

Boat Register report for the 2023 ACM

It was another busy year for the Boat Register. We added 143 boats this year, and the number with pictures has increased by 202.

At times, the online register has been broken, and we apologise for that. We've had some problems with new features, and we had to make some major changes because one of the online service providers stopped providing the service we used.

New features have been added, and others refined as set out below. Help on these topics is now available via new a new drop down "news" link on the Boat Register tab.

Hopefully these changes will now make the Boat Register experience even better.

Yearbook

Every year, the Boat Register Editors, the Membership Secretary, and the Gaffer's Log Editor get together to publish the Yearbook.

In an ideal world, this will list every member with their boats. It's a great resource for Area organisers and for the membership as a whole.

Every year people get in contact with us when they get their Yearbook and tell us that their entry is missing or wrong. We do make mistakes, but more often we don't have the right information.

To be in the Yearbook, you must be a Paid-up member of the OGA, and you must have given consent to be in the Yearbook. If you want to be in the Yearbook and you aren't sure of your status, get in touch with the Membership Secretary at membership@oga.org.uk.

To have your boat listed in the Yearbook your boat must be on the Boat Register and you must be listed as the owner. We can list a boat against multiple owners, and you can own as many boats as you like.

If you don't want a boat against your name because you don't own it any more, you need to let us know.

You can update your boat and ownership details in two ways:

1. You can use the online form on the boat's detail page – more about this later in this message
2. You can email us at boatregister@oga.org.uk; send the information in any form you like, or ask us to telephone you for a chat.

Why you might want to log in

The OGA website as a whole doesn't have a login capability, so we've had to add one for the Boat Register and related pages. We know this is a bit confusing, but we don't want the Boat Register to be a completely different site.

Anyone can have a login, whether they are a member or not. There are currently three 'levels' of login:

1. People who have signed-up for a login but are not members, or who haven't been identified as a member
2. Members
3. The Boat Register Editors

When logged in people all three categories don't have to provide an email address when filling in the contact forms as we already know the email address they used to sign-up.

Members get to see the ownership records of boats and use the new 'Fleets' feature. Members who own boats, get to put their boats up for sale. We want to add more and more things members can do.

We've also made it easier to fill in forms like registering for RBC60, but you **DON'T HAVE TO LOGIN**.

As Boat Register editors there are a few more things we can do. For example, the default sorting order on the online register is called 'Editor's Choice'. We get to set that.

How to get a login

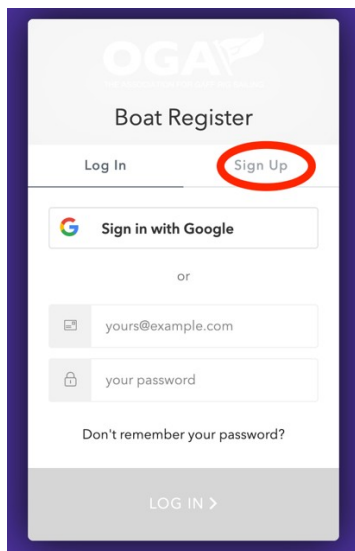
There are several pages on the site that provide the login/sign-up button. It looks like this:



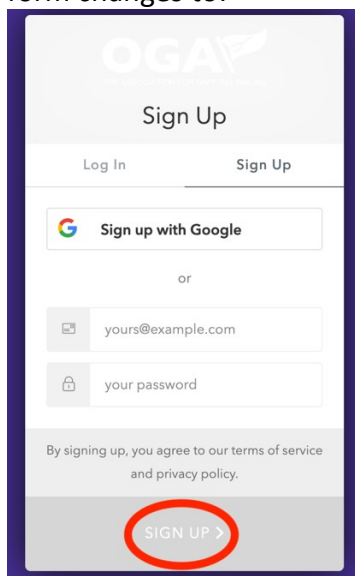
One such page is https://www.oga.org.uk/boat_register/browse_the_register/index.html

When you click this button for the first time you get taken away from the OGA website to a form on the site of our authentication provider auth0.com. The URL will look something like <https://dev-uf87e942.eu.auth0.com/login> with lots following that. We use a separate authentication provider to make sure we comply with the privacy legislation and to secure your data.

The sign-in form looks like this:

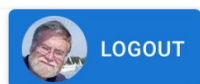


The sign-up option is on the right where the red oval is in the picture. Click that and the form changes to:



Now you can either enter an email address and a password you chose or you can use an existing Google account.

Once you have entered your email and password or gone through the Google process you can click the 'sign up' button at the bottom of the form. This should take you back to the boat register and the login button should have become a logout button, something like this:



Auth0.com will also have sent you an email with a link. This email sometimes goes into SPAM so look out for it there. Click on the link to verify that the email address you signed up with is really yours.

At this point, if you used the same email address that we have in the OGA membership database, the system will associate your boat register login with your membership and you will get the members-only experience of the boat register.

If you use a different email address, you will need to email boatregister@oga.org.uk. We will sort that out.

Problems with Logging in or seeing member-only data

If you had a log-in on the old OGA website, we haven't been able to carry that across to the current one. Please sign-up.

If you created a login but can't get the login/sign-up button to change to a logout button, email us and we will get in touch to help.

If you are logged-in but don't see the owners tab for a boat, then you probably used a different email than the one we have on record for you as a member. Email us and we will sort that.

Ownership data

Ownership data for boats can be provided by anyone. You can either just send it to us in an email or use the form on the website.

We store ownership data in two different ways. Ownership by non-members (including historic membership) is stored as the name of the person. We don't hold any other personal data about non-members so we can treat names as not personal data.

Ownership by members is held as the membership number and, for family members by another id to distinguish between individuals within a membership.

As a logged-in member you can look at the owners tab of a boat you own and check if your name is there and the details are correct.

If they are wrong, fill in the form or email us and we will check and correct it. If you fill in the form, this won't update the register directly. It all comes to the boat register editors for checking. So you can just try things out and we will get in touch with you to check.

Selling Your Boat

Ownership data works with the new capability to set a boat for sale. If you are listed as owning a boat then you will get an extra menu option in the 'I have edits' form. This will let you set a price and specify sales text separate from the short and full descriptions.

If you don't get this option email the boat register editors.
Once we have a request to sell a boat it will:

1. Get a 'for sale' badge on the main register
2. Appear in the 'for sale' section of the register
3. Get a listing in the next Gaffers Log

If you need to change the price or improve the sales text, you can do this on the form.

Fleets

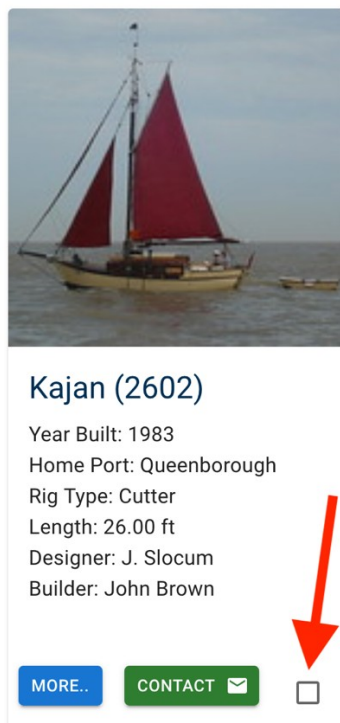
Fleets are collections of boats. There is now an option to create your own fleets. Fleets can be private to you or shared with everyone else. Possible uses for fleets are:

1. Your long-list or shortlist of boats you are interested in buying
2. The boats attending an event or taking part in a race

For now, fleets can be used as additional filters on the Boat Register home page. In the future we want to be able to provide export capabilities so event organisers can make their own brochures of boats attending an event and for RBC 60 we want to be able track the location of participating boats on a map.

You have to be a logged in member to see and use the Fleets feature.

To create a fleet, you need to mark some boats. You mark a boat by clicking on the little square at the bottom right of a boat's 'card'. When you click, the square gets a tick mark.



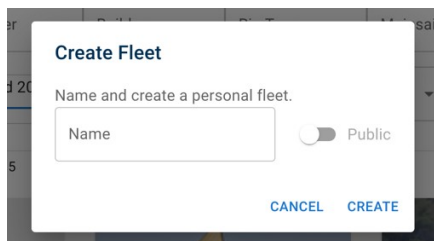
If there are any shared fleets, the Fleet dropdown box will be visible.

When one or more boats are marked, and no fleet is selected, a button appears to allow a personal fleet to be created:

Use these controls to filter the list in one or more ways

Boat Name ▾	OGA Boat ...	Designer ▾	Builder ▾	Rig Type ▾	Mainsail Type ▾	Generic Type	Design Class ▾
Construction ... ▾	Built Between: 1808 and 2022		☐ Only Marked Boats		Fleet ▾	NEW FLEET FROM 1 MARKED	

Clicking the New Fleet button pops up a form to name and create a fleet.



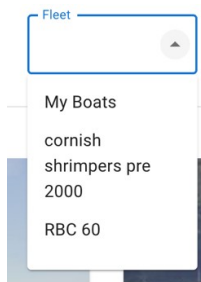
Create Fleet

Name and create a personal fleet.

Name ☐ Public

[CANCEL](#) [CREATE](#)

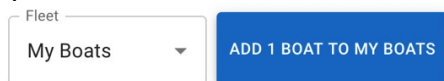
Once created, the fleet appears in the Fleet selection box. You fleets appear first, followed by any shared / public fleets.



Fleet ▾

- My Boats
- cornish
- shrimpers pre 2000
- RBC 60

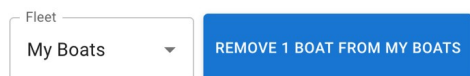
If a personal fleet is selected, and there are marked boats, the New Fleet button is replaced by a button to add the marked boats to the Fleet.



Fleet ▾

My Boats ▾ **ADD 1 BOAT TO MY BOATS**

If the marked boats are already in the fleet, the button allows the fleet to be updated to remove those boats.



Fleet ▾

My Boats ▾ **REMOVE 1 BOAT FROM MY BOATS**

Contact Form

You have always been able to click on a contact form on a boat's detail page, but we have made some improvements and also added the button to the boat's card so it's easier to use.

If you aren't logged in, you will need to enter an email address.

If we have the boat's current owners, the system will send them an email and copy the boat register editors. The email will let them know you are interested and they can email you.

If we don't know the owners, the email just goes to the boat register editors who will contact you and try to help.

If you are a logged in member and the owners have given GDPR/Yearbook consent, we will copy you on the email so you will be in immediate direct contact.

Handicaps

The edit form has all the fields needed to calculate the OGA's TH(C)F handicap, and also additional fields the East Coast use for downwind sails. The handicap part of the form has been designed to show the working, so as you step through the form it shows all the sub-components of the calculation.

Anyone can use this form, and it will give the answer without submitting the form, so it can be used to work out the handicap for any boat. You can even use it to see what effect increasing the size of your mainsail would be.

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