

OGA Association Committee Meeting

April 17, 2025, from 19:00 to 20:30

by Zoom, joining details below

AGENDA Version-2

1. NW Area proposal to offer free membership for people buying new gaff rig boats from a manufacturer.
2. NW Area request for support from central funds for the 2025 Gaffling Championships to help with travel and entry fees.
3. NW Area proposal to hold a future (2027?) ACM/AGM at the Windermere Jetty Museum.
4. NW Area proposal to promote other organisations offering gaff rig sailing with a view to increasing our membership eg promoting a pathway into gaff rig sailing as follows: -
 - a. Learn to sail on a gaff rig boat - Glenridding Sailing Centre, Sailing courses on Golden Vanity
 - b. Join an organisation owning a gaff rig boat and sail with them - Arnside Sailing Club
 - c. Go on a skippered holiday on a gaff rig boat eg Pellow
 - d. Join a club with gaff rig boats and find a boat to crew on
 - e. Become a member of OGA
 - f. Buy you own boat (Could be small boat, then seagoing boat)
5. EC Area proposed National Awards process.
6. Open assignments:-

January 2024 AC Assignment: - The 2026 AGM/ACM will be organised by the EC Area, to be held in Chatham.

January 2025 AC Assignment: -

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.

January 2025 AC Assignment: - All to frequently send information and photographs to Elly for website and social media postings.

January 2025 AC Assignment: - 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 ACs.

January 2025 AC Assignment: - 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.

January 2025 AC Assignment: - All areas to consider making a proposal to organise the 2027 ACM/AGM social event.

7. Any other business
8. Date of next AC Zoom meeting (October 2, 2025?)

Assignments on hold pending later implementation: -

January 2025 AC Assignment: - 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.

January 2025 AC Assignment: - 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.

ACM Assignments closed since the January 11, 2025, ACM

January 2025 AC Assignment: - 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.

January 2025 AC Assignment: - 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.

January 2025 AC Assignment: - 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.

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..... Completed April 6, 2025, GOLD is now ready to be populated and Mailchimp is ready for sending emails to identified Younger Members.

January 2025 AC Assignment: - 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.

To Join the ACM Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87944542505?pwd=WbLhbFjz7wPYbxXRWwCZcsaNXfXRBb.1>

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