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Army cycling and sailing expedition with the TNSA

HQ ATNK & K Area in coordination with Tamil Nadu Sailing Association (TNSA) will be conducting a Sailing Expedition to Rameswaram and back from March 16th to April 1st. The rally will address the low awareness of life in the armed forces along the Eastern coast of India and present life in the defence of the country as an attractive livelihood option for people from this region.

The sea bound voyage will be completed in two Maxi 77 yachts belonging to Vioking Marines and moored at the Tamil Nadu Sailing Association - Swedish design Keelboats that are blue water sail yachts with three sails, Main, Genoa and Spinnaker; a displacement of close to 2 tons and a draft of 1.2 meters and a length of twenty-seven feet. Two teams under the captaincy of Lt. Kadian, would man the boats with one team partly comprising of women sailors and both teams constituted partly from amongst TNSA members. Starting out from Chennai on March 16th morning the sea expedition will sail along the coast having six stops: Alamparai Kottai, Puducherry, Thirumalaivasal, Nagapattinam, Kodikkarai with Rameshwaram, Mandapam being the final stop on the first leg of the journey. The return leg will be flagged off on March 23rd to arrive in Chennai on April 1st using the same stops on the return too. Different media and locals had already been contacted for the stops all along the 1200 km route up and down so

that the Services staff could interact with the locals.

The cycling part of the expedition will also cover a distance of 1200 km and would meet up with the sailing part in four spots for the night halt. Seventeen cyclist under the captaincy of Lt. Akash Pandey and mainly from the J&K Rifles would cycle down past Muttukadu, Mamallapuram, Puducherry, Chidambaram, Nagapattinam, Tondiverry, Rameshwaram, Madurai, Trichy, Villipuram and back to Chennai via Puducherry.

The expedition is an expression of the friendly relationship that the TNSA has with the services in Chennai. Maj Gen Kochekan, GOC, ATNK & K is a well wisher of the TNSA and many top level army brass from Chennai and their spouses have had occasions to enjoy an afternoon on the Bay in the Maxis that are berthed at the TNSA.

Associate editor of TN Sails and YAI council chair for women's sailing Mrs. Shantha Ravikumar will be sailing the two week expedition and have a story to tell in the next month's newsletter. Look out for more about this expedition in the next newsletter. Lingesha is the other person from TNSA who has been nominated to go. There will be other members who will do various legs of the journey on the return.

With the expedition planned to reach Chennai on April 1st, the month will start with a bang!

Summer Sailing Camp 09

Every year without fail, the TNSA conducts a summer sailing camp where youngsters and oldies alike who wish to familiarize with a sailboat, are given an opportunity for just that - for a whole week. It is positioned in the third week of April so as to give students and others a first chance to attend the camp and after that to make holiday plans for the rest of summer. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our Association to recruit fresh blood as a student membership is complimentary for all students who enroll for the camp. Many of our current crop of champions has come through the summer camps.

The camp is usually run in Optimists, Cadets and Enterprises. Please pass on this information to all your friends who have always wanted to know and learn sailing.

It will be held from April 12th to April 19th. For details look up our website or email us at tansail@gmail.com

TNSA celebrates its Optimists!

On February 15th evening a small crowd of enthusiastic sailors and members gathered in the evening as TNSA celebrated its Optimists: Sailors, moms and dads, officials, coaches, lascars and manager.

It was a heady evening where all those who were involved in sending fifteen children to Kochi were rewarded with recognition for their efforts at making things happen at the TNSA. Presented to you is a collage of the evening in photographs.



Chief Coach and Asst coach congratulate Praveen on his performance



Nilma being congratulated on her efforts at the Kochi Nationals



Big Moose and Sakeena get a bouquet



Mahesh who is Janaki's younger brother is all smiles



Girls champion Nivedita gets a certificate of appreciation from TNSA commodore



Gautham Varsha's dad receives his bouquet of appreciation



Nicholas whose brother Rufus won the championship at Kochi



Gana who has been waiting for too long in the wings



Nilma and Mylai thank our manager Antony



Varsha on whom a number of hopes ride



Kiran for whom it was a first championship



Ganthimathi, Mylai and Naveen get theirs



Zahabiyah is thrilled to receive her certificate



Janaki and Mahesh accept the bouquet on behalf of their mom Usha

National Inland Optimist Sailing Championships 09

The YAI is hosting the National Inland Optimist Sailing Championships 09 at Bhavani in downtown Vijaywada from April 22nd to May 1st. A cool four hours drive away from Chennai on a four lane highway brings you to this major city of our neighbouring state of Andhra Pradesh.

The newest destination for sailing, with a number of new ones slated to be initiated in the coming months, Bhavani is a scenic lake and the event will be flagged off from an island, the whole of which is a resort.

Action and shouts of starboard, protest, will rent the air in this scenic water body of Vijaywada starting April 22nd. The TNSA contingent is all of twenty-five sailors strong and will make a major contribution to the vocal outbursts. Starting with the team song of the TNSA Tigers.

To the AP Regatta in Vijaywada then, a toast: Cheers!

The National Laser Coastal Sailing Championships 2009

The sixth edition of the Laser National Championships will be flagged off in April from 24th to 30th. TNSA's commitment has ensured that the championship is a signature event for the city of Chennai. Known for its Marina beach, the sport of sailing is largely unknown to the citizens of the city as it happens in the Port of Chennai at the northern end of the beach and for security reasons - the blind spot of the public. If there was some way it could be encouraged off the beach, either through a breakwater or a groyne in one particular area of the Marina, this sport will have a following in the city like nowhere else. Summer months send Chennaiites packing to the beach and if a facility to launch could be created off the beach, Chennai could become the capital of dinghy sailing!

For its part the TNSA has worked unflinchingly to bring the sport to the public eye albeit vicariously through press coverage of events and championships not to mention the Day out at sea for corporates. The team effort involved in hosting a championship places enormous strain on the committee and a few other members of the TNSA, who have to also bring the bacon to the dinner table at home apart from running the sport. For these men, life gets to be as bad as that of a working woman. For sure like that of a woman, it has its rewards...

Over fifty boats on the water; a week of fun on the water; a grand prize distribution function; camaraderie with sailors from all over the country; re-establishing contacts with officers and officials from other centers... the list is fairly long.

Look forward to a week of fun in the closing days of April.

Members kindly note that...

Vestas will come in once again as Title sponsors but with many constraints as you all can imagine. The reason is the all pervasive economic recession and wherever one turns one has to duck that first and try to revive the dialogue on sponsoring the event.

A number of last year's sponsors have expressed regret and your committee has put in every effort to turn every stone over to garner support for the event. We would like to request members to come forward and find a few support sponsors for the event. Please contact the Hon sec at tansail@gmail.com for PP presentations and letters soliciting support which can be sent over email for you to print and forward to potential sponsors to close up deals. You can also contact our treasurer at ajit@pioprinters.com if you have any leads that you can offer for follow up.

Bonne Bouche



Well you never asked...

A man walks into a shop and sees a cute little dog. He asks the shopkeeper, "Does your dog bite?"

The shopkeeper says, "No, my dog does not bite."

The man tries to pet the dog and the dog bites him.

"Ouch!" He says, "I thought you said your dog does not bite!"

The shopkeeper replies, "That is not my dog!"

Sure and simple message

There were three restaurants on the same block. One day one of them put up a sign which said "The Best Restaurant in the City."

The next day, the largest restaurant on the block put up a larger sign which said "The Best Restaurant in the World."

On the third day, the smallest restaurant put up a small sign which said "The Best Restaurant on this Block."

The truth is...

A preacher was told by his doctor that he had only a few weeks left to live.

He went home feeling very sad, and when his wife heard the sad news she said to him, "Honey, if there's anything I can do to make you happy, tell me."

The preacher answered, "You know, dear, there's that box in the kitchen cabinet with what you always called "your little secret" in it and you said you never would want me to open it as long as you lived. Now that I'm about to go home to be with the Lord, why don't you show me what's in that secret box of yours?"

The preacher's wife got out the box and opened the lid. It contained \$100,000 and three eggs.

"What are those eggs doing in the box?" the preacher asked.

"Well, Honey," she replied, "every time your sermon was really bad I put an egg in the box."

Now the preacher had been preaching for over forty years, and seeing only three eggs in that old shoe box, he started to feel very proud about himself and it warmed his soul.

"And what about that \$100,000?" he asked.

"Oh, you see," she whispered softly, "every time there were a dozen eggs in the box, I sold them."