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Bristol Channel
Old Gaffers Association

Annual
Awards Presentation
2026

OGA Narrative Trophy

Presented to the OGA by Force 4 Chandlery - 2026



This award is presented for a contribution to Severn Tidings

OGA Narrative Trophy

This year's winner is

David Grainger

for

'Confessions of an Erring Old Gaffer'

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A reflection on many years of cruising – "Far from the madding crowd" - both alone and in company

Bristol Channel Area Annual Race Cup



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Area Annual Race Cup

Race held Thursday 18th June 26 in Cardiff Bay

three boats participated

3rd place 'Pintail' – Denis Wedgwood

2nd place 'Hetty Pegler' – Andrew Kelland

the cup goes to

1st place 'Pooh Bear' - Roger Flambert

Gaffers in the Bay Series



Presented for “self timed laps” throughout the season

Gaffers in the Bay Series

This year's winner is

"Hetty Pegler" – Andrew Kelland

Commodore's Challenge

made and donated by Viv Head



Introduced to be awarded to the skipper of the vessel with the best time taken to complete a 20-mile course that includes rounding Flat Holm without the use of an engine.

Commodore's (OGA?) Challenge

presented by Viv Head

This challenge has not been attempted on the water this year.

BUT

Gaffer activities take place all over the UK: - Bristol, Liverpool, Gloucester, Harwich, Ipswich, Lake District, etc. (Ireland is on the horizon!) and passage planning and navigation are required to get to each venue on time, and ready to go!

One of our members has assiduously risen to the OGA Challenge, that of attending as many OGA corporate functions, AGMs, etc as possible, despite not even being a committee member!

Furthermore, she makes yummy cakes

The OGA (Commodores) Challenge Trophy

Many thanks to

Joan Kelland

Presented by Andrew Kelland
to his supportive and long-suffering wife

Tiger Dragon Trophy

presented by Cardiff Harbour Authority



Tiger Dragon Trophy

Last year (2025), this trophy was awarded to Charlie Harris for his role as sailing secretary, in that he organises our Annual Gaffers race, and the Channel Cruises, nurturing all those who participate “Out There” in the Bristol Chanel .

Charlie does not do this alone! He is supported in most of the events by a faithful and patient companion, who also contributes significantly to the Gaffer Community, and furthermore ALSO makes yummy cakes!

Tiger Dragon Trophy

Many Thanks

Sue Harris

Presented by Charlie Harris to his most supportive wife

The Hidden Challenge Trophy

made by Alan Pugh of Penarth, ex - OGA member



The Hidden Challenge Trophy

This was commissioned by the then BCA President John Hutchinson and Area Secretary Viv Head in 2005 following Alan Hidden kindly leaving the Association monies in his will for a trophy to be created in his memory

The trophy is a representation of the hull of the pilot cutter ‘Cariad’. This was chosen because such vessels are iconic in the channel’s history, it had a Welsh name (meaning ‘sweetheart’) but the vessel was built at Pill on the River Avon in England, thus representing both sides of the channel.

It was intended to be awarded annually for an act of good seamanship.

Hidden Trophy

This year's winner is

Andrew Kelland

for

Helming "Hetty Pegler" (along with Denis Wedgewood) from CBYC to Bristol Floating Harbour (and back!) in somewhat challenging conditions.