

OGA - GMC Meeting Notes and Assignments
Zoom Meeting of December 13, 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), Mike Beckett (co-opted OGA60 Co-ordinator), Philip Hopson (co-opted Gaffers Log Editor), Elly Rule (co-opted Online Editor), David Bewick (co-opted Small Boats Secretary), Will Loram (External Communications and Sponsorship officer), Pete Thomas (Elder Gaffer) Not present: Julian Cable (co-opted Boat Register)	
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..... 1000 to be printed and delivered to Sue Pennison for distribution to Areas at the January 14, 2023, ACM.	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 and together with Tony will put another advertisement online. Elly to talk to Georgina Tall mid-January. Colin to send an e-mail to all members seeking a Facebook admin. Ed Roberts has volunteered to manage the Instagram account.	ER TK CS
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	OGA60 including RBC60: Elly to ask Pete Scrimshaw for banner/bunting to use on the website in promoting the registration process.	ER
6	(ACM Assignment) A flag will be given to all boats who have registered for all or part of the OGA60 events. Tony to create a "fluttering in the wind" pdf/jpg version for use on posters/printed material.	TK
7	Alison to pursue the RBC brochure at the approved budget of £3.8K (budget includes cost of design/layout/printing and mailing to all members). Brochure must include all material agreed with sponsors. Alison to check supplier quotes are still within budget.	AC
8	Prompted by a letter from Lorna Hill and recommendations by Pete Thomas the OGA60 EC Jubilee Party and RBC Party Port funding is to be reviewed at a special ACM. Pete to provide a recommended criteria and Patrick to provide proposed bid	PT PVR

	template. GMC to offer three choices to the AC:- 1) Accept all bids and fund overspend versus budget from Reserves, 2) Reduce all bids to avoid using Reserves, 3) A combination of choices 1 & 2. Colin to send out meeting invitation and put all documents in the Officers' Area.	CS
9	Trophies and Awards: - Pete agreed to join as a judge for the Cape Horn trophy, Patrick to tell Dick Dawson. Colin to update the Handbook for OGA Officers.	PVR CS
10	It was agreed that the nominee for the Gaffers Globe be presented with a President's Commendation instead.	
11	All to comment on or object to the proposed nominations for Trophies and Awards, as circulated by Patrick, before December 31, 2022.	All
12	Patrick to provide names and citation then Colin to print and frame two President's Commendation certificates.	PVR CS
13	Photography Competition: - Colin to send a reminder of closing date to all members.	CS
14	OGA Governance, etc.: The suggestions from Member Mark Turner and the comments from the GMC to be reviewed and any relevant points to be put on the Jan 14 ACM agenda.	PVR CS
15	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
16	ACM & AGM weekend of January 13, 14 & 15, 2023: All GMC reports to be completed by December 31 so they can be uploaded to the Officers' Area	All
17	Draft ACM Agenda: - - President's welcome - PVR - Secretary's report, including outstanding assignments from the previous ACMs - CS - Membership Secretary's report - MG - Treasurer's presentation of accounts and proposal to increase subscriptions by 15% for 2024 - TK - Boat Register Editors' report – A&JC - Online Editor's Report - ER - Agreement on whether there is a desire to have another review of the name of the Association. – PVR - Area's issues and recommendations reports: - - Bristol Channel Dublin Bay East Coast - North East North Wales North West - Scotland Solent South West - Review of suggestions from Member Mark Turner. - PVR - OGA60 update and Event Funding - PVR - Review of OGA insurance - CS - Preparation for the Q&A session at the AGM - PVR	PVR CS MG TK A&JC ER PVR PVR PVR CS PVR

	- Any other business - Date and location of next meeting - CS - President's comments	CS PVR
18	Draft AGM Agenda:- - President's Welcome - Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes - Presentation and Approval of Accounts and Subscriptions - President's Report - Election of Officers - Mini-presentations (6 minutes each) - Alasdair Simpson to present building of a Gaffling 4.1 - Richard Jacobs to present a modified OGA handicapping system - Patrick to seek presenter for promotion of the EC Jubilee Party and the EC Summer Cruise - Alison to present OGA60 and RBC update - Members' Questions to Members of the Association Committee - Location and date of 2024 AGM - President's Closing Comments This ends the formal business of the AGM, to be followed by: - Results of Photographic Competition – Sandy Miller - Presentation of Trophies and Awards	PVR CS TK PVR CS PVR AC PVR PVR PVR PVR
	ACM Assignments not assigned to the GMC (listed here to keep all assignments in one place!) (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. (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. (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. (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. (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. Assignments on hold: (ACM Assignment) The GMC will initiate an RBC2023 WhatsApp group. Will be implemented closer to the event.	

(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.

Rob and Patrick to compose/commission an article about the benefits to the OGA of our RYA Affiliation On hold until 2023.

(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 the next ACM to ensure each has an Area Editor nominated to ensure flow of information..... On hold, to be put on the agenda 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 agenda for the January 14, 2023 ACM if an Online Editor still not found.

ACM Assignments Closed:

(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.....completed, Will Loram volunteered and position announced to AC December 13, 2022.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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 received no response from his telephone message and

hard-copy letter so no further action Assignment closed on November 1, 2022

(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..... Assignment closed October 2022 as the deadline has passed.

The meeting finished at 20:28

The next GMC meeting will be on January 26, 2023, from 19:00 to 20:30

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87068138038?pwd=d3ViT2xaWEZkektYN0ROMFFyQWRRZz09>

Passcode if asked: GMC

Colin Stroud - Association Secretary
December 20, 2022