoeing, Rowing, Swimming, Diving and Water polo.