

Status of Assignments from the Association Committee Meeting held on September 15, 2022

The following assignments from previous meeting are on the agenda for the January 14, 2023 meeting:

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

The following Assignments from previous AC meetings are completed:

- 3 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..... completed. Handbook updated.
- 4 Patrick's proposed process and criteria for "President's Commendations" was agreed and will be included in the Handbook for OGA Officers.completed. Handbook updated and the first two certificates ready to be presented at the January 2023 AGM
- 5 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.....Completed. As of January 2023 Facebook pages now administered by Georgina Tall and as of September 2022 Instagram managed by Ed Roberts.
- 6 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..... Completed, as of December 2022 this is an ongoing process managed by the OGA60 subcommittee under lead coordinator, Alison Cable.
- 7 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. Promotional Cards to be provided to Area Officers at the January 14, 2023, ACM
- 8 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..... Completed. Handbook updated November 2022.
9	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.....Completed, this is now an ongoing process of Areas updating events and news items on the website.
10	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.....Completed. External Communications and Sponsorship Officer, Will Loram, volunteered December 2022 and Alison Cable took on the role of OGA60 Lead Coordinator
11	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.....Completed. No reply from the family after repeated emails and a letter.
12	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.....Completed.
13	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.....Completed. This is now incorporated in the ongoing management of the OGA60 event by the OGA60 Subcommittee.
	The following Assignments from previous AC meetings are in progress or on hold:
14	Julian demonstrated the prototype crewing offer/wanted facility at the September 2022 ACM. There were no objections. Julian to continue to develop the production version.
15	Julian demonstrated the facility, at the September 2022 ACM, 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.
16	The GMC will initiate an RBC2023 WhatsApp group.....On hold - will be implemented closer to the event.
17	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, need a volunteer to provide.

**Colin Stroud, Association Secretary,
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