

OGA Association Committee

Meeting of October 8, 2024, from 19:00 to 20:30

Agreements and Assignments

Present (21): -

Alison Cable, Andrew Kelland, Chris Holgate, Clare Thomas, Colin Stroud, David Bewick, David Patuck, Elly Rule, Georgina Tall, Grant Morris, Jeremy Cresswell, Jeremy Lambert, Julian Cable, Martin Elliott, Mary Gibbs, Mike Beckett, Paul Masters, Pete "PTK" Elliston, Pete Thomas, Stuart Spence, Tony Kiddle.

	St Malo: -	
1	Mike gave a progress report on the St Malo OGA's event planned for June 2025 and Grant outlined the Solent Area's plan for a cruise in company to St Malo for the UK boats and the possibility of some of the French boats to sail to Jersey to meet the UK fleet. Grant and Ben are planning to promote.	
2	Younger Members initiatives: - Georgina reported on a small increase in the numbers joining the YM Facebook group, that there will be two articles in the Winter Gaffers Log by Younger Members and she is planning a Christmas gathering in London and maybe a meeting at the January 2025 AGM in Gloucester. There are 20 Members who have expressed interest in these initiatives.	
3	January 11, 2025, AGM: - Alison gave an update on the venue and catering arrangements. There will be an article and a booking link in the Winter Gaffers Log plus an email to all Members. The venue will be Llanthony Secunda Priory in Gloucester with accommodation in two hotels a short walk away, Premier Inn or Travel Lodge. Martin has spoken to Tommi Nielsen of T. Nielsen & Co Ltd., who has agreed to conduct a tour of his boatyard on the Sunday.	
4	Updating of Boat Measurements by Members: - Julian said that 600 boats in the Boat Register have been updated and agreed to send a list of the boat names/numbers/owners to Pete Thomas.	JC
5	Julian agreed to add additional "Generic Type" labels in the Boat Register so all those labelled "Smacks" can be moved into sub-categories, eg. Lowestoft Smack, then Pete Thomas agreed to recategorize all the Smacks into the Smack sub-categories.	JC PT
6	Future of the Yearbook: - It was agreed that the survey of Members will be repeated in the Winter Gaffers Log, and in an email to Members, with a deadline for responses of the end of November. The results will be reviewed at the January, 202, ACM and presented at the 2025 AGM.	MG

7	Downloadable PDF file of the Yearbook by logged-in Members: - It was agreed to not proceed with this facility due to concerns of digital data confidentiality. Julian agreed to remove the Members' phone numbers from the online viewable "yearbook". Members will be able to contact others using the "contact the owner" button without seeing any contact details. Tony to change the joining form to make it clear to new members that they are agreeing, or not, to having their details in both a hardcopy Yearbook or online to logged-in Members.	JC TK
8	Funding Plan for National Events: - It was agreed that the next RBC (Round Britain Cruise) event will be in 2033, not 2028 as previously announced at the January 2024 ACM.	
9	OGA65, in 2028, to be hosted by the East Coast Area and it will be a combined big boat and a small boat event. Tony to add to the National Event Fund each year to accumulate £20 000 for OGA65 and, if necessary, make a recommendation to the ACM in January 2025 on an increase in membership subscriptions if that is necessary to achieve the £20 000. The EC objective is to obtain some sponsorship so the final cost may be less.	TK PM
10	Review of Continuing to Pay for the Online & Social Media Editor Role: - It was agreed to continue to pay Elly £160 per month to continue the role and all should send more reports/content to Elly. Elly agreed to send a monthly reminder to relevant Areas to update their Area pages and to either help them to do so or do it for them. Elly agreed to write, in conjunction with Pete Scrimshaw, a simple guide on how to update Area pages with links to the existing online guides.	ER

	Below are the open, followed by the recently closed, AC Assignments: -	
11	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.	TK JC
12	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 on October 17, 2024, Mary sent an email to the AC, waiting for response.	MG
13	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 Jan 2024 one Member has offered to take on the membership role if no-one else comes forward. 2 nd update: as nobody else has offered, Clare Thomas will stand for election at the January 2025 AGM.	
	<u>Assignments on hold pending later implementation: -</u>	
14	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - The 2026 AGM/ACM will be organised by the EC Area, to be held in Chatham.	

Assignments Closed: --

- 15 **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, article published in the Summer 2024 Gaffers Log
- 16 **2023 AC Assignment:** - All Areas should continue to place "Cockpit Cards" in notable non-member's boats to promote the OGA.....assignment closed at the October 8, 2024 ACM
- 17 **2023 AC Assignment:** - 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). assignment closed at the October 8, 2024 ACM
- 18 **Jan 2024 AC Assignment:** - All areas to consider making any OGA owned Gaffing 4.1s available, for loan or hire, to Members from all Areas, to get additional entries to small boat events. assignment closed at the October 8, 2024 ACM
- 19 **Jan 2024 AC Assignment:** - 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. assignment closed at the October 8, 2024 ACM
- 20 **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 AC..... It was agreed at the October 8, 2024, ACM that this should not be pursued.
- 21 **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.....closed and replaced by new assignments at the October 2024 ACM.
- 22 **Jan 2024 AC Assignment:** - The 2025 AGM/ACM will be organised by the Scottish Area to be held in Gloucester..... closed. As presented at the October 8, 2024, ACM arrangements are now in place.

The meeting closed at 20:40

The next AC Meeting will be on January 11, 2025, in Gloucester and on Zoom.

Start time TBE.

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Colin Stroud

Association Secretary

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