

**Agreements & Assignments from the Association Committee Meeting
held on January 13, 2024, in Liverpool starting at 10:00**

Attendees at Liverpool:- Mike Beckett, Colin Stroud, Alison Cable, Mary Gibbs, Pete Elliston, Paul Masters, Pete Thomas, Tony Kiddle, Sue Pennison, David Bewick, Julian Cable, David Patuck, Martin Elliot, Alasdair Simpson, Andrew Kelland, Susanne Newbold, Scott Metcalfe, Michael Leahy, Kevin Goulding, Adrian Spence, Georgina Tall, Francis Mogg.

Attendees by Zoom: Peter Tobin, Grant Morris.

Not attending: Martin Haigh, Philip Hopson, Lorna Hill (Subcommittee-Chair)

This "Version 3" document includes changes, since version 1, to the following item numbers:- 2, 4, 16

1	All papers presented are available in the Officers' Area of the website: https://oga.org.uk/members_area/officers_area/ac_meetings.html	All
2	Mary asked for volunteers or nominees to succeed her as Membership Secretary when she stands down in January 2025.	All
3	Mary to set up a subcommittee to discuss how to identify, and record in GOLD or elsewhere, under-18s in a Family Membership, so they can be recruited as full Members at 18 if they wish.	MG
4	Tony to transfer £500 to the NWA Area in support of Tall Ship (Wales) for the events they ran in Cardigan Bay and in Milford Haven the week of the RBC60.	TK
5	All areas to consider making any OGA owned Gafling 4.1s available, for loan or hire, to Members from all Areas, to get additional entries to small boat events.	All
6	The 2024 hard copy Year-Book should be printed and sent out with the Spring Gaffers Log.	PH
7	The hard copy Year-Book should include the "home port" of each boat.	JC
8	The 2024 hard copy Year-Book should have a tear-out or loose slip and/or a link to an email reply form, asking Members to reply to the Membership Secretary if they would like a hard copy in 2025.	PH, MG
9	Julian to investigate the option for logged-in Members to download a PDF file of the Year-Book (containing latest/current data) and make a proposal to the AC.	JC
10	The EC proposed standard designs for an Area President burgee and Area Vice-President burgee were agreed. Areas may use them if required. The complete list of	PH CS

	OGA flags to be printed in the 2024 hard copy Year-Book and included in the Handbook for OGA Officers.	
11	Pete T. to provide the handicap boat measurement diagram to Alison & Julian for inclusion on the website and to include in a Mailchimp, to all Members, asking boat owners to check boat measurements and update or confirm if correct.	PT AC JC
12	Julian to add a date field in the Boat Register that displays when the boat measurements were updated or when confirmed by the boat owner as correct.	JC
13	All Areas who have any updated/corrected boat measurements should send the data to the Boat Register Editors so the Boat Register remains the master record.	All
14	Paul to setup and chair a subcommittee to propose a way forward to improve communications and to report back with their recommendations to the AC by Easter 2024.	PM
15	Until the AC agree to proposals from the above subcommittee, Elly to be asked by the GMC to start updating the website and manage the social media channels.	CS
16	Paul presented Lorna's report from the subcommittee to review the name of the OGA. The following recommendations were agreed:- • Keep the current name "OGA, The Association for Gaff Rig Sailing". • Dial-down the use of "Old Gaffers Association" but keep it in the background (it is part of our heritage) and "be seen to be used" (in order to prevent it being registered by someone else). • Use the ® trademark symbol in prominent locations (to assert ownership, although not a legal requirement in the UK) • Register the tradename "Gaffers" for future use (the cost of £900 was agreed) • At the next re-registering of the pitchfork-flag trademark, remove the words "Old Gaffers Association" from the image.	All All All CS CS
17	Alison & Julian to propose improved wording on what members agree to, regarding permission and copyright, when they upload photographs and text to the Boat Register, and what wording regarding copyright is visible to viewers on the OGA Website and Social Media platforms.	AC JC
18	The 2025 AGM/ACM will be organised by the Scottish Area to be held in Gloucester.	AC
19	The 2026 AGM/ACM will be organised by the EC Area, to be held in Chatham.	PM
20	It was agreed that Clare Thomas be awarded an Elder Gaffer title at the AGM.	
21	It was agreed that the next RBC, with Party Ports, should be in 2028 (OGA RBC65).	GMC
22	It was agreed that there should be a national Small Boat event in 2028 that does not clash with RBC65.	DB
23	It was agreed that there should be a national OGA70 event in 2033.	GMC
24	The GMC should develop a funding proposal for the above national events.	GMC

The following assignments from the previous meeting are still open: -		
25	AC Assignment: - All to continue to find a volunteer interested in helping with External Communications. (Will Loram who was going to take on the External Communications and Sponsorship role early in 2023 but then withdrew due to other commitments).	All
26	AC Assignment: - 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.	TK
27	AC Assignment: - All Areas should continue to place “Cockpit Cards” in notable non-member’s boats to promote the OGA.	All
28	AC Assignment: - 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.	SP
The following assignments from the previous meeting were closed at this January 13, 2024 ACM or the follow-on AGM: -		
29	AC Assignment: - 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 boat measurements used to calculate handicaps may be checked by the organisers – completed, new follow-up assignments minuted at this Jan 13, 2024 meeting.	
30	AC assignment: - It was agreed that there was enough support to set up a Subcommittee, chaired by Lorna Hill, to review the name of the OGA and the GMC will propose the Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee for review by the AC. On April 24, 2023, Lorna announced that Evie Clemance, Paul Masters, Sue Pennison, Patrick Vyvyan-Robinson, and Paul Jolley have been invited to the committee. – completed, their report was presented at the January 13, 2024, ACM and the agreements minuted.	
31	AC Assignment: - Julian to continue developing the crew wanted/available website system and also to: • Include the option to show roughly where 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. Completed after presentation of the live system to Members at the January 2024 AGM.	
32	AC Assignment: - Georgina to help organise some form of get-together for Younger Members at the AGM on January 13, 2024. – completed.	
33	AC Assignment: - 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. – completed, announcement made at the January 13, 2024, AGM.
34	AC Assignment: - “Plans for an OGA65 and/or an OGA70+RBC70” will be a discussion point on the January 13, 2024, AGM – completed, announcement made at the January 13, 2024, AGM.
35	AC Assignment: - If an Area wishes to host some form of OGA65 event (without an RBC) please let the GMC know. – superceeded by agreements reached at the January 13, 2024 ACM.
	The following assignments from the previous meeting are now completed: -
36	<u>AC assignment to the GMC:</u> - It was agreed that the Members’ subscriptions credited to Areas should be reviewed with respect to Area with relatively small numbers of Members. At the April 24, 2023, meeting it was agreed that change is required.Completed, an agreement was reached at the October 2, 2023, ACM of:- £200.00 per Area plus £1.75 per Member (not Membership). Tony to make the appropriate payments from March 31, 2024.
37	<u>AC Assignment to All:</u> - Continue to find volunteers interested in helping with Social Media and External Communications. Completed, the AC agreed by email to accept an offer from Philip Hopson to manage the website and social media platforms in return for a monthly payment – Re: email to the AC dated November 21, 2023.
38	<u>AC Assignment:</u> - At the October 2, 2023, ACM 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..... Completed, email sent November 10, 2023
39	<u>AC Assignment:</u> - Colin to set up a youngermembers@oga.org.uk email account for Georgina. completed September 23, 2023.
40	<u>AC Assignment:</u> - Tony to add a “Cockpit Card” tick box to the “Reason for Joining” box on the joining form..... Completed November 14, 2023

The meeting ended at 13:42

The next AC Meeting will be on April 16, 2024 from 19:00 to 21:00

Zoom link:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83643913951?pwd=NjlrQ2Y1anRyRIQ5ZkwwcFcwWmY5UT09>

Passcode, if asked: ACM

**Colin Stroud, Association Secretary,
February 14, 2024**