

OGA Association Committee

Zoom Meeting of April 21, 2026 starting at 19:00

Agreements and Assignments

Preset (21) :-

Alison Cable, Andrew Kelland, Clare Thomas, Colin Stroud, David Patuck, Edward Hiller, Georgina Tall, Jeremy Cresswell, Jeremy Lambert, Julian Cable, Martin Elliott, Mary Gibbs, Mike Beckett, Mike Dixon, Negley Groom, Paul Masters, Pete Elliston, Pete Thomas, Richard Jacobs, Susanne Newbold, Tony Kiddle,

Not present (6) :

Alasdair Simpson, Grant Morris, Matthew Bradfield, Michael Leahy, Peter Tobin, Scott Metcalf,

1	Gaffers Log:- Mike informed the meeting that the production problems affecting some copies of the latest Gaffers Log had been satisfactorily resolved at no cost to the Association.	
2	April 2026 ACM Assignment: - Regarding the Risk Reduction sub-group review of risk assessments and contracts, there were some concerns regarding whether contracts were applicable to small groups meeting in a pub or restaurant. Pete agreed take this back to the sub-group to seek clarification.	PE
3	April 2026 ACM Assignment: - The proposal from Dublin Area to the host the 2029 ACM/AGM social weekend was welcomed. Negley to develop proposals including costs.	NG
4	April 2026 ACM Assignment: - Mike to ask Beverly to proceed with the central photograph library project for one year, focusing initially on Part A:- centralizing and making photos searchable, by Log Editor and Online Editor, using the existing SmugMug account and with the OGA website as the point of entry for users - , and confirm if the current SmugMug subscription level is sufficient for Part A before upgrading. Part B: - making the photograph library viewable and searchable by all members and anyone online - to be started after a review of Part A with the AC.	MB
5	April 2026 ACM Assignment: - GMC to review IT security and resilience including continuity in terms of people with expertise to manage and access the systems. Security policies for sharing links to be reviewed. Systems to be included: boat register, membership database, photograph library, archive, website, e-mails, admin/accounts records.	GMC
6	Youth Fund:- It was agreed that the Youth Fund should be a single central fund and the GMC will continue to manage it.	
7	April 2026 ACM Assignment: - It was agreed that central funds should be used to support the transport of Gafflings from Areas to attend the annual Gaffling championship event. Pete to provide costs to the GMC for transporting all available Gafflings to the 2026 championships for funding consideration.	PE
8	April 2026 ACM Assignment: - Richard, Clare, and Julian to review the best technical approach for including non-members in OGA emails to allow easier communication with prospective members, and report back with recommendations.	CT JC RJ

	<u>Assignments from previous AC meetings</u>	
9	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment:</u> - Jay to ensure all the PDF files of the Gaffers Log not already in the website archive are uploaded. Only Gaffers Logs of more than two years after publication to be publicly viewable in the online archive. -----	JayC
	<u>Assignments on hold pending later implementation: -</u>	All
10	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment:</u> - South West Area to host the 2028 ACM/AGM social weekend.	DP
11	<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
12	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment:</u> - The EC Area has offered to organise the OGA65 event. -----	PM
	<u>Completed AC Assignments since the January 2026 ACM:-</u>	
	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment:</u> - Clare to explore the possibility of incorporating a "non member" category in GOLD, and Mailchimp, to allow easier communication with prospective members..... at the April 2026 ACM this assignment was replaced by a revised assignment.	
	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment:</u> - Alison to ask Julian (who was not at the meeting) to produce a new page in the logged-in Members Area of the website where Gaffers Logs published within two years can be viewed.....completed March 18, 2026	
	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment:</u> - The Risk Reduction Sub-group to provide their risk assessment and contract templates, with supporting guidance, for Colin to incorporate into the Handbook for OGA Officers, and to offer workshops to Area, before the 2026 sailing season..... completed March 15, 2026	
	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment:</u> - Mike to offer OGA support to Hannah Cunliffe regarding the 'Living Heritage' submission with the National Historic Ships. Completed March 10, 2026	
	<u>October 2025 AC Assignment:</u> - The GMC will add additional advice into the Handbook for OGA Officers regarding food allergy risks and contracts with catering companies. on-hold pending outcome of the November 18, 2025, sub-group looking at reducing risks. Completer by Risk Reduction Subgroup March 15, 2026.	
	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment:</u> - Julian to continue to develop a webpage that enables Areas to list selected WhatsApp groups and who to contact to join them. completed March 27, 2026	

The meeting ended at 20:34

The next AC meeting will be on October 7, 2026 via Zoom.

Colin Stroud
Association Secretary
April 23, 2026