

OGA (NE) AREA REPORT TO ACM, January 2021.

In addition to problems imposed by the Covid pandemic the NE area had, in late September to deal with an issue which led to the departure of the President and Secretary. By early October the Area management team had been reconstituted and committed to:-

Immediate action to restore the Area's integrity, reputation, and assets.

Plan to meet existing commitments.

Strengthen the Area management structure.

Take action to secure the future of the Area & its activities.

With the help of the Association's national management and drawing on the expertise of senior members; the above objectives were achieved.

A virtual Area General Meeting (via 'Zoom') on 25th November confirmed the Area management team (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Dinghy project manager).

Our future organisational programme is:

1. Hold an Area General Meeting in March 2021 when I shall retire as President & relinquish the chair.
2. The Area AGM to be held at the end of September 2021.

Activities & events:

1. The dinghy programme to continue as & when general restrictions allow.
2. Outline planning is under way to organise at least one & hopefully more sailing events for this year (probably between July and September).
3. We are committed to organising the 2022 National AGM at Newcastle.
4. We are preparing to participate in OGA 60, including the RBC.

The future of OGA(NE) seems secure and settled. I am leaving the helm but intend stay aboard. My sincere thanks to all, near & far, high & low who continue to make it all worthwhile. Lets all remember why we do it – and keep on enjoying it.

Jim Bell

President OGA(NE).