

OGA Association Committee

Meeting of January 11, 2025 in Gloucester

Agreements and Assignments

With post-meeting updates in yellow.

AC Attendees in Gloucester (22) :-

Alasdair Sampson, Alison Cable, Andrew Kelland, Ben Collins, Clare Thomas, Colin Stroud, David Bewick, David Patuck, Georgina Tall, Grant Morris, Jeremy Lambert, Julian Cable, Julien Valognes, Martin Elliot, Mary Gibbs, Mike Beckett, Negley Groom, Paul Masters, Pete "PTK" Elliston, Pete Thomas, Richard Jacobs, Susanne Newbold, Tony Kiddle.

AC Attendees on Zoom (2) :- Francis Mogg, Jeremy Cresswell.

AC Apologies :- Chris Holgate, Peter Tobin.

1	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment: -</u> Julian to look at adding an indicator to the handicaps in the Boat Register so it shows that the handicap has been updated and the date it was updated.	JC
2	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment: -</u> In response to Richard, Jay and Peter highlighting the need to improve external communications, the GMC will continue to look for a volunteer External Communications and Sponsorship Officer.	GMC
3	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment: -</u> All Areas to continue to attract new members and communicate with their local clubs, harbour authorities, etc, and share successes and lessons learnt at future ACMs.	All
4	It was agreed to accept the results of the membership survey, organised by Mary, and stop printing the Yearbook and continue to use, and promote the use of, the online "Member List" that requires Members to log-in and use the "contact" button to send a message to another Member without any contact details being visible.	
5	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment: -</u> The GMC will, in 2028, revisit the use of the online "Member List", instead of a printed Yearbook, to see if there is a need to go back to a printed Yearbook.	GMC
6	It was agreed to increase subscriptions by 5%, starting in 2026.	
7	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment: -</u> Tony to include, when presenting annual accounts, bank balances from 2 previous years and ensure the previous year summaries are complete, including special events, for example, the OGA60 event totals in the 2024 accounts.	TK
8	It was agreed that, if an Area intends to recruit new members through contacting boat manufacturers, yacht brokers, or insurance companies, the Area notifies the AC to avoid more than one Area contacting the same company. (should an OGA External Communications and Sponsorship Officer be recruited, then that person to be notified)	

9	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - Tony to add a tick-box to the website event calendar so events suitable for small-boats can be identified.	TK
10	It was agreed to proactively re-launch the Gaffling 4.1 class for the next phase of its development.	
11	Pete “PTK” agreed to take the lead and become the champion of the Gaffling 4.1 class.	
12	It was agreed to adopt the East Coast proposed flip-book viewer and the annual fee be paid from central funds.	
13	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - Paul to ensure the proposed flip-book viewer is usable on all screen formats, to address concerns by Mary and Alison, and that, once our PDF files are converted, we do not lose access to them, in the converted format, if we ever cancel our subscription to the viewer.	PM
14	It was agreed that, should the 2026 ACM/AGM social weekend be held in Chatham, the event can be moved from the traditional January date to February 21/22.	
15	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - All areas to consider making a proposal to organise the 2027 ACM/AGM social event.	All
16	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - Colin to pass on the following guidance to Elly in order to modify her focus in managing the website and social media platforms: - • More focus on OGA events. • Monitor the Areas and National website calendar for the latest event news. • Periodically contact all the Areas to ask for content, event details, event reports, photographs. • Less focus on smacks. completed, these minutes sent to Elly Rule, plus a follow-up email dated January 30, 2025.	CS
17	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - All to frequently send information and photographs to Elly for website and social media postings.	All
18	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - Colin to share the OGA’s contract with Elly to maintain the website and social media platforms, and her data/statistics reports, with the AC. Completed, details sent to the AC in email dated February 7, 2025.	CS
<u>Open AC Assignments from Previous Meetings</u>		
1	<u>2023 AC Assignment:</u> - 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. <u>Assignments on hold pending later implementation:</u> -	TK
2	<u>Jan 2024 AC Assignment:</u> - The 2026 AGM/ACM will be organised by the EC Area, to be held in Chatham.	PM

AC assignments closed at the AC meeting on January 11, 2025 : -

- 3 **October 2024 AC Assignment: -** Regarding the 600 boats in the Boat Register that have recently had updated measurement, Julian to send a list of the boat names/numbers/owners to Pete Thomas..... closed: Julian confirmed at the January 11, 2025 AC meeting.
- 4 **October 2024 AC Assignment: -** 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. closed: Tony confirmed the plan for the event fund the AC agreed to his proposed increase in subscriptions at the January 11, 2025 AC meeting.
- 5 **October 2024 AC Assignment: -** 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, 2025, ACM and presented at the 2025 AGM. closed: Mary reviewed at the ACM and presented at the AGM on January 11, 2025.
- 6 **October 2024 AC Assignment: -** 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. closed: Tony confirmed at the January 10, 2025.

The meeting closed at 13:00.

The next AC Meeting will be on April 17, 2025 at 19:00 to 20:30 on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Colin Stroud

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