

OGA - GMC Meeting Agreements and Assignments

from the Zoom Meeting of September 17, 2024

Participants: Alison Cable (co-opted Boat Register), Colin Stroud (Secretary), David Bewick (co-opted Small Boats Secretary), Julian Cable (co-opted Boat Register), Mary Gibbs (Membership Secretary), Mike Beckett (President), Tony Kiddle (Treasurer).

Absent: Georgina Tall (Younger Members), Jay Cresswell (Gaffers Log Editor),

1	<u>Gaffers Log Archive:</u> It was agreed that only one set of hard-copy Gaffers Logs/Newsletters should be held by the OGA once the following has been completed: • Jay to checking existing hard-copy archive for completeness and to check with Alison/Julian if they have anything that is missing in order to ensure one set is as complete as possible. • Tony to continue to ensure the searchable digital archive is complete and then, <u>when this is finished</u>, Log Editor or Boat register Editors to send a set of all past publications, not already stored there, to the British Library Legal Deposit so they hold a full historic record. (note that although all Gaffers Logs will be stored in the OGA Digital Archive, they will not appear to user until they are three years old). The address of the British Library Legal Deposit is now in the GOLD membership database, as an "Associate", so copies of all Logs, starting with Issue 112, are automatically posted there.	JC TK
2	<u>Gaffling 4.1: -</u> David to prepare a document containing the history, current status and future of the Gaffling 4.1 project, to be reviewed at a GMC prior to presenting at the January 2025 ACM.	DB
3	<u>Reaction to a trademark application for "GAFFER", similar to our trademark "GAFFERS": -</u> It was agreed not to oppose the application because it appeared to pose no threat to our organisation or to our future viability or income. The applicant was a media company, nothing to do with sailing. We could not justify spending Member's money on legal fees on opposing when there was no threat to our income or membership numbers and the likelihood of winning the appeal was low. Also, the applicant already has the word GAFFER registered for a very similar list of goods and services to this latest application.	
4	<u>Items to include in the Winter issue of the Gaffers Log: -</u> The formal announcement of the January 11 AGM, including election of officers. The programme and booking links for the AGM social event. Appeal for an Association Trophies Officer	CS AC CS
5	<u>October 8, 2024, ACM:-</u> Colin to send draft agenda to the AC:- • News on the St.Malo OGA and their June 2025 event - Mike • Update on the Younger Members initiatives - Georgina • The plan and location of the ACM and AGM on January 11 2025 - Alison • Results of the process to ask Members to check or correct their boat measurements in the Boat Register to ensure correct handicap calculations - Julian • Recommendation on the future of the Yearbook (print frequency, online, PDF download) based on survey of Members - Mary	CS

	• Proposal for logged-in Members to download a PDF file of the Year-Book (containing latest/current data) from the website - Julian • Funding plan for a 2028 OGA65 RBC with Party Ports, a 2028 Small Boat event (that does not clash with RBC65) and a 2033 OGA70 event - Tony • Review of continuing to pay for the Online & Social Media Editor role – Elly and/or Mike • Open AC assignments from previous meetings that are recommended for closure - Colin:- ○ All Areas should continue to place “Cockpit Cards” in notable non-member’s boats to promote the OGA. ○ All to continue to find a volunteer interested in helping with External Communications. (Will Loram who was going to take on the External Communications and Sponsorship role early in 2023 but then withdrew due to other commitments). ○ All areas to consider making any OGA owned Gafling 4.1s available, for loan or hire, to Members from all Areas, to get additional entries to small boat events. ○ All Areas who have any updated/corrected boat measurements should send the data to the Boat Register Editors so the Boat Register remains the master record.	
	<u>Other items:-</u>	
6	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - Mary to set up a subcommittee to discuss how to identify, and record in GOLD or elsewhere, under-18s in a Family Membership, so they can be recruited as full Members at 18 if they wish.....update :- after consulting with Paul and PTK, who raised this issue at the Jan 2024 ACM, Mary to draft a statement that proposes to the AC that this assignment should be closed.	MG
7	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - Julian to investigate the option for logged-in Members to download a PDF file of the Year-Book (containing latest/current data) and make a proposal to the ACM on October 8, 2024.	JC
8	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - It was agreed that the next RBC, with Party Ports, should be in 2028 (OGA RBC65), and it was agreed that there should be a national Small Boat event in 2028 that does not clash with RBC65, and it was agreed that there should be a national OGA70 event in 2033. The GMC should develop a funding proposal for the above national events to the ACM on October 8, 2024.	TC
9	2023 AC Assignment: - Tony to set up a category in GOLD, similar to the “interested in small boat events” to record Members who are “interested in Younger Members’ events”. Julian to create a group in Mailchimp and update the GOLD to Mailchimp sync system.	TC JC
	<u>AC Assignments not for the GMC but recorded here to keep all assignments together.:</u>	
10	2023 AC Assignment: - All Areas should continue to place “Cockpit Cards” in notable non-member’s boats to promote the OGA.	All
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14	<u>Assignments on hold pending later implementation:</u> - Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - Mary asked for volunteers or nominees to succeed her as Membership Secretary when she stands down in January 2025. Update: as of January 2024 one Member has offered to stand for election, if no-one else comes forward, at the January 2025 AGM.	AC
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16	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - The 2025 AGM/ACM will be organised by the Scottish Area to be held in Gloucester. Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - The 2026 AGM/ACM will be organised by the EC Area, to be held in Chatham.	
17	<u>AC Assignments closed at or after the April 16, 2024 ACM :-</u> Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - The 2024 hard copy Year-Book should be printed and sent out with the Spring Gaffers Log. completed May 2024	
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19	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - The hard copy Year-Book should include the “home port” of each boat. completed May 2024. Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - Alison & Julian to propose improved wording on what members agree to, regarding permission and copyright, when they upload photographs and text to the Boat Register, and what wording regarding copyright is visible to viewers on the OGA Website and Social Media platforms..... completed, reviewed by the AC and published in the Handbook for OGA Officers dated May 16, 2024.	
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21	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - Paul to setup and chair a subcommittee to propose a way forward to improve communications and to report back with their recommendations to the AC by Easter 2024..... completed, subcommittee report reviewed at the ACM on April 16, 2024 and agreements published in the minutes of that meeting. April 2024 AC Assignment:- Regarding the Communications Sub-Committee Report, Colin to speak with Elly to pass on the AC’s thanks for doing good work and to find out if she is willing to continue with the current arrangement of reimbursement in return for managing the website home page and social media platforms..... completed, feedback from telephone call with Elly included in email to AC dated April 26, 2024.	
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23	April 2024 ACM Assignment: - Colin to publish the revised criteria for Youth Fund applications, as agreed at the April 16, 2024ACM, online and in the Handbook for OGA Officers.....completed May 17, 2024. 2023 AC Assignment: - Regarding the need to produce an article for the Gaffers Log that provides a basic and simple tutorial of the Racing Rules to encourage more entrants in races, Sue to produce a number of “pointers” to encourage more members to enter races..... completed, published in the Summer 2024 issue of the Gaffers Log.	

The meeting ended at 20:01

The next GMC meeting will be on October 29, 2024 at 19:00 to 20:30

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