

OGA - GMC Meeting Agreements and Assignments

from the Meeting of May 20, 2026

Participants: Alison Cable (co-opted Boat Register), Clare Thomas (Membership Secretary), Colin Stroud (Secretary), Georgina Tall (co-opted Younger Members Secretary), Julian Cable (co-opted Boat Register), Matthew Bradfield (co-opted Online Editor), Mike Beckett (President), Mike Dixon (co-opted Small Boats Secretary), Tony Kiddle (Treasurer)

Not Present: Jay Cresswell (co-opted Gaffers Log Editor), Mary Gibbs (co-opted External Communications & Sponsorship Coordinator)

	<u>Younger Members: -</u>	
1	It was agreed that the Youth Fund should be used to help finance a group of Younger Members to experience sailing on the Thames Barge "Blue Mermaid" with the Sea Change Trust, up to a maximum of £800 in total with a maximum of £200 per person. Georgina to prepare a YF application for review by the GMC. Georgina to ensure one of the participants produces an article for the Gaffers Log.	GT
	<u>Small Boats: -</u>	
2	The meeting agreed to all MikeD's proposed changes to the website to help promote/support Small Boat events although the proposed SB events tick-box would have to wait until the website was updated (due June 30) before this could be implemented (MikeD to follow-up with Pete Scrimshaw).	MD
3	MikeD to contact the Areas to invite them to nominate a Small Boat contact person for their Area.	MD
	<u>Gaffers Log Archive:-</u>	
4	It was agreed that only one set of hard-copy Gaffers Logs/Newsletters need to 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. Julian to send Jay spare issues 110 and 111 to complete Jay's set. - When the searchable digital archive is complete, 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 two years old).	JayC JC
5	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.	
	<u>April 2026 ACM Assignment: -</u>	
6	MikeB to ask Beverly to proceed with the central image 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 image library viewable and searchable by all members and anyone online - to be started after a review of Part A with the AC.	MB
7	The GMC paid an additional £251.97 on May 21, 2026 to upgrade the existing SmugMug account as the existing account did not have the functionality to start this assignment.	

8	Julian to work closely with Beverley. Matt proposed that a presentation be made at the next GMC on progress and next steps.	JC
9	<u>Merchandise:</u> Georgina to obtain a quote for the production, and distribution to Members, of an A4 size 2026 calendar. Whether to go ahead for 2026, or 2027, has yet to be decided. The dates of Area events are unlikely to be available before the end of April so if the calendar is to contain the Area events for the year then it would have to be published in May and run from May to April.	GT
10	<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
11	Colin to circulate the inventory spreadsheet of what is in the archives for review of completeness in order to highlight any gaps.	CS
12	<u>April 2026 AC Assignment: -</u> 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.	RJ, CT, JC
13	At the May 20 GMC meeting it was agreed that contact details provided by non-members/prospective-members should be recorded in Mailchimp and not GOLD.	
14	<u>Treasurer Succession:-</u> Tony to check with Roger that he would like to attend GMC meetings then Colin will add him to the GMC email group.	TK
15	<u>April 2026 ACM Assignment: -</u> 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, social media accounts, e-mails, admin/accounts records.	
16	Colin to circulate the Handbook for the GMC for review and for GMC members to add/edit the details of their IT/Systems.	CS
17	<u>Membership/Gold/Mailchimp Systems: -</u> Mike agreed to seek agreement with DB President Negley on a joint exercise to commonise and simplify how the DB Area's systems align with the central systems. Then, Colin to set up a Zoom meeting for MikeB, Clare, Colin, Negley and the relevant DB Officers. -----	MB CS
	<u>Not Assignments to the GMC but included here to keep all in one place: -</u>	
18	<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
19	<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

20	<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
21	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment: -</u> All Areas to seek local schools or organizations interested in building Gafflings and report back to Pete.	All
22	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment: -</u> South West Area to consider hosting the 2028 AGM social weekend. -----	DP
23	<u>Assignments on hold pending later implementation: -</u>	
24	<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
25	<u>January 2026 AC Assignment: -</u> The EC Area has offered to organise the OGA65 event.	PM

Meeting ended at 19:59

The next meeting will be June 30, 2026 at 19:00.

Join the Zoom Meeting:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556149439?pwd=oUwNgkNRCJYkhboabAIDTBavBOY2km.1>

Colin Stroud, Association Secretary

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