

Agreements & Assignments from the Association Committee Meeting held on October 2, 2023, at 19:00 using Zoom

Attendees:-

Alasdair Simpson, Alison Cable, Andrew Kelland, Colin Stroud, David and Julie Patuck, David Bewick, Georgina Tall, Julian Cable, Lorna Hill, Martin Haigh, Mary Gibbs, Michael Leahy, Mike Beckett, Pete Thomas, Peter Tobin, Philip Hopson, Robert Hill, Stuart Spence, Sue Pennison, Susanne Newbold, Tim Price, Tony Kiddle,

1	Lessons learnt/feedback from OGA60:- • Use of WhatsApp was very helpful to the party port organisers. • Need to be clearer on central funding availability, in good time, when planning. • Need better coordination of sponsorship unless a sponsor is specific to one event. • The ability for participants to attend all party-ports whether they went through the Caledonian Canal or over-the-top was good, unlike OGA50 • It was agreed that although some Members reported having Covid during and after the large OGA60 events on the East Coast, other than following any Government rules at the time, organisers of events should not put in place any additional mitigations or requirements of Members.	
2	As it is difficult to make a commitment to an event in 2033, Mike recommend the OGA make it known that there is an "intention" to organise a RBC70 in order to help Members make tentative plans.	
3	If an Area wishes to host some form of OGA65 event (without an RBC) please let the GMC know.	All
4	"Plans for an OGA65 and/or an OGA70+RBC70" will be a discussion point on the January 13, 2024, AGM	Colin
5	Alison to send/present any left-over OGA60 flags to the yacht clubs who hosted party-ports.	Alison
6	Georgina presented her proposals to provide opportunities for "Younger Members" to communicate and socialise, both online and actual. Everyone was supportive and some provided suggestions. Georgina to prepare an email, to be sent to all Members, outlining her proposals, encouraging Younger Members to get in touch and asking all Members to encourage known potential younger members to get in touch. Colin to send the email via Mailchimp.	Georgina Colin
7	Georgina to help organise some form of get-together for Younger Members at the AGM on January 13, 2024.	Georgina
8	Colin to set up a youngermembers@oga.org.uk email account for Georgina.	Colin

9	Tony to set up a category in GOLD, similar to the “interested in small boat events” to record Members who are “interested in Younger Members’ events”. Julian to create a group in Mailchimp and update the GOLD to Mailchimp sync system.	Tony Julian
10	Regarding the agreement to change the way Members' subscriptions credited to Areas are calculated, to help Areas with relatively small numbers of Members, it was agreed to adopt “Option 3”. That is, £200.00 per Area plus £1.75 per Member (not Membership). Tony to make the appropriate payments from March 31, 2024.	Tony
11	Julian to continue developing the crew wanted/available website system and also to: • Include the option to show roughly were a boat/crewing-opportunity is. • Include an option for skippers to indicate that they either want crew generally or they want crew for a certain date/location.	Julian
12	All to continue to find volunteers interested in helping with Social Media and External Communications. Philip is in contact with Will Loram who was going to take on the External Communications and Sponsorship role earlier in 2023 but then withdrew due to other commitments.	All
13	All Areas should continue to place “Cockpit Cards” in notable non-member’s boats to promote the OGA. Tony to add a “Cockpit Card” tick box to the “Reason for Joining” box on the joining form.	All Tony
14	Regarding the need to produce an article for the Gaffers Log that provides a basic and simple tutorial of the Racing Rules to encourage more entrants in races, Sue to produce a number of “pointers” to encourage more members to enter races.	Sue
15	Julian presented the boat tracking systems and maps that were used to enable Members and event organisers to see, on the website, where most of the boats were during RBC60. It was agreed that such a system should be considered in advance of larger cruise events, such as the cruise of the UK boats to and from the Dutch OGA 20 th anniversary event in 2024. Julian offered to help if he is contacted by an event organiser.	
16	As raised by Pete Thomas, it was agreed that the boat measurements in the Boat Register, and therefore the handicap calculations, need to be review for accuracy. Julian to hide all boat handicaps. Julian to put something in the Gaffers Log asking Members to check the measurements of their boats are correct, then resubmit their data using the online form before their handicap is displayed. Julian to add a confirmation button for boat owners “I’ve checked my boat data”, with the date displayed. Julian to look into also sending a Mailchimp email to all boat owners that includes a table of their measurements already in the Boat Register and a system for them to reply with updates or a confirmation button. Pete offered to help by checking EC Member’s boats that race regularly. If any Area wants to purchase a long tape measure for boat checking they can claim the cost from central funds by contacting Tony. It is recommended that race organisers put in the Notice of Race a warning that	Julian Pete All

	boat measurements used to calculate handicaps may be checked by the organisers.
17	The open assignment of the subcommittee to review the name of the OGA was not reviewed at this ACM but will be included in a future meeting when there is something to report. Completed or superceeded ACM Assignments/notes from the meeting on April 24, 2023: - Alison provided an update on OGA60 and asked Areas organising a Party Port to keep her informed. Julian recommended Part Port organisers be on the RBC60 WhatsApp group to deal with local issues and registrations. All to ensure all articles, reports and photographs related to OGA60 and RBC60 are copied to Log Editor Philip who will ensure they are all stored securely for future use. Alison will put all articles on the OGA Website if they are sent to her. Regarding the Subcommittee to review the name of the OGA, Chairperson Lorna announced that Evie Clemance, Paul Masters, Sue Pennison, Patrick Vyvyan-Robinson, and Paul Jolley have been invited to the committee and the first meeting is scheduled for after two weddings!. Tony presented the three options for calculating Members' subscriptions credited to Areas that will help Areas with relatively small numbers of Members. There was agreement that change is required. Colin to send the presented document to the AC for their Area Committees' vote on their preferred option(s). Robert to ask if Ed Roberts would produce an article for the Gaffers Log that provides a basic and simple tutorial of the Racing Rules to encourage more entrants in races. If Ed is not interested then Sue will ask Richard Jacobs. This assignment has been superceeded by a new one listed in the minutes above. Ben Collins has made contact with the new St Malo OGA and Sue to host a delegate when he visits Cowes.

The meeting ended at 21:02

The next AC Meeting will be on January 13, 2024 in Liverpool prior to the AGM.

**Colin Stroud, Association Secretary,
October 18, 2023**