

Results of the OGA 2023 Photographic Competition

Once again, our annual competition was expertly judged by Sandy Miller. Thank you to all those who entered!

In Category 'Sailing Gaffers'

1st place - Gerard Brown Stormy Skies.
A Winkle Brig off Lismore. The Lynn of Morvern.



Sandy comments 'Wow! A perfect little gaffer amidst the grand and wild Scottish scenery. I can't think of anything better. Beautiful light on the hills behind, a moody sky and enough life in the water to suggest some blustery gusts. The lovely green of Sea Jade combines with the hills behind and of course contrasts beautifully with the red ochre sails. It is perfectly captured and a runaway winner for me!

2nd place - Paul Masters Rainbow Treasure.
Waiting for the tide on passage to Ipswich for OGA 60



Sandy comments 'Take some lovely light over the beautiful river Deben, add a rainbow and then put Clytie in the foreground and you've got everything you need for a real showstopper. I see this picture and I just want to make more trips up to Suffolk!'

3rd place - Douglas Bridger Pre- Season checkup.
Setting up my Kittiwake 'Syrinx' when Gaffers Log arrived.



Sandy comments 'I thought this picture was full of interest, humour, colour and detail, which all fit together very well. It's a very clever 'mise en scene' and the taker has managed to bring all these different elements together, which could easily look busy and distracting, into a very harmonious whole. Hats off!'

Highly Commended - Paul Masters Green Cliffs.
3 little gaffers heading east OGA RBC June 2024 Scotland



Sandy comments 'This was one of my favourite compositions of all the entries. The image is divided up uniformly by the vertical lines of the stays, sheets and furled headsail, and the horizontal lines of the canal and treeline. The boats then fit into this grid in exactly the right places. The Scots Pines lining the canal provide the atmosphere and there is a real sense of calm and natural beauty.'

Highly Commended - Kim Sturgess Grace and race.
"Cynthia", the 1910 Gaff Cutter owned by Peter Lucas



Sandy comments 'Cynthia is certainly graceful, and the blue sky and sunshine make for a striking image that smacks of summer. A picture to keep handy in January.'

In Category 'Life at Sea'

1st place - Alison Cable Fair for tomorrow

Looking over at Mull from the anchorage at Puilladobhrain.



Sandy comments 'This is a wow picture for me. It's never easy taking pictures looking directly into the light. It often results in harsh shadows and blacks but this must have been taken at the perfect moment as the sun went down behind the hills. The misty tones in the hills provide depth and the reflected colours are just gorgeous. That stretch of water in the middle seems to balance the composition and the whole effect is one of unobstructed beauty. Just wonderful.'

2nd place - Charles Erb Deluge!

The heavy rain did not dampen the spirits of the parade!



Sandy comments 'This is a great picture. I too was trying to take pictures at the time and I know how difficult it was. This captures all the dramatic atmosphere of the downpour perfectly. The bridge adds a sense of place and you can feel the squally gust and rain. There is also a sense of action that has been captured very well. Well done indeed.'

3rd place - Mary Gibbs We've made it!
Molly Cobbler back in salt water, with Tower Bridge ahead



Sandy comments 'There is something very satisfying about the excellent composition combined with the rather monotone atmosphere of this image. There may be a sense of triumph on reaching this iconic landmark suggested in the title but the image is understated and very successful. A keeper and an image that I am sure would print beautifully.'

Highly Commended - Justin Greig

After a lively night taken in Lyme Bay during RBC 60



Sandy comments 'This is a lovely soft image that is very well seen. The sky is a delight and interacts perfectly with the curve of the coach house. The wood adds atmosphere too. An image to be very proud of.'

Highly Commended - Simon Harding Peace

Loch Eriboll aka Loch 'Orrible. Nature allows a brief window.



Sandy comments 'The light on the boat is beautiful and brings out her stunning lines. She stands out in the wonderful scenery and there is a postcard feel to this picture that will serve as an excellent memory. It must have been a lovely moment.'