

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the OGA
held on Saturday January 11, 2025, in Gloucester and on-line.

AGM Attendees in Gloucester (70) : -

Alan Sibley, Alasdair Simpson, Andrew Kelland, Ann Ingham, Anne Metel, Anne Morgon, Barbara Runnalls, Ben Collins, Brian Budden, Charles Erb, Charles Harris, Chris Englefield, Chris Hardman, Chris Holgate, Clare Thomas, Colin Stroud, David Bewick, David Botterill, David Patock, David Simmonds, Dick Dawson, Don Gaman, Edward Roberts, Estelle Budden, Evie Roberts, Fran Bomrose, Georgina Tall, Glynis Parsons, Grant Morris, Helen Englefield, Janet Elliott, Jeremy Lambert, Jeremy Retford, Jimmy Murphy, Jo Masters, Jo Tall, Joan Kelland, Josie Thomas, Julian Cable, Julien Valognes, Liz Dodwell, Maddie Phillips, Maddy Masters, Martin Bell, Mary Simmonds, Matin West, Mation Elliott, Michael Weed, Mike Beckett, Mike Dixon, Negley Groom, Nicola Erb, Pat Dawson, Patrick Vyvyan-Robinson, Paul Masters, Pauline Garman, Pete "PTK" Elliston, Pete Thomas, Richard Jacobs, Roger Hardman, Rosemary West, Roy Kim(?), Sally Holgate, Shirley Bell, Steve King, Sue Harris, Susanne Newbold, Tim Dodwell, Tony Kiddle, Will Thomas.

AGM Attendees on Zoom (12):

Brian Tweedie-Smith, Chris Allender, Chris Danby, Chris Harnan, Elly Rule, Francis Mogg, Jeremy Cresswell, Liz Hall, Mary Gibbs, Shona Fairchild, Steve Lorraine, Terence Smith.

AGM Apologies:

Julie Patuck, Maxine Lomas, Lorna Hill, Robert Hill, Matt Power, Peter Tobin.

The meeting started at 14:08

- Association President Mike Beckett welcomed everyone and thanked the AGM organising team.
- Association Treasurer Tony Kiddle presented the accounts which are shown below and announced that, in order to accumulate an event fund for the major 5-yearly events, e.g. OGA65 in 2028, Membership subscriptions will need to increase by 5% starting in January 2026. The majority of those present agreed with the 5% increase.
- Election of Association Officers: Tony Kiddle is standing for re-election as Association Treasurer, Elder Gaffer Clare Thomas is standing for election, succeeding Mary Gibbs, as Association Membership Secretary and Colin Stroud is standing for re-election as Association Secretary. The majority of those present voted in favour of all three.
- Tony Kiddle announced that he intends to stand down as treasurer at the 2026 AGM and encourage anyone interested in succeeding him to get in touch with him or the Association Secretary.
- Proposed changes to OGA Rules:- Existing Rule 3. "TRADEMARKS AND LOGOS "Old Gaffers Association" and the Burgee Logo are registered trademarks.....". Proposed updated Rule 3. "TRADEMARKS AND LOGOS "Old Gaffers Association", "Gaffers" and the Burgee Logo are registered trademarks.....". The majority of those present voted in favour of the change to Rule 3.
- Association President, Mike Beckett, gave a review of the 2024 events, particularly the NL20 event in the Netherlands, and the progress of all Areas, both large and small. He

highlighted the impressive number of events already being planned for 2025 and encouraged all areas to build on the growth in ownership of trailer-cruisers by organising suitable events for them in order to attract more Members. Membership numbers are roughly stable, believed to be better than many other associations and clubs that are losing members.

- Mary Gibbs, past Membership Secretary, and Mike Beckett announced the result of the survey of Members, during 2024, to decide on the future of the printed Yearbook. A majority of the Members who voted, 63%, voted for an on-line only system. (Look for “Members Area” then “Member List” on the OGA Website). 9% voted for a paper yearbook every year and 28% voted for a paper yearbook on alternate years.
- Mary congratulated the East Coast Area on being the best recruiting Area in absolute numbers and the North West Area for the best recruiting Area in percentage terms.
- Mike Beckett announced that the OGA65 event, in 2028, will be held on the East Coast and the OGA70 will incorporate a Round Britain Cruise.
- Anne Metel, French OGA President and Julien Valognes, French OGA Vice-president, visiting the AGM as guests from France, with Ben Collins, our French OGA liaison officer and Maddie Masters both helping with translations, presented their plans for the French OGA St. Malo event with 300 boats on June 6-9, 2025. They invited everyone to their free event and will manage a simplified passport control and customs process for boats arriving from outside the EU. There will be lots of events on the water and on the 3km of quayside. There will also be free facilities for 50 boats arriving by road/trailer. The Solent Area is organising a cruise in company to get there. Full details and registrations forms will be online and advertised in the Gaffers Log.
- Elly Rule gave a presentation on the work she does to maintain our website and social media platforms.
- Joanna Tall gave a presentation on how she built a wooden standup paddleboard at the Lyme Regis Boat Building Academy.
- The location and date of the 2026 AGM, as part of a social weekend, have yet to be confirmed but possibly in Chatham at the end of February. A formal announcement will be published in the Gaffers Log.

After the formal part of the AGM, Mike Beckett presented the results of the 2024 Photographic Competition followed by the presentation of the National Awards. Details will be published in the Gaffers log and on-line.

The Meeting Closed at 16:00

Colin Stroud
Association Secretary
January 28, 2025