

Agreements and Assignments from the Association Committee Meeting held online on September 15, 2022

Present: -

Adrian Spence	Dublin Bay (DB) President
Alison Cable	Boat Register Editor
Andrew Kelland	Bristol Channel (BC) Secretary
Colin Stroud	Secretary
David Bewick	Small Boat Secretary
Elly Rule	On-line Editor
Gordon Garman	Scotland (SC) President
Jeremy Retford	Solent (SO) Secretary
Julian Cable	Boat Register Editor
Kevin Goulding	North West (NW) President
Lorna Hill	East Coast (EC) Secretary
Mark Batey	North East (NE) President
Mary Gibbs	Membership Secretary
Mike Beckett	OGA60 coordinator
Patrick Vyvyan-Robinson	President
Paul Jolley	South West (SW) President
Pete Thomas	Elder Gaffer
Philip Hopson	Log Editor
Robert Hill	East Coast (EC) President
Sally Holgate	North Wales (NWa) Secretary
Sue Pennison	Solent (SO) President
Susanne Newbold	Bristol Channel (BC) President
Tim Price	South West (SW) Secretary
Tony Kiddle	Treasurer

Apologies from: -

Alasdair Simpson	North West (NW) Secretary
Anthea Connor	North East (NE) Secretary
Darryl Hughes	Dublin Bay (DB) Secretary
Jon Reid	Scotland (SC) Secretary

Meeting started at 18:36.

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| 1 | Patrick welcomed Mark Batey who became NE President since the last AC meeting and Philip Hopson, the new Gaffers Log Editor cooped onto the GMC. | |
| 2 | After a discussion about the AC as the governing body of the OGA being more proactive in leading the future direction, it was agreed that the AC should meet three times per year with the addition of one in March or April. The Handbook for OGA Officers will be updated accordingly. | CS |
| 3 | Patrick's proposed process and criteria for "President's Commendations" was agreed and will be included in the Handbook for OGA Officers. – Assignment closed. | CS |

4	All Areas to seek and nominate suitable volunteer candidates to take on the role of Online Editor. Philip offered to assist with social media to ensure consistency between that and the printed Gaffers log.	All PH
5	Tony requested that when Areas submit their requests for OGA60 funding they include the number/length of the boats due to visit if asking for berth fee funding. Alison to include, in her piece in the Gaffers Log, requests for boats to register online if attending one, any or all ports, including the final Orwell event.	All AC
6	Regarding the small laminated printed promotional cards to be produced and distributed to Areas for attaching to boats to attract potential members: there were no objections to the proposed text but any other comments to be sent to Alison before October 3.	All
7	To ensure more consistency, in how we define who we are, some examples of standard wording were reviewed and there were no objections so Colin to put them in the Branding section of the Handbook for OGA Officers.	CS
8	Regarding the assignment on more frequent updates of the Website home page, Elly requested all areas to continually feed her with news, event plans, event results, etc. so she can keep it fresh and share on social media too.	All
9	Patrick congratulated Elly for her significant work in promoting the OGA on Facebook and Instagram.	
10	The OGA60 flag, as included in the Officers' Area, is now approved. A flag will be given to all boats who have registered for all or part of the OGA60 events. Patrick to liaise with our existing supplier on quality/price and sizes (regular and a small size for small boats). Tony to create a "fluttering in the wind" pdf/jpg version for use on posters/printed material.	PVR TK
11	Julian demonstrated the prototype crewing offer/wanted facility. There were no objections. Julian to continue to develop the production version.	JC
12	Julian demonstrated the facility for the Area pages of the Website to show/highlight boats from the Boat Register that are in their Area. There were no objections. Julian to continue to develop the production version.	JC
13	Patrick acknowledged the urgent need to improve the OGA60 external communications and sponsorship coordination. All to urgently find someone to take on these roles. Patrick to put this on the agenda for the OGA60 Sub-Committee. Alison remains the overall coordinator of the national OGA60 event so would everyone keep her informed.	All PVR
14	Patrick to investigate if the OGA can assist in ensuring Golant Gaffer plans remain available given that the designer, Roger Dongray, is now ill and no longer selling them.	PVR
15	Regarding Paul Jolly's proposal to re-open the debate on the name of the OGA, all to review with their Areas on whether there is a desire to have another review of the name of the Association.	All
16	Lorna and Colin seek guidance from the RYA and then to review with our insurer whether we have sufficient insurance cover for claims against individual officers/volunteers and what the cost increase would be to increase it. AC to be consulted if a premium cost increase is recommended. Feedback from Areas will be discussed at the January ACM.	LH, CS All

17	The Classic Boat magazine is putting together a shortlist of boats for inclusion in the Centenarian of the Year category in their Classic Boat Awards 2022/23. They need to be 100 years old or more, and there needs to be something that marks them out this past year, which could be an anniversary, a recent significant voyage, a big refit, an apprentice programme or a series of regatta wins. All to send Sue, before the end of September 2022, the boat name and the skipper's consented contact details so she can send the list to Classic Boat ensuring they are aware they are all OGA members. There was agreement that the following assignments from previous AC meetings are now closed: -	All
18	(ACM Assignment) Consider integration/linkage of Facebook page with Website home page..... Considered but based on Tony's advice it was decided that the existing Facebook link on the OGA Home Page is sufficient and that live linkage would add too much clutter and detract from the main content. Assignment closed February 2022.	
19	(ACM Assignment) 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..... Completed. Ref: email from Mary Gibbs March 11, 2022.	
20	(ACM Assignment) 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..... Completed. Details published in the Spring 2022 Gaffers Log.	
21	(ACM Assignment) Print an extra 200+ copies of each issue of the Gaffers Log during 2002 for use in recruiting new members during the OGA60 events..... Completed. Order put in place for additional copies starting Spring 2022 issue and Mary has agreed to store them until needed.	
22	(ACM Assignment) 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 Completed April 20 and announced to members in the May 2022 President's Newsletter sent to all members on May 1 st .	
23	(ACM Assignment) Keith McIlwain to organise presentation of Elder Gaffer flag to David Grainger in first half of 2022. Completed	
24	(ACM Assignment) Areas to submit RBC60 funding requests to the Association Treasurer during first half of 2022 - Completed, assumed all Areas that were going to, did so by the deadline.	
25	(ACM Assignment) We should aim to exhibit at the 2022 Southampton Boat Show, September 16 to 25. Sue P. to investigate the opportunity for Association to exhibit as in previous years. on May 31, 2022, after agreement between Sue P and the GMC, an email was sent to the AC saying, "the GMC recommends that we do not exhibit at the 2022 Southampton Boat Show". There were no objections by the June 13 target so assignment closed June 13, 2022.	
26	(ACM Assignment) Ensure Members give consent to their contact details being printed in the Gaffers Log Boats For Sale section..... Completed June 2022. The process for	

the Boat Register Editor is now to always ask permission to publish the seller's contact details. If permission is refused, Boat Register email address is put as the contact on the advertisement instead.

27 (ACM Assignment) All Areas to ensure Alison has the dates and locations for their OGA60 Party Ports so these can be published on the Website.
Completed, assumed that all areas that were going to do so by July 1, 2022.

28 (ACM Assignment) All Areas to inform Small Boat Secretary of all planned SB events..... Completed: Areas are doing this and is now an ongoing process.

The following two Assignments from previous AC meetings are on hold:

29 (ACM Assignment) The GMC will initiate an RBC2023 WhatsApp group.....On hold - will be implemented closer to the event.

30 (ACM Assignment) 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..... on hold.

Next Meeting: -

The next ACM will be on January 14, 2023 in Portsmouth, just before the AGM

Meeting closed at 20:20

**Colin Stroud,
Association Secretary,
September 26, 2022**