

Regarding agenda item 8:

I believe this would be relevant in the discussion on the Yearbook (item 8 & poss. item 14) rather than a separate item on the Agenda:

Several of us, in the SW Area and not just on the Committee, are keen that the "Yearbook" remains digital and up to date, saving unnecessary recurring expense for the OGA, that could be used more effectively, perhaps in employing more IT expertise (hence item 14).

However, to be useful to OGA members, we, in the SW, are keen that ANY OGA member, but only if logged on to the "members area" of the OGA website, should be able to directly search for the following information on any other OGA members, regardless of Area affiliations, or GDPR preferences. The following categories should be easily available:

Name /Surname

Home town / County - (& within x miles of, as well, if feasible)

Boat's Name (if any) / Home port (&/or Estuary)

Boat's name / length / type - (& optional link to Boat Register for more detailed information)

and

Any boat by name / length / type / Home Port / Owner / (& optional link to Boat Register)

For example:

Patuck / David / Ilminster, Somerset, / Home Estuary (&/or port) Falmouth (&/or Helford) / "Susan J" / 28' / Heard 28 (or gaff cutter) - with direct link to Boat Register

and

"Susan J" / Heard 28 (or gaff cutter) / Falmouth / Helford Passage/ David Patuck / Ilminster

The existing very effective "contact" button can be used, at the end of each search, and becomes far more useful to all logged in members.

This avoids the need to change tab. I assume that all vessels, regardless of GDPR consent, are accessible to all in the Boat Register, as entries already excludes any sensitive information.

Many of us live a long way from our boats. So both of the above approximate locations are essential, to facilitate members communication with each other.

While we have little IT skill, we believe this suggestion could be implemented. As it avoids any breach of GPDR. It can, and should therefore, apply to ALL OGA members and boats, whether or not they have agreed, as no actual address, email or telephone numbers are exposed. It becomes a far more useful benefit of OGA membership, than the old physical, incomplete and immediately inaccurate, yearbooks.

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