

Association Committee Meeting

September 9, 2021 from 18:00 to 20:00 via Zoom

Citation for David Grainger:-

David is one of a very rare breed indeed, even within OGA circles. He has sailed Gaffers both commercially and for pleasure in and from the Bristol Channel since his teenage years in the 1950's. Many within the OGA will know him from the days that he built Happy Quest and sailed her (engineless) around the UK and beyond.

Critical to this nomination from the Bristol Channel area management committee is David's willingness to share his incredible knowledge of sailing to others. This has never been more evident than over the last year when he has supported the BC area zoom calls through talks and presentation's. His most recent presentation was on the subject of navigation by sextant during which he disclosed that he bought his first in the early 1950's and has used that and newer versions since then having never owned a chart plotter or indeed a VHF!

His contributions to the OGA and indeed traditional sailing in general go back well before the recent pandemic. He was a director of Tall Ships (Wales) trust for several years and has always been keen to promote the virtues of sailing traditional craft to young and old alike. He has been happy to support the creation of the BC Heritage resource and has provided a unique insight into what it was like to sail its waters for work, and subsequently, pleasure.

We would ask that the general management committee consider and hopefully support our recommendation that David should be awarded the honour of becoming an Elder Gaffer. We believe that few deserve it more.

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