

Agenda item: Use of OGA boat register photos and text.

Proposal:

We should not allow OGA photos and text from the boat register to be used on other websites.

Whilst looking on the web regarding Juanita my son's boat I came across a website Classicyachtcom, there I found several pages of boat details and photos copied directly from the OGA website. They had not asked the OGA for permission and had no right to use our boat data material. Just a statement on their page saying "Information courtesy of the OGA".

This does concern me, in that information that was given to the OGA for our database by members is potentially just being copied and used on other web sites. The people who gave the photos and text, have not given permission for it to be used on another website. Copyright law is clear.

The decision to use the photos and text lies with the members who supplied it. As far as I am aware members have not been asked if the photos and information can be copied and used by other parties.

The Association Committee has not given permission for OGA photos/ text to be used on other non OGA websites as far as I can tell from the minute records.

This does not stop any member of the public viewing our boat register and database or putting a link to the OGA website from theirs.

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