

OGA Association Committee

Meeting of April 17, 2025 via Zoom

Agreements and Assignments

Attendees (16) :-

Alasdair Simpson, Alison Cable, Andrew Kelland, Clare Thomas, Colin Stroud, David Bewick, David Patuck, Georgina Tall, Grant Morris, Jeremy Cresswell, Jeremy Lambert, Julian Cable, Mike Beckett, Paul Masters, Peter Elliston, Tony Kiddle

not present :- Francis Mogg, Martin Elliot, Martin Haigh, Michael Leahy, Negley Groom, Peter Tobin, Richard Jacobs, Scott Metcalfe, Stuart Spence, Susanne Newbold

1	<u>April 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - Three Areas (NW, Scot. and EC), as a trial, to contact a manufacturer of new Gaffers, or Gaffer kits, with the objective of recruiting their customers as OGA members. Existing OGA leaflets and cockpit-cards to be used if required.	AS JC PE
2	It was agreed to provide financial support, from central funds, for the 2025 Gaffling Championships at the Ullswater Yacht Club being organised by the NW Area. The support will be a maximum of £1000 which will include, to help with the transport cost of getting to them to the event, £100 for each of four Gafflings.	
3	The NW Area's offer to organise the 2027 AGM/ACM at the Windermere Jetty Museum was welcomed.	
4	<u>April 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - Alasdair to contact all areas for more ideas to support his proposal to promote other organisations offering gaff rig sailing with a view to increasing OGA membership and then to encourage others to support through a Gaffers Log article and online.	AS
5	It was agreed to adopt Paul's proposed National Awards process as published in the Officers' Area and was seen and agreed to by our National Trophy Officer, Roger Hardman, before the meeting.	
6	<u>April 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - The 2026 AGM/ACM will be organised by the EC Area, to be held in either Colchester or Harwich.	PE
7	<u>April 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.	PM
8	<u>April 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - As the NE Area Committee has been unable to recruit anyone to continue to manage and organise the Area it was agreed that the NE and EC Areas should merge, covering Dover to Eyemouth, and that the EC would take ownership of the two NE Gafflings. Paul to talk to Francis.	PM
9	<u>April 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - The GMC will make a proposal, for discussion at the next ACM, on the OGA becoming a company limited by guarantee. This initiative is being led by Georgina. The OGA is currently an unincorporated association which	GMC

	means (i) it is not a legal entity or body, (ii) all its committee members are personally liable to any actions done by other members or legal actions taken against the OGA, and (iii) the OGA cannot be the owner of any assets or property i.e., bank accounts, trademarks, Gafflings etc. By becoming a company limited by guarantee would mean that all committee members' liability would be limited to £1 and the OGA could own property.	
10	Grant provided an update on the French OGA St Malo event with 35 of our OGA boats having applied to enter.	

	<u>Open AC Assignments from Previous Meetings</u>	
1	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - All to frequently send information and photographs to Elly for website and social media postings.	All
2	<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
3	<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
4	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - Tony to include, when presenting annual accounts, the 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>Assignments on hold pending later implementation: -</u>	
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
	<u>AC assignments closed since the meeting on January 11 or on April 17 of 2025: -</u>	
6	<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.	

- 7 **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.
- 8 **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.
- 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..... Completed April 6, 2025, GOLD is now ready to be populated and Mailchimp is ready for sending emails to identified Younger Members.
- 10 **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.
- 11 **Jan 2024 AC Assignment:** - The 2026 AGM/ACM will be organised by the EC Area, to be held in Chatham..... assignment superceeded by an April 2025 assignment, change of location.
- 12 **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..... the first part of this assignment remains open and is copied above. The second part is closed: At the April 17, 2025, ACM Paul stated "The subscription pays for the software that turns the PDF into a flipbook and the facility to store the collection on the Heyzine servers . . . since they're PDFs, if the subscription is cancelled, they are also available wherever they've been stored but not in flipbook format"
- 13 **January 2025 AC Assignment:** - All areas to consider making a proposal to organise the 2027 ACM/AGM social event..... closed: NW Area made an offer at the April ACM

The meeting closed at 20:25

The next AC Meeting will be on October 2, 2025 from 19:00 to 20:30 on Zoom.

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