

OGA Association Committee Meeting January 31, 2026, from 10:00 to 13:30

Open Assignments

1	<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
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>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
4	<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 PM
5	<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
6	<u>October 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - All to spread the word among your Areas that we need to find, before the end of 2026, a Treasurer to succeed Tony and a Small Boat Secretary to succeed David.	All
7	<u>October 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - Alasdair to provide costs, to the next meeting, for the proposed 2027 AGM/ACM at the Windermere Jetty Museum, organised by the NW Area.	AS
8	<u>November 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - At an Extraordinary ACM on November 18, 2025, it was agreed to remain unincorporated and to take actions to reduce risks and liabilities when organising events both on and off the water. Grant to set up a sub-group of the AC to look at reducing risks. Pete Elliston and Georgina offered to be in the group with Alasdair offering input, as required, on management of safety on the water. The sub-group should not consider risks related to actions or decisions made by skippers. (eg. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing). It was agreed that the sub-group should look at policies, procedures, risk assessments, contract templates and processes for shared learning, with an initial report to the AC on January 31, 2026 and to have something that can be incorporated into the Handbook for OGA Officers before the start of the 2026 sailing season. Confirmation should be sought from the RYA that policies, etc. conform with their standards of good practice. All areas should be consulted so the results are workable for both large and small events, inland and tidal. Mike to brief Members at the January 2026 AGM on the background, current position and ongoing actions.	GM

Colin Stroud, Association Secretary
January 25, 2026