

OGA - GMC Meeting Agreements and Assignments

from the Meeting of August 11, 2026

Participants: Alison Cable (co-opted Boat Register), Beverley Daley-Yates, 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), Mary Gibbs (co-opted External Communications & Sponsorship Coordinator), Mike Beckett (President), Mike Dixon (co-opted Small Boats Secretary), Pete Thomas, Tony Kiddle (Treasurer)

Not Present: Jay Cresswell (co-opted Gaffers Log Editor)

1	<u>Gaffers Log Archive:-</u> 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). 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.	JayC JC
2	<u>April 2026 ACM Assignment: -</u> Image Archive:- MikeB to ask Beverly to proceed with the central image archive 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
3	Bev and Julian presented an initial version, based mostly on EC images. This was well received and the GMC was appreciative of the work that has been done to develop the project so far. The need for input from all Areas in developing a robust OGA Archive was recognised, and this will be brought to the AC. Issues relating to copyright and acknowledgement for reproduction of images from the Archive will need to be addressed as the project progresses.	
4	Beverley and Julian to review, at the September 16 GMC meeting, what they propose should be sent to the AC in advance (ideally at least 2 weeks in advance) of the ACM on October 7, 2026.	BY JC
5	Colin to provide an area in the Officers Area for Image Archive documents/links etc, for sharing with GMC and AC.	CS
6	Colin to turn off the recently introduced photographic competition entry form.	CS

7	Beverley to liaise with Charles Erb to ensure a new Photographic Competition entry form, compatible with the proposed Image Archive, is available on the OGA website by the end of September 2026.	BY
8	Julian to provide recommended wording regarding image protection for inclusion in the paper for the AC.	JC
9	<u>Merchandise:</u> Georgina to obtain the incremental cost of producing the proposed A4 size calendar for distribution to Members (one per Membership posted with the Autumn Log), for sending to the AC, together with a digital version of the calendar, two weeks before the copy deadline, for AC review and approval. The AC will be asked for a three-year commitment.	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	<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
12	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.	
13	<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.	
14	Colin to summarise the relevant sections of the Handbook for the GMC for presenting to the AC on October 7.	CS
15	All to continue to update the Handbook for the GMC version-14 in the Officers Area here https://oga.org.uk/officers_area/core_documents.html .	All
16	Tony to document all the systems that he controls: GOLD, OGA Email system, Bank accounts/Stripe/investments, website, Log archive, etc.	TK
17	Julian to provide details on where the Image Archie data will be held, its security, and who will have access to that data.	JC
	<u>Membership/Gold/Mailchimp Systems: -</u> Mike B to follow-up with DB President Negley regarding the opportunity to commonise and simplify how the DB Area's systems align with the central systems and copy Clare in on emails.	MB
18	----- <u>Not Assignments to the GMC but included here to keep all in one place: -</u>	
19	<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

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

The meeting ended at 20:20

The next meeting will be September 16, 2026 at 19:00.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89573243295?pwd=W2PnCx9b64fp0gfp2TbbdJgU5ROuID.1>

Colin Stroud, Association Secretary
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