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OGA Youth Fund – Criteria and Application Process

Definition of “Youth” for the purposes of the Fund

Youth is defined as young people aged between 16 and 25. Funding will also be considered for youngsters under the age of 16 providing they are accompanied by a supervising adult from their parent organisation (e.g. School or Sea Cadets).

Sailing activities only

The Fund will concentrate on supporting sailing activities only, however it is hoped that the Fund will be able to support projects other than sailing sometime in the future.

Criteria for suitable projects:

- Applications for grants to support youth events are made by fully completing the Application for Youth Fund Grant form and sending it, through an Area Committee, to youthfund@oga.org.uk
- The General Management Committee will consider applications and make its awards from the Fund.
- The GMC must be satisfied that a youth event will be run in accordance with the principles of the OGA's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.
- In applying for a grant, the Area concerned makes a commitment to write a report on the event with photographs and feedback from participants.
- Grants of up to £500 can be awarded for worthwhile projects that bring young people and gaff rig boats together. Areas are expected to raise funds locally, wherever possible, to match the grant requested from the Youth Fund.
- Funding for OGA events will take preference over non-OGA projects (e.g. school activities or Sea Scouts).
- Funding may include:- A course fee, travel expenses to get to an OGA event/ or to crew for an OGA member, entry fees for a race, or Gaffing 4.1 rental (see here https://oga.org.uk/areas/east_coast/east_coast_gafflings.html)

Event Report

Following the event the organiser should submit a full report on the event, with input from participants and photographs, to youthfund@oga.org.uk. The report must include details of what was achieved in the way of benefits to the individual participants and to the OGA as an organisation. Reports will be published on the OGA website and in Gaffers Log.