

MINUTES OF YAI COUNCIL MEETING 02 / 2004
HELD ON 16 NOV 04 AT MUMBAI

1. The Council Meeting 02 / 2004 was held at 1640 hrs on 16 Nov 04 at Conference Room, Western Naval Command Officers' Mess, Colaba, Mumbai. The following were present :-

President

Admiral Arun Prakash PVSM, AVSM, VrC, VSM, ADC.

Members

Lt Gen Mathew Mammen AVSM,VSM* - Executive Vice President.
V Adm Madanjit Singh PVSM,AVSM - President , National Enterprise Assn.
Lt Gen AK Chopra AVSM Commandant NDA – Co-opted Member.
Lt Gen BS Dhalival AVSM,VSM - President , National Optimist Assn.
Maj Gen Dutta (Retd)– President , 420 Class Assn.
Maj Gen Rajendra Singh AVSM, VSM -Exec Vice President, Laser Class Assn.
Mr Rabi Ahuja – Chairman, Indian National Cadet Class Assn.
Lt Cdr F Tarapore (Retd) – President, Match Racing Assn.
Mr Cyrus Heerjee – President Lightning Assn of India.
Mr Ajay Balram, Chairman Racing Rules and Appeals Committee.
Capt RA Jaiswal - Secretary, Offshore Sailing Assn.
Mr Anil Madgaonkar – Secretary, Board Sailing Assn.
Miss Shibani Sachdev – Co-opted Member.
R Adm R Chopra VSM – Hon Treasurer.
Cmde AS Bajwa VSM - Hon Secretary General.
Cdr AS Raghuvanshi - Hon Jt Secy General.

Item I – Address by President

2. At the outset, the President welcomed the Council Members to the meeting and sought their whole hearted co-operation for the further development of this sport. He emphasized that, apart from achieving excellence at the international level, a much greater effort should be made for the broad-basing of this sport.

3. He placed on record YAI's deep gratitude to Admiral Madhvendra Singh for his significant contributions, both during his tenure as the President of NEA and thereafter as the President of YAI. During his tenure at the helm, the YAI had grown in stature and its financial status had also improved significantly.

4. Thereafter, the President welcomed the following new members :-

(a) **Miss Shibani Sachdev** of the RBYC, as a co-opted lady member. He stated that the YAI looked forward to her active participation and that the YAI had high expectations from her, in the context of increasing participation of ladies in this sport. He also requested for close monitoring of the coaching of the more talented lady sailors.

(b) **Lt Gen AK Chopra**, Commandant NDA, as a co-opted member. The President highlighted NDA's traditional support for sailing and the Commandant assured the Council that such support would be continued.

(c) **V Adm SCS Bangara**, President Offshore Sailing Association (OSA), was welcomed in absentia, as the President OSA could not attend the meeting due to service exigencies.

(d) **Lt Gen BS Dhalival**, President National Optimist Association, who has taken over from Lt Gen Yash Malhotra on his retirement.

5. The President also placed on record the gratitude of the YAI to the outgoing Members of the YAI Council for their contribution to this sport.

6. He appreciated the continued achievements of India's top yachtsmen in international events. He congratulated Nitin Mongia for winning the Bronze medal at the OK Dinghy Worlds in UK and the Enterprise team, of Aashim Mongia & Lt Amit Arvind, for winning the Bronze medal at the Enterprise Worlds in Ireland.

7. The President pointed out with regret that sailing had remained narrow based over the past few decades, though we did produce some excellent sailors who won medals at the international level. He felt that those who had excelled themselves had not adequately repaid their debt to the sport by helping to broaden the participation base. He stressed the need to bring young people into this sport and emphasized that a much greater effort towards a wider participation base would strengthen the foundations of this sport and automatically produce future medal winners as well. He appreciated President NEA's efforts in providing incentives and encouragement to youngsters. A concerted effort must now be made to achieve this broad-basing, along with the preparations for the next Asian Games and Olympics 2008. He stated that the aim should now be to get a new generation into this sport.

8. The President then requested the HSG to progress the agenda points.

Item No. II – Review of Minutes of Last Council Meeting (05 Jun 04)

9. The Council discussed the issues emanating from the previous Council Meeting, as summarized below.

10. **Affiliation of Class Associations (para 3(c)(vi) of Minutes)**. The HSG clarified that the norms for affiliation of clubs were finalized at the last Council Meeting. The norms for affiliation of Class Associations, formulated by the Committee under Mr Ajay Balram, had been circulated and the Council discussed their adoption. The following views emerged:-

(a) Lt Gen Mathew Mammen and Lt Gen BS Dhaliwal objected to the proposed norms and queried the basis on which the norms had been formulated.

(b) Mr Anil Madgaonkar recommended that, as a policy, Class Associations be formed for each of the classes to be sailed in the Asian Games and the Olympics. Also, these Class Associations should be in Category 'A' and on the YAI Council.

(c) Mr Rabi Ahuja brought out that the classes for Asian Games and Olympics could change every four years and creation of Class Associations for them was neither essential nor a pre-requisite. These classes could be supported and monitored directly by the YAI, as was done for the past few years. He pointed out that participation in 470 class events had been supported for many years without forming a Class Association. The criteria of having adequate number of boats for forming Class Associations should not be linked with Asian Games and Olympics, as an individual could be nominated to look after these classes, if they did not have a Class Association.

(d) Mr Ajay Balram explained the factors on basis of which the Committee had formulated the affiliation norms:-

(i) In the past, Class Associations with just two boats had a seat on the YAI Council. They neither worked towards broad-basing of the sport, nor conducted any National championships. They finally faded away.

(ii) The Committee considered it necessary to insist on Class Associations having a certain minimum number of boats before being affiliated. This would ensure adequate availability of boats to give a meaningful start to a new Class Association and enable the conduct of a regatta, or a championship.

(iii) There should also be a differentiation between Class Associations that maintain only the "minimum" number of boats, as compared to those that significantly increase the number of boats, thereby enabling a much larger participation base.

(iv) Granting affiliation for just a few boats of a class would not result in broad-basing of the sport.

(v) Similarly, having a seat on the YAI Council does not necessarily promote broad-basing, or the achievement of excellence, as has been experienced in the past.

(vi) The draft norms were made with a view that the Class Associations that have enough boats would truly be working for broad-basing this sport and should, therefore, be eligible for membership of the YAI Council.

11. **Decision.** It was decided to further deliberate on this issue and discuss it at the next Council Meeting.

Action : HSG / Mr Ajay Balram

12. **Corrections / Revision of YAI Constitution (para 3(c(vii)))**. The slow progress in revising the YAI Constitution was discussed. The HSG suggested that the activity be made time-bound.

13. **Decision**. The draft amendments to the YAI Constitution are to be submitted by the Re-drafting Committee latest by 31 Mar 05.

Action: Mr Ajay Balram / Re-drafting Committee

14. **Introduction of a Bye Law for Balloting Procedure (para 13)**. The HSG stated that the draft bye law for postal balloting procedure, prepared by President 420 Class Association, was earlier circulated to all members and no objections / comments were received.

15. **Decision**. The Bye Law was approved by the Council. Copy placed at **Appendix 'A'**. The same is to be incorporated in the revision of the YAI Constitution.

Action: Mr Ajay Balram / Re-drafting Committee

16. **Review of YAI's Committees (para 18)**. During the previous Council Meeting, it had been emphasized that an individual should not head more than one of the YAI's Committees and this had been accepted by the Council. The HSG explained that, as Cmde SK Mongia (Retd) was heading the Awards Committee as well as the Race Management Committee, this issue had been considered by the outgoing President YAI and his views were as follows:-

(a) The Awards Committee should be chaired by Delhi based Exec. Vice President. As he was not personally involved in coaching of competitors, or the running of a Class Association, the possibility or perception of any bias in the processing of recommendations for awards, would also be minimized.

(b) Being Delhi based, he could also pursue the recommendations with the MoYAS to the extent feasible.

17. Whilst the Council agreed with the above, Mr Rabi Ahuja also brought out that the Race Management Committee should preferably be headed by a duly qualified International Race Officer, such as Brig AP Singh and Cdr HD Motivala. As Cdr Motivala is already looking after the Training Committee and is the Chief National Coach, it would be appropriate that Brig AP Singh head the Race Management Committee. This was supported by the President 420 Class Association and other members.

18. **Decisions**. The Council unanimously decided that :-

(a) The Awards Committee be chaired by the Delhi based Exec VP, viz Lt Gen Mathew Mammen.

(b) The Race Management Committee be chaired by Brig AP Singh.

Action: YAI Secretariat

19. **YAI Web-site (para 19)**. The HSG explained that M/s B2C Systems Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, had been identified to host the YAI's Website. The credentials of the firm and their cost projections had been checked by the appropriate Directorates in NHQ. The initial cost would be Rs.60,000/-and the annual recurring charges would be Rs. 45,600/-. The site would soon be activated. The HSG requested all Council Members to expedite the submission of suitable data, write-ups, digital imagery, etc.

20. **Decision**. The Council accepted the selection of M/s B2C Systems Pvt Ltd, New Delhi and requested all Council Members, Class Associations and member clubs to expedite their material for the website.

Action: Council Members, Class Associations, Member Clubs/HSG

21. **Change of Name of YAI (para 20)**. The HSG apprised the Council that changing over from "Yachting" to "Sailing" would be a long and tedious process. The YAI was registered under the Societies Act at Kolkatta in 1960 – 61 and amendments would be necessary in various Govt. orders and records, including the MoYAS, SAI, Ministry of Finance, Deptt of Customs and Income Tax authorities. The general opinion was that though a change of nomenclature was not mandatory, it should be implemented. The Council also discussed various options for the new title and "**Sailing Federation of India (SAFIND)**" was considered most suitable.

22. **Decision**. The change of nomenclature from "Yachting Association of India" to "**Sailing Federation of India (SAFIND)**" is to be progressed and brought into force by 01 Apr 2006.

Action : YAI Secretariat

23. There were no other issues pertaining to the previous Council Meeting. Mr Rabi Ahuja proposed the passing of the minutes, seconded by Maj Gen S Dutta.

Item III – Honorary Secretary General's Report

24. The Honorary Secretary General presented his report on activities since the last Council Meeting. The report is placed at **Appendix 'B'**.

Item IV - Need to Define the "Mission" of YAI

25. Mr Rabi Ahuja explained his views regarding the need to define the "**objectives**" and "**mission**" of the YAI. For many years the focus has been on winning medals at the International level. This process has met the aspirations of only a few sailors, whilst the vast majority at the grass-roots level has been neglected. To reach the pinnacle of sailing at the Olympics, we need to popularize the sport and ensure its growth, both in numbers and the standards of performance. The emphasis should be to encompass all those who go afloat in boats, whether to just "muck around", or those who sail to relax, or to cruise

around the harbour, or to participate in club races, as also those seeking to win in various championships at the National level and also those aspiring to excel at International levels. The emphasis has repeatedly been that the Govt. will increase the support if our yachtsmen win medals abroad. But, despite the medals, yachting has not been given Category 'A' status.

26. Mr Ahuja also emphasized that the sailing clubs should be the YAI's most powerful assets. It is the club that has members, boats and infrastructure. Hence, the YAI should strengthen the activities at the club level. Maj Gen Dutta (Retd) brought out that it was equally important to broad-base the sport and to work towards winning medals at the international level. Hence, the funding ratio for these two causes could be looked into. Lt Gen Mammen stated that broad-basing of the sport was a must and has to be a long term goal, to be achieved over 10-15 years. The ways and means for achieving this broad basing should be looked into.

27. The President YAI agreed with Mr Rabi Ahuja that the total focus on winning medals at the International level was hampering the spread of the sport. He felt that the sport had got focused exclusively on a few personalities, and their chances of winning medals, while the broad basing aspect had been totally neglected. The winning of a few medals at international level had not really attracted the youth in adequate numbers. Every eminent yachtsman should by now have trained at least 30-40 youngsters, and it was a matter of regret that this had not happened. The talented sailors should certainly work towards achieving high performances at the International level, but the main aim of the YAI Council should be to promote youngsters to take up sailing in ever increasing numbers and this building-up of the participation base will automatically result in future medal winners.

Item V –Review the Status of Sailing at Club, Regional & National Levels in Various Classes and to Look into Increasing Participation in Various Classes

28. Mr Rabi Ahuja explained his views and suggestions, as summarised below:-

- (a) Work towards growth of sailing both in numbers and standards.
- (b) Invest only in events and activities that bring a tangible contribution to the popularity of sailing.
- (c) Have a dedicated programme for increasing the number of young sailors and nurturing them.
- (d) To have a balance between the training of those who have potential for winning at the international level, as also for the young people starting out in the sport.
- (e) There is a need to have a volunteer support strategy, which should encompass recruiting, retaining, recognizing and rewarding the volunteers.

- (f) If we intend to run the organization efficiently, payments to coaches, measurers, judges and race management officials / personnel should be catered for.
- (g) Accountability from each person involved in the growth of sailing.
- (h) Make it mandatory for those participating in International events with Govt / YAI support, to pay back to the sport by training other sailors at various levels.
- (j) Setting up of at least six sailing centres across the country.
- (k) Setting up of a Fund Raising Committee.
- (l) There is a need to form a Committee to prepare an action plan aimed at achieving broad-basing and a boost to sailing.

29. Mr Rabi Ahuja also brought out that apart from RBYC, no other club has a dedicated sailing programme. He mentioned that our yachtsmen have participated in eight Asian Games and taking an average of four classes at each of the Asian Games, there would have been 32 Gold, 32 Silver and 32 Bronze medals to be won. However, our total medal tally stands at 1 Gold, 4 Silver and 10 Bronze medals at the Asian Games. At World Championships, India has participated in Board, Cadet, Enterprise, Laser, OK Dinghy, Optimist, 420 and 470 classes, totaling over 60 events in which we have won only 5 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze medals.

30. Maj Gen Dutta (Retd) brought out that a few eminent yachtspersons are already imparting training. However, others may not be able to do so due to various reasons. It should not be made mandatory for all eminent yachtspersons to impart training. He stated that promoting the sport of sailing can principally be done by the Class Association and not by the YAI Council.

31. The President YAI brought out that the Navy, Army and Sea Cadet Corps are the principal boat owners and promoters of sailing activities. Thus, there is a need to achieve synergy for these three organizations and not pull in different directions. In this context he pointed out that while the Army was making laudable efforts at creating a sailing node in Mumbai, the whole project had remained shrouded in secrecy and no information was available to the sailing fraternity. Mr Cyrus Heerjee proposed that the infrastructure and equipment of the Army and the Navy be made available to the civilian sailing clubs. It was clarified that the Navy was already providing all possible support. The President YAI emphasized that the sailing clubs should be apprised of the mandatory sailing activities and coaching camps that they are required to run, failing which they could lose their YAI affiliation. Ms Shibani Sachdev stressed the need for raising funds for promotion of sailing and proposed that a committee be formed which should be made accountable for broad-basing the sport.

32. Mr Rabi Ahuja brought out that the Class Associations are not planning to properly utilize the young sailors after their training and experience in the Optimist class. There should be a planned and seamless transition from the Optimist to the other classes.

33. Maj Gen Dutta (Retd) brought out that a large number of children were unable to take up this sport as they were not members of any sailing club. A beginning has been made in this regard by forming a sailing federation at Chowpatty, Mumbai, with himself as a trustee. Efforts are being made to introduce sailing to school children on a nominal payment at the H2O Watersports Complex at Chowpatty, Mumbai. He also stated that Ms Shibani Sachdev had volunteered to coach.

34. RAdm R Chopra stated that the NCC had a wide base in the country and could be instrumental in promoting sailing. The President YAI accepted the suggestion and opined that this matter be progressed through the ADG NCC, who should be co-opted to the YAI Council.

35. **Decision.** It was decided to appoint a **Committee on Revitalisation of Sailing**, which would formulate an action plan for the broad-basing of this sport and consider all other related issues, including the raising of funds. The Committee is to submit its report at the earliest and this issue would be reviewed at the next YAI Council Meeting. The Committee would comprise of the following:-

(a)	Mr Rabi Ahuja	Chairman
(b)	Lt Gen AK Chopra	Member
(c)	Lt Gen BS Dhalival	Member
(d)	RAdm R Chopra	Member
(e)	Lt. Cdr F Tarapore (Retd)	Member
(f)	Ms Shibani Sachdev	Member

Action : Committee on Revitalisation of Sailing

Item VI –Functioning of YAI Committees and How to Bring Out Better Involvement of Those on These Committees

36. Mr Rabi Ahuja highlighted the need for monitoring the functioning of the YAI's Committees. He felt that some Committees were not making adequate effort to progress their tasks. There should be seminars, workshops and training camps for Racing Rules, Measurers, Race Management and the development of coaches. These activities will enable the clubs and the sailing community to develop their capabilities. There was also need for greater involvement of the members of these Committees in the planning and conduct of various sailing events and championships.

37. **Decision.** The President directed that the Committees must be much more pro-active and the HSG is to schedule mandatory activities into the YAI Calendar, alongwith the main yachting events.

Action : Chairman of Committees / YAI Secretariat

Item VII – Selection of Classes for Olympic–2008

38. The HSG informed the Council that the Chief National Coach has suggested the following classes for YAI's preparation campaign for Olympic 2008:-

- (a) Keelboat - Men
- (b) Double handed dinghy - Men
- (c) Single handed dinghy - Open
- (d) Windsurfing - Men

39. During the prolonged discussions on this issue the following views emerged:-

(a) Lt Gen Dhalival suggested that we should not support the Keelboat, as these are expensive and no club has plans to procure them. He also indicated that the Army would support the 49er and 29er classes, for which procurement was already in progress. Based on this input, the Council decided to include "Double Handed Dinghy – Open" to the above list for Olympics 2008 campaign.

(b) Maj Gen Dutta (Retd) stated that the Keelboat (Men) should be dropped, as it is an expensive boat and was not held with clubs. This was supported by Lt Gen Mathew Mammen and Lt Gen Dhalival.

(c) Maj Gen Rajendra Singh stated that the LCAI would be concentrating only on promoting the Laser class.

(d) Mr Anil Madgaonkar supported the 49er and Laser classes. He hoped that enough boats would be procured to enable conduct of training and National championships for a meaningful selection to represent the country.

(e) Lt Cdr F Tarapore supported the retention of Keelboat (Men). The Navy and some civilian members have keel boats and more such boats are likely to be available in future.

(f) The HSG suggested that the efforts of the past three years to prepare for Olympics 2004 should not be wasted, but considered as an investment to be built upon. As valuable experience had been gained, the competitors should also not shift to other classes.

40. The President YAI emphasized the need for synergy and much greater sharing of information on the plans for procurement of new classes, so that the YAI could make more realistic plans for the Olympics. He urged that the reps from the Army and Navy discuss their plans with the HSG, so that the availability of boats of the relevant classes for Olympics and Asian Games was established.

41. The discussion then focused on the invitation entry for 49er class in Olympics 2004, as summarized below:-

(a) Maj Gen Rajendra Singh expressed the view that Sub Rajesh Choudhary had been unfairly denied an invitation entry, despite his creditable performance in the qualifying events.

(b) The HSG clarified that the ISAF and the IOC are the authorities to decide the invitation entries. Such entries do not give priority to competitors who have "just missed" qualification. The ISAF's e-mails explaining their procedure had been forwarded earlier to all Council Members. As the MNA, the YAI could only request for an invitation entry, but can not insist that such invitation be for a particular individual, or a particular event. For three years the Council had repeatedly emphasized support for four classes and reiterated their sequence of priority. This was duly communicated to the IOA, ISAF and IOC. After the qualifying events of 2004, the request for invitations was again forwarded on 31 May 04. However, within a week, in the Council Meeting on 05 Jun 04, it was decided not to support the 49er class. This was communicated to the IOA, which is India's apex body for all Olympic sports. Though this issue was taken up with the IOA and even with the Deputy Chef-de-Mission, they did not agree to reverse their earlier requests to ISAF and IOC.

(c) Lt Cdr F Tarapore stated that the invitation entry system has been misused and exploited by powerful individuals, who personally knew the President ISAF. He recommended that a firm decision be taken to not accept any invitation entry in future.

(d) Mr Rabi Ahuja brought out that prioritisation of the four classes was done by the YAI Council based on the recommendations of the Chief National Coach. This was not required to be intimated to the ISAF or IOC. The issuing of an invitation entry is the prerogative of the ISAF and IOC. As the YAI Council had supported all the four classes till 04 Jun 04, the Council's decision to drop one class just prior to the Olympics was not correct.

(e) Maj Gen Dutta (Retd) brought out that the Council, in its last meeting, was not unanimous on withdrawing support for the 49er class. The INCCA, the 420 Assn and the BSAI were against the withdrawal of support at the last stage before Olympics. The view for not supporting the 49er class was due to the personal interests of certain Council members. He stated that the YAI's decision to support the four selected classes should have been without discrimination.

(f) Mr Ajay Balram explained the invitation entry system, emphasizing that the ISAF and IOC followed a complete procedure which should be accepted. He also felt that India would also receive an invitation entry for the Olympics 2008.

42. **Decision.** The President YAI directed that the HSG hold a meeting with reps from Army and Navy to determine their procurement plans. The YAI Council would thereafter decide the events to be focused on for Olympics 2008.

Action : HSG

Item VIII – Incentives for Indian Coaches

43. The need for payments and incentives for coaches was generally accepted. The HJSG clarified that current Govt policy provides a payment structure for employing only one coach for a sports discipline. Hence, only one coach can be employed, @ Rs 15,000/- PM, after obtaining SAI / MoYAS approvals. HSG recommended that the issue of incentives for Indian coaches be looked into by the Committee on Revitalisation of Sailing. The recommendations of the Committee could then be considered.

44. **Decision.** The issue is to be examined by the Committee on Revitalisation of Sailing and firm recommendations formulated, including a system of grading, with associated rates of payment.

Action : Committee on Revitalisation of Sailing

Item IX – Brief on ISAF General Meetings (04–13 Nov 04) at Copenhagen (Denmark)

45. Mr Ajay Balram apprised the Council about the newly elected office bearers of the ISAF. He thanked the YAI Council for its support in his being elected as the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee. He informed that the term of two IJs from India, viz. Jagdish Singh and Ajay Balram, had been extended by a period of 4 years. Also, Cdr Homi Motivala had been approved as an International Race Officer. Mr Balram also apprised the Council that ISAF World Team Sailing Championships - 2007 had been awarded to India, despite the strong bid from the Royal Sailing Association, UK.

46. It was appreciated that hosting the above ISAF event would require extensive preparations. Mr Rabi Ahuja recommended that Lt Cdr F Tarapore formulate the broad requirements for conducting the event and the Council could then form various Committees to take on the detailed planning. The HSG suggested that Lt Cdr F Tarapore submit the broad requirements by end-Dec 04.

47. **Decision.** Lt Cdr F Tarapore (Retd) to formulate the broad requirements by end-Dec 04 and submit them to YAI Secretariat.

Action : Lt Cdr F Tarapore / YAI Secretariat

Item X – Formation and Recognition of Class Associations in All Asian Games and Olympic Classes

48. This point has been deliberated along with the issues at paras 9 – 10 above.

Item XI – Finalisation of LTDP in all the Classes

49. Mr Anil Madgaonkar brought out that the LTDP should cater for all the classes in which India wishes to participate for the Asian Games 2006 and Olympics 2008. The HSG confirmed that the LTDP caters for this requirement.

Item XII – Procurement of At Least 20 Boats in All Above Classes for Proper Promotion of Competitive Sailing in All Asian Games and Olympic Classes

50. Mr Anil Madgaonkar stated that it was understood that the Army was spending huge amounts on various sports for the Olympics. He proposed that the Navy provide 20 boats in each of the classes to be sailed in Olympics and Asian Games for use by all sailing clubs.

51. The President YAI informed the Council that the Navy plans to induct some boats for the promotion of sailing within the Navy. The Naval Sailing Clubs were already providing facilities and support to the civilian sailing fraternity. He requested the Army to also extend similar support through their facilities and their project for Olympics.

Item XIII – Finalization of Coaching Programmes in all Classes with Foreign Coaches

52. The HSG informed the Council that the coaching requirements of the various classes would be incorporated into the YAI Calendar. The HJSG clarified the Govt. sports policy on hiring of foreign coaches. The coaches recommended by the Foreign Coaches Selection Committee of SAI, with approval of MoYAS, were given US\$ 129/- per day for coaching and US\$ 75/- per day for boarding / lodging. The foreign coaches requirement of Class Associations have been received from the Chief National Coach and will be processed with SAI / MoYAS.

Action : YAI Secretariat

Item XIV – Nomination of Mr Rabi Ahuja for the Padma Shree Award

53. The President directed that this issue did not require deliberation by the Council and the proposal is to be forwarded to Govt.

Action : YAI Secretariat

Item XV – Affiliation of Clubs and Class Associations

54. The HSG informed the Council that the following proposals for affiliation are pending :-

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| (a) | National Hobie Class Association
(NHCA) | - from Regt of Artillery
Training Centre,
Hyderabad. |
| (b) | Catamaran Sailing Association of India
(CSAI) | - from Eastern Naval
Command, Vizag. |
| (c) | 470 Class Association of India
(470 CAI) | - from Western Naval
Command, Mumbai. |

55. The HJSG suggested that the above affiliations should be considered only after ratifying the norms for the Class Associations. He brought out that the NHCA had conducted a Hobie 16 Open Championship at Visakahapatnam in 2004 with 13 entries, using seven of the Hobie 16 catamarans belonging to Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP). However, though SAAP have 12 such catamarans they have not taken affiliation with NHCA. Also, the clubs / individuals affiliated to NHCA have a total of only four boats, of which one belongs to an American citizen currently working in Hyderabad. The following views emerged:-

(a) Maj Gen Rajinder Singh supported the affiliation of NHCA. He stated that the Artillery and the EME are negotiating with SAAP for purchase of the 5 unused Hobie 16 boats. This would increase the boat holdings of NHCA.

(b) The HJSG informed the Council that the CSAI did not currently have any boat holdings. The 470 Class Association had five boats, but had not conducted any National Championship.

(c) The President suggested that temporary affiliations be granted to these associations for one year, to give them time to meet the YAI's affiliation norms and this provision of granting temporary membership be incorporated in the revision of the YAI Constitution. The Council concurred the same. Lt Gen BS Dhalival suggested that the associations and clubs seeking affiliations should be invited to present their proposals and plans at the next Council Meeting. The same was also concurred by the Council.

56. **Decisions.**

(a) Temporary affiliations to be accorded to the 3 pending cases for new Class Associations, for a period of one year.

(b) Provision for ty affiliation to be incorporated into the revision of YAI Constitution.

Action: Constitution Re-drafting Committee / YAI Secretariat

57. **Affiliation of Clubs.** The HJSG informed that Regiment of Artillery Sailing Club (RASC) had applied for YAI affiliation. They currently have only one boat each of Enterprise and OK Dinghy classes, along with a rescue boat. The affiliation norms had been explained to them. Thereafter, Secretary RASC had intimated that they were in the process of setting up a water sports facility and would seek a club affiliation later.

Item XVI - Any Other Points

58. **Introduction of New YAI Trophy.** Lt Gen Mathew Mammen presented a trophy to the YAI, with a request that the trophy be included in the YAI's Annual Awards and presented to "**the most promising lady sailor of the year**". The President YAI accepted the trophy and thanked Lt Gen Mathew Mammen for the trophy. He expressed his hope that this trophy would encourage the lady competitors.

59. **Tenure of Co-opted Members.** Lt Gen Mammen suggested that the tenure of co-opted members should be specified. Mr Ajay Balram brought out that, as per the YAI Constitution, the tenure of co-opted members is for a maximum period of four years. However, such members are eligible to be co-opted for additional terms.

60. **Workshops on Racing Rules / Race Management.** RAdm R Chopra suggested that workshops on Racing Rules and Race Management be conducted on a regular basis.

61. **Decision.** The President directed that the concerned YAI Committees are to regularly organise workshops and seminars. These are also to be incorporated into the YAI's calendar.

Action : YAI Committees / YAI Secretariat

62. The President thanked the Council Members for their active participation and emphasised the high expectations from the **Committee on Revitalisation of Sailing**, which must finalise its report in a time bound manner and provide clear directions, along with a suggested action plan, to promote sailing in the country. The President also directed that the teams that are constituted for various tasks should expedite their respective tasks, so that some tangible results are achieved and decisions could then be ratified at the next Council Meeting in Jan 2005.

Item XVII – Vote of Thanks

63. There being no other points, the meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chair by Lt Gen Mathew Mammen.

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

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(AS Bajwa)
Commodore
Hony Secretary General

Encls:- Appendix 'A' – Bye Law for Postal Balloting Procedure (05 pages).
Appendix 'B' – Honorary Secretary General's Report (02 pages).

BYE-LAW FOR POSTAL BALLOTING

17. PROCEDURE ON POSTAL BALLOT

(a) As and when the YAI Council decides to carry out the election for any of the elected posts of the YAI by postal ballot, a Balloting Committee shall be constituted as follows –

(i) Chairman Executive Vice President (preferably Delhi based)

(ii) Members Three representatives as nominated by the YAI Council.

(b) The Chairman of the Balloting Committee will appoint one of its members as the Election Officer.

(c) The Election Officer shall obtain from the YAI Secretariat the updated list of the affiliated Clubs and Class Associations of the YAI who have paid their dues and are eligible to vote.

(d) The Election Officer shall thereafter send an election notice to all the eligible affiliated Clubs and Class Associations of the YAI. This notice shall indicate the vacant post(s) to be elected and ask for nominations for the same within 30 days of issue of the election notice.

(e) On receipt of nominations the Balloting Committee shall obtain the written consent of the nominee(s) and thereafter forward the name(s) to the President YAI for approval.

(f) In case there is more than one nominee for any of the elected posts, the Election Officer will prepare the necessary ballot papers. Separate ballot papers will be prepared for each post in case election is being held for more than one elected post of the YAI at the same time.

(g) Each ballot paper shall specify the post being elected for and the names of the nominees seeking to be elected with a space against each for the voter to mark his preference. There shall be no markings indicating the identity of the voter.

(h) The ballot papers will be posted by registered post to all the eligible affiliated Clubs and Class Associations of the YAI along with the following –

(i) Balloting Instructions This shall clearly spell out the method of filling out the ballot paper, method of posting the same and the last date by which it is to be received by the Balloting Committee.

(ii) Envelope 'A' This is the sealed envelope that shall contain the ballot paper itself. The envelope shall be identified by a prominent letter 'A' printed on the address side and will be en faced with the marking 'Confidential', a heading 'Election For (name of post) YAI', a dedicated serial number, space for name of the Club or Class Association and space for the authorized signatory's name and signature. This envelope shall be enclosed in Envelope 'B'

(iii) Envelope 'B' This is a larger sized and self stamped envelope identified by a prominent letter 'B' which shall enclose Envelope 'A'. This shall have a heading 'Election For (name of post) YAI' and the address of the Election Officer en faced upon it. There shall be no other marking(s) identifying the sender.

(j) The exact contents and layout of the balloting documents, viz. the ballot paper, Balloting Instructions, Envelope 'A' and Envelope 'B' shall remain as per the format approved by the YAI Council.

(k) The Election Officer shall personally endorse the date of receipt of the ballot documents with his signatures on Envelope 'B' as and when they are received. He shall maintain a record of the envelopes received and keep them securely.

(l) The Chairman of the Balloting Committee shall convene the meeting of the committee at a suitable date and time within five days of the final date for receipt of the ballot papers to open the sealed envelopes and compile the results of the postal ballot.

(m) The Election Officer shall hand over all the Envelopes 'B' received to the members of the Balloting Committee who will examine the same. Those Envelopes 'B' received after the due date will be set aside and not opened.

(p) The Balloting Committee shall thereafter open the remaining Envelopes 'B' and scrutinise the Envelopes 'A' contained therein. If found in order, the Envelopes 'A' shall be opened and the ballot papers inside placed in a separate Ballot Box.

(q) The Ballot Box shall be opened in the presence of all members of the Balloting Committee and the ballots counted.

(r) The Chairman Balloting Committee shall forward the results of the postal ballot along with the detailed minutes of the proceedings of the Balloting Committee to the President YAI for his approval and necessary promulgation.

SAMPLE BALLOT DOCUMENTS

(TO BE APPROVED BY THE YAI COUNCIL)

1. Sample Ballot Paper

YACHTING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

BALLOT PAPER

ELECTION OF (NAME OF POST) YAI FOR THE TERM 200_ TO 200_

NAME OF CANDIDATE	PRESENT DESIGNATION	VOTE (TO BE INDICATED BY 'X' IN INK)
		<input data-bbox="1182 1115 1300 1209" type="checkbox"/>
		<input data-bbox="1182 1251 1300 1346" type="checkbox"/>

2. Sample Envelope 'A'

A

Ser. No. **12**

CONFIDENTIAL

ELECTION OF (*NAME OF POST*) YAI FOR THE TERM 200_ TO 200_

(NO OTHER ENCLOSURES ALLOWED)

To,

The Election Officer, Yachting Association of India

From,

Name of Club / Class Association _____

Name of Authorised Signatory _____

Signature _____

3. Sample Envelope 'B'

B

BY POST

POSTAGE
STAMP

ELECTION OF *(NAME OF POST)* YAI FOR THE TERM 200_ TO 200_

To,

The Election Officer, Yachting Association of India

(Full Address)

Appendix 'B'
(Refer to para 24
of the minutes of
YAI Council Meeting 02/2004)

HONORARY SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

International Participation

1. Since the last Council Meeting, held on 05 Jun 04, our sailors have participated in five international events

- (a) South Asian Yachting Regatta at Colombo (Sri Lanka) in Jul 04..
- (b) OK Dinghy World Championship at Poole, England (UK) in Jul 04.
- (c) Enterprise World Championship at Cork (Ireland) in Aug 04.
- (d) IODA Asian Optimist Championship at Hangswa (Japan) in Aug 04.
- (e) 49er Class participation at Olympics 2004 at Athens in Aug 04.

2. In addition, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) had also cleared the participation of our team in the ISAF Youth World Championship in Poland. However, they could not go due to non-issue the visas.

National Events

3. Three National events have been conducted since the last Council Meeting :

- (a) Enterprise Inland Nationals at NDA Khadakwasla in Jun 04.
- (b) Laser National Championships at Hyderabad in Aug 04.
- (c) Enterprise Junior National Championship at Mumbai in Oct 04.

Forthcoming National Events

4. The forthcoming National events are :

- (a) 420 Nationals at Mumbai during 15 – 19 Nov 04.
- (b) Race Board Nationals at Goa during 24 – 28 Nov 04.
- (c) Coaching camp under foreign coach for Race Board at Goa during 29 Nov – 13 Dec 04.
- (d) National Team Sailing Championship at Mumbai during 01 – 05 Dec 04.
- (e) Match Racing National Championship at Mumbai in Dec 04
- (f) National Inland Optimist Championships at NDA, Khadakwasla during 24 – 30 Dec 04.

Way Ahead Plan for 2005

5. The draft sailing calendar for the next year has been prepared, based on inputs from the class associations. The requirement of selection trials for international events has been incorporated and based on today's discussions any changes that are necessary will be incorporated.

6. We have also received the proposals for the Long Term Development Plan and will be taking them up with the MoYAS.

7. The classes for the next Asian Sailing Championships and the Asian Games have been promulgated. It may be noted that the time tested process of having two rounds of selection trials will again be adopted, with the same weight ages of 40% for the first trials and 60% for the second round . The first round trials will be in January, for selecting those who are to go under intensive coaching and the second round of trials will be in September, for finalizing the competitors for the Asian Sailing Championships at Doha in next November.

8. **Asian Sailing Championships 2005**. The classes to be sailed at the Asian Games 2006 have been announced and the same classes would be sailed at the Asian Sailing Championship 2005 at Doha (Qatar). The same have already been intimated to all member clubs. We expect that with immediate effect It is planned to schedule two rounds of Selection Trials with weight-age of 40% for the first round and 60% for the second round trials, as was done for the Asian Games 2002. The performance at the first round of trials will be selection criteria for international participation till commencement of the second round of trials and thereafter, the overall performance would determine the international participation till Asian Sailing Championships 2005.
