

OGA Association Committee

Zoom Meeting

April 16, 2024, from 19:00 to 20:30

Join Zoom Meeting: -

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AGENDA

1. Report and recommendations from the Communications Subcommittee - **Paul**
2. Review of improved wording (below) 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 - **Alison and Julian:-**
“The OGA asserts copyright for all text submitted. The OGA assumes all text is submitted with permission from the originator for us to do this. The originator may re-use the text for any purposes.
Images submitted to the OGA remain the copyright of the current holder. Submission gives the OGA the right to use them in print and online. If you submit an image and are not the copyright holder, you must have permission from them for the OGA to use them and you must provide their name with the submission.”
3. Proposed revised criteria for Youth Fund applications – **Georgina.**

The current criteria: -

- Definition of “Youth” for the purposes of the Fund: - Youth is defined as young people aged between 16 and 25. Funding will also be considered for youngsters under the age of 16 providing they are accompanied by a supervising adult from their parent organisation (e.g. School or Sea Cadets).
- Sailing activities only: - The Fund will concentrate on supporting sailing activities only, however it is hoped that the Fund will be able to support projects other than sailing sometime in the future.
- Criteria for suitable projects:
 - Applications for grants to support youth events are made by fully completing the Application for Youth Fund Grant form and sending it, through an Area Committee, to youthfund@oga.org.uk
 - The General Management Committee will consider applications and make its awards from the Fund.
 - The GMC must be satisfied that a youth event will be run in accordance with the principles of the OGA's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

- In applying for a grant, the Area concerned makes a commitment to write a report on the event with photographs and feedback from participants.
- Grants of up to £500 can be awarded for worthwhile projects that bring young people and gaff rig boats together. Areas are expected to raise funds locally, wherever possible, to match the grant requested from the Youth Fund.
- Funding for OGA events will take preference over non-OGA projects (e.g. school activities or Sea Scouts).

Proposed changes to the criteria: -

- Increase the age to 30.
- Add clarity on what the fund can be applied to:- Currently it can only be applied to an event but we could add an option for individuals to apply for some money from the grant (I've looked up other funds and they sometimes offer more for a group activity and a little less for individuals but it is up to us if we want to have that as an option - could also say it is a max of £500 per grant and the GMC had discretion on whether to apply the full amount or not. For individuals, I believe it could cover a range of scenarios and we could ask for information on why they require the funding. The grant could be applied to:
 - A course fee.
 - Travel expenses to get to an OGA event/ or to crew for an OGA member.
 - Entry fees for a race.
 - Gaffing rental.

Below are all the open and recently closed AC Assignments for reference only: -

1	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - 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
2	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - 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. – Mary to draft wording, including a cut-off date, for GMC review before submitting for printing. The message should also be printed in the Spring Gaffers Log. The tear-out slip should include the return postal address of the Association Secretary.	MG
3	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - 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
4	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - 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 OGA flags to be printed in the 2024 hard copy Year-Book and included in the Handbook for OGA Officers. March 12, 2024, update: GMC decided the list of flags should be in the Gaffers Log, not the Yearbook as that is printed in just one colour.	PH

5	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - 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
6	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - It was agreed that the next RBC, with Party Ports, should be in 2028 (OGA RBC65), and it was agreed that there should be a national Small Boat event in 2028 that does not clash with RBC65, and it was agreed that there should be a national OGA70 event in 2033. The GMC should develop a funding proposal for the above national events.	TK
7	2023 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
8	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - 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
9	2023 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
10	2023 AC Assignment: - All Areas should continue to place “Cockpit Cards” in notable non-member’s boats to promote the OGA.	All
11	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - All areas to consider making any OGA owned Gaffling 4.1s available, for loan or hire, to Members from all Areas, to get additional entries to small boat events.	All
12	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - 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
13	2023 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
<u>Assignments on hold pending later implementation: -</u>		
14	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - Mary asked for volunteers or nominees to succeed her as Membership Secretary when she stands down in January 2025. Update: as of Jan 2024 one Member has offered to stand for election at the January 2025 AGM	
15	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - The 2025 AGM/ACM will be organised by the Scottish Area to be held in Gloucester.	
16	Jan 2024 AC Assignment: - The 2026 AGM/ACM will be organised by the EC Area, to be held in Chatham.	

17 **Jan 2024 AC Assignment:** - The 2024 hard copy Year-Book should be printed and sent out with the Spring Gaffers Log. update March 13, 2024, process is in place, waiting for printing.

18 **Jan 2024 AC Assignment:** - The hard copy Year-Book should include the "home port" of each boat.update March 13, 2024, process is in place, waiting for printing.

AC Assignments closed at or after the January 13, 2024, ACM: -

19 AC Assignment: - "Plans for an OGA65 and/or an OGA70+RBC70" will be a discussion point on the January 13, 2024, AGM Completed at Jan 13, 2024 ACM and replaced with a new assignment

20 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 at Jan 13, 2024, ACM and replaced with a new assignment.

21 AC Assignment: - If an Area wishes to host some form of OGA65 event (without an RBC) please let the GMC know. Completed, discussed at the January 13, 2023, ACM and replaced by another assignment.

22 AC Assignment: - Georgina to help organise some form of get-together for Younger Members at the AGM on January 13, 2024. Completed at the 2024 AGM

23 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, presented at the January 13, 2024, AGM with an announcement that it was now available for use in the Members' Area of the OGA website.

24 **AC assignment to the GMC:** - 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, in that the report from the subcommittee was presented at the January 13, 2024 ACM, the minutes from that will contain any subsequent assignments.

25 **2024 AC Assignment** - It was agreed that Clare Thomas be awarded an Elder Gaffer title at the AGM. Completed, formally announced at the 2024 AGM.

26 **Jan 2024 AC Assignment:** - 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. Completed, role offered to Elly and she accepted January 22, 2024

27 **Jan 2024 AC Assignment:** - 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..... completed February/March 2024

2024 AGM Assignment: - Regarding the new crewing offer/wanted facility that is now available in the Members Area of the OGA website Julian agreed to add a stipulation that this facility will not be offered to those aged under 18. Completed March 2024

28 **Jan 2024 AC Assignment:** - 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. completed, paid on March 14, 2024

29 **Jan 2024 AC Assignment:** - 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..... completed March 2024

Colin Stroud
Association Secretary
March 22, 2024