

Proposed Changes to OGA Rules regarding Honours
(agreed new text will replace existing Para 15 of the OGA Rules)

The Association may from time to time wish to honour an individual whose contribution to the Association has been exceptional and beyond the call of duty. Nominations for Elder Gaffer and Honorary Life Member should be submitted by an Area President/Secretary to the Association President/Secretary with a citation. Nominations will be reviewed at an Association Committee Meeting and if two thirds of the AC are in favour then successful candidates will be announced at the Association AGM. Elder Gaffers and Honorary Life Members will not pay a subscription but will retain their voting power at General Meetings as members of the Association. Criteria for nominating an individual for these Honours are as follows:

- Elder Gaffer: - Awarded to those who are long standing members of the Association and who have rendered exceptional service to the Association in the pursuit of the Association's Objectives (see Rule 2). They must have served as an officer of the Association at either Association or Area level, have knowledge and experience of the workings of the Association and be in a position to offer wise counsel to management committees. An Elder Gaffer has ex officio membership of all committees, but only in an advisory capacity, having no vote other than the normal member's vote in a General Meeting. There shall be no more than 16 Elder Gaffers at one time. An Elder Gaffer is entitled to fly the Elder Gaffer flag (see below).



- Honorary Life Member: - This position is awarded to those members or non-members who are committed to the preservation and sailing of boats with traditional rigs, and are committed, directly or indirectly, to support the Association's objectives. They should have undertaken exceptional work or actions to promote these aims, not necessarily within the OGA itself. An Honorary Life Member has no membership of committees unless elected. There shall be no more than 16 Honorary Life Members at one time.