

OGA - GMC Meeting Agreements and Assignments

from the Meeting of April 1, 2025

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

Not attending: Jay Cresswell (co-opted 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 check existing hard-copy archive for completeness and to compare 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 the British Library hold a full historic record. (note that although all Gaffers Logs will be stored in the OGA Digital Archive, they will not appear to users 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	Alison to chase Philip Hopson to send the Log Editor's archive to Jay.	AC
3	<u>Photograph Library: -</u> Jay to report at the next meeting.	JC
4	<u>Proposal for the OGA to be a Limited Company: -</u> It was agreed to better understand the pros and cons then, if necessary, present a proposal/recommendation to the AC. Target is to review at the Autumn 2025 ACM. Georgina raised the question of how property (money, bonds, Gafflings, trophies, intellectual property rights i.e. trademarks) is held by the OGA and that this needs to especially be answered if we don't incorporate. Georgina to lead the debate at the next GMC meeting.	GT
5	Georgina to draft a short paragraph that defines our current legal status for Colin to include in the Handbook for OGA Officers.	GT
6	<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
7	<u>Not Assignments to the GMC but included here to keep all in one place: -</u> <u>January 2025 AC Assignment: -</u> All to frequently send information and photographs to Elly for website and social media postings.	All

8	<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
9	<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
10	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - All areas to consider making a proposal to organise the 2027 ACM/AGM social event. -----	All
	<u>Assignments on hold pending later implementation: -</u>	
11	<u>January 2024 AC Assignment:</u> - The 2026 AGM/ACM will be organised by the EC Area, to be held in Chatham.	PM
12	<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
13	<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
	<u>ACM Assignments closed since the January 11, 2025, ACM</u>	
14	<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, Elly Rule was sent a copy of the ACM minutes on January 29, 2025, and confirmed by email to Elly on January 30, 2025.	
15	<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, email sent to AC on February 7, 2025.	
16	<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.....completed April 3, 2025 - There is now a last modified date against the TH(C)F field in the summary section of the detail page for a boat. This only appears for handicaps changed after April 2, 2025.	
17	<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..... Completed April 6, 2025, GOLD is now ready to be populated and Mailchimp is ready for sending emails to identified Younger Members.	

18	<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. Completed April 6, 2025, Areas can now add Small Boat Events to the online calendar.
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The meeting ended at 19:34

The next GMC meeting will be on May 8, 2025, from 19:00 to 20:30

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Colin Stroud, Association Secretary
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