

OGA - GMC Meeting Notes and Assignments
Zoom Meeting of September 29, 2022 at 19:00

	Participants: Patrick Vyvyan-Robinson (President), Colin Stroud (Secretary), Mary Gibbs (Membership Secretary), Tony Kiddle (Treasurer), Alison Cable (co-opted Boat Register), Julian Cable (co-opted Boat Register), David Bewick (co-opted Small Boats Secretary), Mike Beckett (co-opted OGA60 Co-ordinator), Elly Rule (co-opted Online Editor), Philip Hopson (co-opted Gaffers Log Editor)	
1	Recruitment/Promotion: (ACM Assignment) Small laminated printed promotional cards to be produced and distributed to Areas for attaching to boats to attract potential members..... Text and format agreed by the AC on Sept 15. Card to be A6 size, water resistant, plastic free, a hole in a corner for tying on, to include logo, "small boat/large boat" insignia, web address, a QR code for direction to the website, 1000 to be printed, and sent to Area Secretaries. Alison to contact Matt for layout and to seek his help with liaison with the Log printer regarding card specification and printing.	AC
2	Website/Online/WhatsApp: (ACM Assignment) The GMC will investigate an OGA crewing offer/wanted facility..... Should be for members only and be part of the Boat Register. Boat owners to be able to indicate crew wanted either generally or for specific dates/locations/events and members to indicate they are available to crew. The prototype was reviewed at the ACM on September 15, 2022, there were no objections. Julian to continue to develop the production version.	JC
3	Elly to pursue a successor for the Online Editor role. Ed Roberts has offered to assist her with Instagram – Elly to send him some guidance/rules. Philip offered to assist, after the Winter issue of the Gaffers Log is published, with social media to ensure consistency between that and the printed Gaffers log.	ER PH
4	Boat Register: (ACM Assignment) Facility to be investigated for the Area pages of the Website to show/highlight boats from the Boat Register that are in their Area.....Julian to enable a facility that all Areas may use if they wish. The prototype was reviewed at the ACM on September 15, 2022, there were no objections. Julian to continue to develop the production version.	JC
5	Alison to investigate the RYA guidance and review the wording in the Copyright section of the Handbook for OGA Officers and, if necessary, provide new wording for Colin to put in the Handbook..	AC CS
6	OGA60 including RBC60: Elly to ask Pete for banner/bunting to use on the website in promoting the registration process.	ER
7	(ACM Assignment) 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	PVR

	(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.	TK
8	(ACM Assignment) 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.	PVR
9	Mike to send info on OGA60 to boating media.	MB
10	Alison to pursue the RBC brochure at the approved budget of £2.5K (budget includes cost of design/layout/printing and mailing to all members) and to present the objectives and status to the OGA60 Sub-Committee meeting on October 20. Brochure must include all material agreed with sponsors.	AC
11	OGA Governance, Officers’ Handbook, etc.: Tony to review draft Handbook for the GMC document and provide comments ASAP.	TK
12	Golant Gaffer Plans: (ACM Assignment) 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. – Patrick waiting for response from his telephone message and hard-copy letter.	PVR
13	Remembering Brian Corbett: Tony to ask Sue Pennison for a citation nominating BC for an existing OGA trophy (Jolie Brise?) to be awarded to his family in recognition of his work.	TK
14	Obituary should be published in the Winter issue of the Gaffers Log. Elly to post something for Online once the email has been produced by Sue P.	PH
15	Gaffers Log, input for Winter Issue, copy deadline October 21: 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 Jubilee/Orwell event.	AC
16	Colin to provide AGM Announcement and election of officers pieces	CS
17	Patrick to provide advertisement for External Communications Officer (which includes the role of sponsorship coordinator)	PVR
18	Elly to provide input for Online Editor advertisement	ER
19	Philip to ensure all Areas provide a report, include promotion for Photographic Competition based on 2021 piece, ad for Online Editor, obituary to Brian Corbett, and a piece promoting and detailing the January 13/14/15 2023 Social Weekend and AGM (from Sue Pennison)	PH
20	Julian to send Philip a link to the Boat Register photographs store.	JC

ACM Assignments not assigned to the GMC (listed here to keep all assignments in one place!)

- 21 (ACM Assignment) 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.
- 22 (ACM Assignment) 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.
- 23 (ACM Assignment) 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.
- 24 (ACM Assignment) 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.
- 25 (ACM Assignment) 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.
- 26 (ACM Assignment) 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.

Assignments on hold:

- 27 (ACM Assignment) The GMC will initiate an RBC2023 WhatsApp group. Will be implemented closer to the event.
- 28 (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.
- 29 Rob and Patrick to compose/commission an article about the benefits to the OGA of our RYA Affiliation On hold until 2023.
- 30 (ACM Assignment) More frequent updates of the Website home page.....Elly to modify the home page so it is more forward looking with the "News" items replaced with "Upcoming Events" and to "hound" AC officers for timely content. AC to be requested at

31	the next ACM to ensure each has an Area Editor nominated to ensure flow of information..... On hold, to be put on the agender for the January 14, 2023 ACM (ACM assignment) All Areas to seek and nominate suitable volunteer candidates to take on the role of Online Editor.....On hold, to be put on the agender for the January 14, 2023 ACM if an Online Editor still not found.
32	ACM Assignments Closed: (ACM Assignment) A process and criteria for “President’s Commendations” will be defined and included in the Handbook for OGA Officers..... completed: Patrick’s proposal was agreed at the September 15 ACM and Colin added details to the Handbook for OGA Officers on September 24, 2022.
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34	(ACM Assignment) 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..... Completed October 3, 2022, deadline passed.
35	(ACM Assignment) To ensure more consistency, in how we define who we are, some examples of standard wording will be produced..... Completed: text reviewed prior to the ACM on Sept 15, 2022, there were no objections. Colin updated the Branding section of the Handbook for OGA Officers on September 24, 2022.
36	(ACM Assignment) 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 in white with the standard OGA blue background.Completed: design approved at the ACM on September 15, 2022.  (ACM Assignment) the AC should meet three times per year with the addition of one in March or April.Completed September 24, 2022, The Handbook for OGA Officers updated accordingly.

The meeting finished at 20:10

The next GMC meeting will be on November 1, 2022, from 19:00 to 20:30

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Colin Stroud - Association Secretary
October 7, 2022