

OGA - GMC Meeting Agreements and Assignments

from the Meeting of October 30, 2025

Participants: Colin Stroud (Secretary), Clare Thomas (Membership Secretary), Mike Beckett (President), Tony Kiddle (Treasurer)

Not Present: Alison Cable (co-opted Boat Register), David Bewick (co-opted Small Boats Secretary), Georgina Tall (co-opted Younger Members Secretary), Jay Cresswell (co-opted Gaffers Log Editor), Julian Cable (co-opted Boat Register),

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 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	<u>Photograph Library: -</u> Jay to report at the next meeting.	JC
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.	
4	Jay to put another advertisement, in the Summer Gaffers Log, to attract volunteers for the position of External Communications and Sponsorship Officer. Jay to propose to the GMC different wording than was used previously.	JC
5	<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
6	<u>April 2025 AC Assignment: -</u> The GMC to make a proposal, for discussion at the next ACM, on the OGA becoming a company limited by guarantee. It was agreed to better understand the pros and cons then, if necessary, present a proposal/recommendation to the AC. Target is to send to the ACM for pre-reading then review at the October 2, 2025, ACM. The GMC agreed that a limited company would be the most appropriate and manageable option, as it would allow for easier operation across different regions and avoid complications with charity regulations. Charity registration would be needed in 3 or 4 regions with the same number of annual returns and all registered with different names. Dublin Bay were not against being part of a UK-registered OGA Limited	GMC

	company. Although becoming a charity might open up funding opportunities, this was not the goal. The extraordinary general meeting on the 18th should determine the objective, but the final decision on structure should not be made until there was a clear understanding of the workload and costs involved. Tony to produce a document that identifies the additional tasks for a Treasurer under a Limited Company.	TK
7	Bank Account: Tony to contact Barclays regarding signatory authority “mandate” for Clare.	TK
8	Tony to investigate moving all Direct Debits to Go Cardless.	TK
9	Merchandise: Georgina to obtain a quote for the production, and distribution to Members, of an A4 size 2026 calendar.	GT

	<u>Not Assignments to the GMC but included here to keep all in one place: -</u>	
10	<u>January 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - All to frequently send information and photographs to Elly for website and social media postings.	All
11	<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
12	<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
13	<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
14	<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
15	<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
16	<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

	<u>Assignments on hold pending later implementation: -</u>	
17	<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

The meeting closed at 19:50h

The next meeting will be on December 4, 2025, at 19:00

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