

A huge number of entries for our 2020 OGA Photo Competition – thank you to all those that took the time to enter.

Bob had a hard job on his hands but has announced the winners at our January AGM.

Sailing Gaffers.

1st. French skipper chanting to his crew. By Chaloner Chute

The photographer captured a beautiful moment on a tranquil river as the skipper tries to communicate with his motley crew. It made me smile and is a well-deserved winner and the best picture of 2020.



2nd Spirits Lifted. By Sarah Adie

On this occasion the photographer's thought very carefully about his/her composition and captured the scene in the perfect light. The combination of these two important photographic elements has produced a stunning image to be proud of.



3rd. Is the pub open? By Viv Head

Another photo that brings a smile to the viewers face and it certainly worked for me. It's got the fun-factor and tells the story of the day. I love it.



Highly Commended in no particular order

Golden Evening Light. By Loic Le Marchand



More sails to hoist. By Loic Le Marchand



Life at Sea.

1st. Flo in St Germans By Stuart Anderson

It's the scale of the tiny boat against the 106ft high St German's Viaduct in Cornwall that's given this remarkable image the wow factor. A great picture for the holiday album and this competition.



2nd. My Boat. By Sandy Miller

You can't fail winning awards with animals and children and this fabulous photo is no exception. It's obviously the dog's boat and I'd bet this masterful mutt also rules the home as well.



3rd New Blood. By Julian Cable

An image that tells the story of the day in a single shot. On this occasion you don't need to check the caption to know it's all about an exceptional high tide. This is exactly what every picture editor looks for in news pictures.



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Fun at Barn Pool By Stuart Anderson

Sunday lie in. By Mike Garlick



London Bridge By Paul Masters



Isolating Gaffers

1st Social. Distanced. By Mark Turner (NOTE this image I moved from its original category of Life at Sea)

Social distancing in what looks like a beautiful place of isolation its self. Great image to illustrate any story about yachtsmen in these troubled times.



2nd Birthday Sail By Stuart Anderson

A picture that will be treasured by the little girl all her life. Especially when her children ask, what did mummy do in COVID-19 times?



3rd Todie Messing About. By Chaloner Chute

It's not technically perfect but a fun shot of Todie in isolation on his little boat on an equally little stream. I've no idea what is going on but it did make me smile.

