

OGA Association Committee Meeting

October 2, 2025, from 19:00 to 20:30

by Zoom, joining details below

AGENDA

1. Feedback on the Ullswater Gaffling Championship event– Alasdair
2. An update on the management of the Gaffling 4.1 class - Pete
3. Promotion of area events nationally – Alasdair
4. Location of the 2027 AGM/ACM - The NW Area has offered to organise at the Windermere Jetty Museum. – Alasdair
5. Officer vacancies: Association Treasurer and Small Boat Secretary - Colin
6. Update of Rules 5 & 13 (to be published in the Gaffers Log and voted on at the AGM) – Colin
7. An update of upcoming Younger Member learning events - Georgina
8. **April 2025 AC Assignment:** - 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 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. – Georgina

NOTE: The GMC has discussed the possibility of changing to either a company limited by guarantee, or becoming a registered charity, but after quite lengthy consideration we decided we could not at present recommend a change and we believe its best, at least for the time being, to remain as an unincorporated association and should remain under periodic review.
9. **April 2025 AC Assignment:** - 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. – Jeremy, Julian & Paul
10. **April 2025 AC Assignment:** - 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. - Alasdair

11. **April 2025 AC Assignment:** - The 2026 AGM/ACM will be organised by the EC Area, to be held in either Colchester or Harwich. - Paul
12. **April 2025 AC Assignment:** - Paul to ensure the proposed flip-book viewer is usable on all screen formats, to address concerns by Mary and Alison. - Paul
13. **April 2025 AC Assignment:** - 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. - Paul
14. **January 2025 AC Assignment:** - All to frequently send information and photographs to Elly for website and social media postings.
15. **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 ACMs.
16. **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.
17. Any other business

Not on the agenda, assignments on hold pending later implementation: -

January 2025 AC Assignment: - 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.

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.

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