

Agreements and Assignments from the Association Committee Meeting held in Newcastle and online on January 15, 2022

Present in Newcastle: -

Colin Stroud, Secretary. Mary Gibbs, Membership Secretary. Alison Cable, Boat Register Editor. Julian Cable, Boat Register Editor. Viv Head, Bristol Channel President's Delegate. Des O'Meara, North East President. Kevin Goulding, North West President. Martin Haigh, Guest.

Present Online: -

Patrick Vyvyan-Robinson, President. Tony Kiddle, Treasurer. Rob Jarman, Log Editor. Elly Howlett, On-line Editor. David Bewick, Small Boat Secretary. Andrew Kelland, Bristol Channel Secretary. Darryl Hughes, Dublin Bay Secretary. Adrian Spence, Dublin Bay President. Lorna Hill, East Coast Secretary. Robert Hill, East Coast President. Sally Holgate, North Wales Secretary. Alasdair Simpson, North West Secretary. Pat Conway, Northern Ireland President. Jon Reid, Scotland Secretary. Gordon Garman, Scotland President. Jeremy Retford, Solent Secretary. Sue Pennison, Solent President. Tim Price, South West Secretary. Paul Jolley, South West President. Pete Thomas, Elder Gaffer.

Apologies from: - Susanne Newbold, Bristol Channel President.

Meeting started at 10:00.

There was agreement that the following assignments from previous meetings are now closed: -

From the January 2021 ACM

Introduce a Website Member-Login facility to see names of boat owners in the Boat Register. The plan is for log-in to be within the Boat Register. System to be ready by year end for function to be agreed by GMC with a deadline for implementation of Jan 2022 ACM.

Investigate if the Lloyds Register could be put online for logged-in Members. Answer needed prior to the January 2022 ACM.

A future update of the OGA Rules should include an explanation of the legal status of the OGA.

Status

Completed, demonstrated at the Jan 2022 ACM.

Completed, owners of the digitised Lloyds Register not currently willing to make any of their data available online.

Completed, the OGA, as an unincorporated association, is not a legal entity so nothing to be included in the OGA Rules.

From the September 2021 ACM	Status	
The GMC will consider all membership recruitment suggestions made and propose actions to the AC.	Completed, reviewed at the January ACM.	
The GMC to investigate the cost of having an OGA leaflet inserted in the Watercraft and Classic Boat magazines.	Completed, cost versus benefit poor, so promotion via submitting articles to magazines will be perused instead.	
David Bewick to submit regular reports to Watercraft following on from those submitted by Mike Stephens.	Completed and will become an ongoing initiative.	
GMC to review best practice and issue guidance to Areas on how Zoom can be used to communicate and engage with a wider Membership/public audience.	Completed, information now inserted in the Handbook for OGA Officers and a presentation at the 2022 AGM.	
Patrick proposed the AGM should have a greater focus on member participation rather than the formal proceedings and include discussions on more Areas organising Zoom talks and on the use of WhatsApp during events. He also proposed the AC should be facing the members, not the GMC.	Completed, implemented at the 2022 AGM.	
Des to ask Martyn Haigh if he would give a talk at the AGM on the building of the Gaffling 4.1 with particular focus on the process and success of the community involvement.	Completed, presentation at the 2022 AGM.	
GMC to provide guidance and the outline itinerary for the RBC60 so Areas can plan/organise their Party Ports.	Completed, now in the Officers' Area and will be kept up to date.	
The GMC will review the criteria for Elder Gaffer versus Honorary Member and prepare a recommendation to the AC.	Completed, reviewed at Jan 2022 ACM and the OGA Rules updated.	
Open assignments from the September 2021 ACM		
The GMC will investigate an OGA crewing offer/wanted facility.		GMC
All Areas to have a WhatsApp admin person and with contact details on their Area website page and Rob to publish a short text in the spring Log containing those contact details and explaining how to use. The default contact will be the Area Secretaries.		Areas

Areas to submit RBC60 funding requests to the Association Treasurer during first half of 2022 and a proposal will be made to the AC on how funds may be allocated.	Areas GMC
The GMC will initiate an RBC2023 WhatsApp group. Will be implemented closer to the event.	GMC
Keith McIlwain to organise presentation of Elder Gaffer flag to David Grainger in first half of 2022.	KM
Agreements and New Assignments from the January 2022 ACM: - Print an extra 200+ copies of each issue of the Gaffers Log during 2002 for use in recruiting new members during the OGA60 events.	GMC
Ensure Members give consent to their contact details being printed in the Gaffers Log boats For Sale section.	GMC
More frequent updates of the Website home page.	GMC
Consider integration/linkage of Facebook page with Website home page.	GMC
The OGA60 events registration process to be available from April 2022 with a £15 “commitment” fee, for which the applicant will receive an OGA60 flag.	GMC
 The OGA60 flag will be (as proposed by Paul Jolly and produced by our existing merchandise supplier, of “event” quality and printed on one side with the standard OGA blue background)	GMC
Regarding the OGA60 Main Event on the East Coast, it was agreed that the initial proposal to bus participants offsite to an evening meal venue should be replaced by a simpler on-site event.	
All Areas to inform Small Boat Secretary of all planned SB events.	Areas
Small laminated printed promotional cards to be produced and distributed to Areas for attaching to boats to attract potential members.	GMC
Facility to be investigated for the Area pages of the Website to show/highlight boats from the Boat Register that are in their Area.	GMC
There should be an article in the Gaffers Log providing a basic and simple tutorial of the Racing Rules to encourage more entrants in races.	GMC
To ensure more consistency, in how we define who we are, some examples of standard wording will be produced.	GMC
A process and criteria for “President’s Commendations” will be defined and included in the Handbook for OGA Officers.	GMC
All Areas to ensure Alison has the dates and locations for their OGA60 Party Ports so these can be published on the Website.	Areas

We should aim to exhibit at the 2022 Southampton Boat Show, September 16 to 25. Sue P. to investigate the opportunity for Associations to exhibit as in previous years.

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Pat Conway (President NI Area) and Gerry Brennan (Secretary) to resign from their posts and will write to all NI Area Members seeking volunteers to run the Area or the Members will be given the opportunity to merge with the DB Area or choose to join another Area.

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Next Meetings: -

The next ACM will be on September 7, 2022, starting 18:30 to 20:00 online using Zoom.

The next ACM/AGM social weekend will be hosted by the Solent Area on January 14, 2023. Location to be announced. There will be an option to attend the meetings using Zoom.

Meeting closed at 14:32

**Colin Stroud,
Association Secretary,
February 02, 2022**