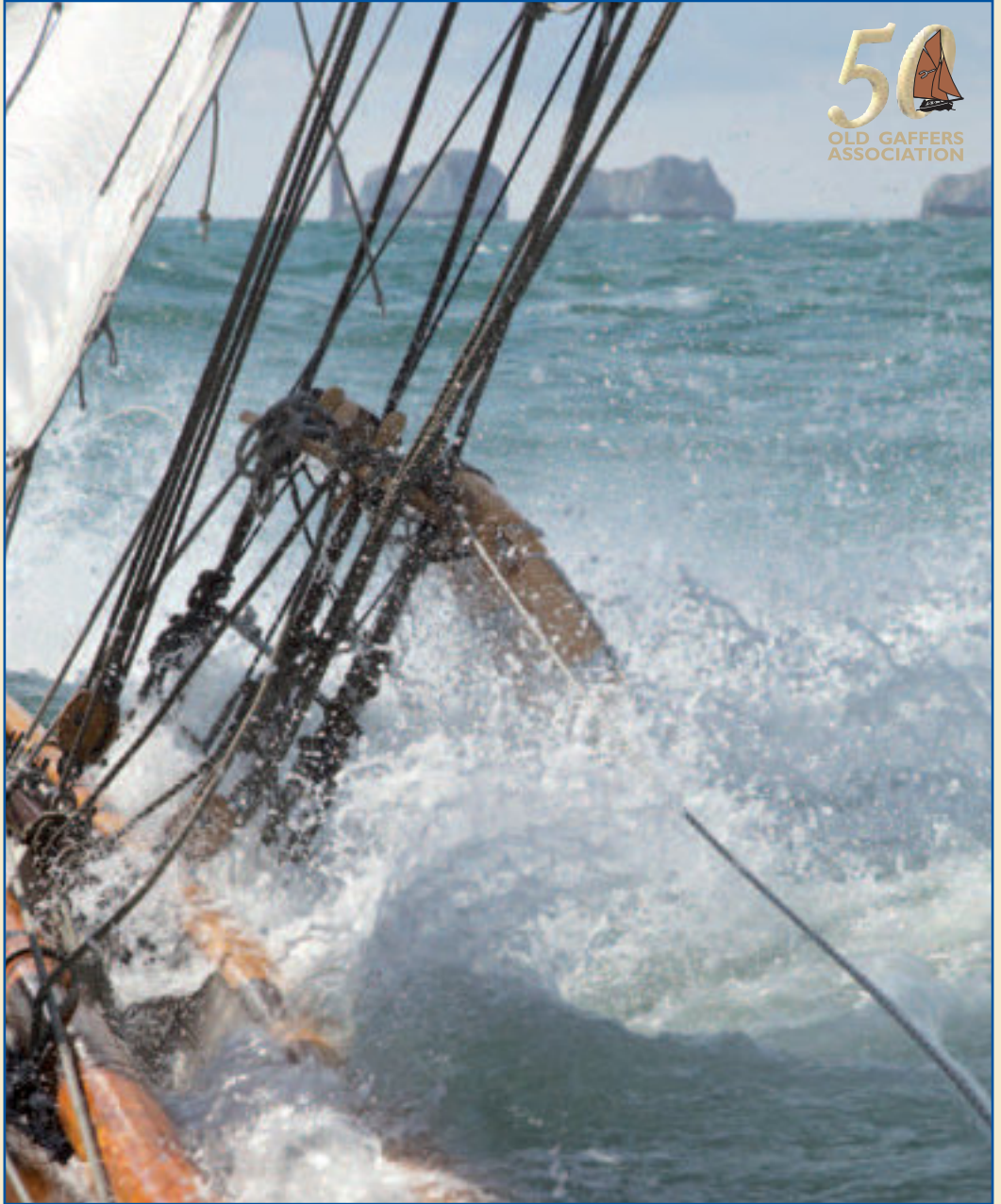


GAFFERS LOG

March 2013



50th Anniversary Year 1963 -2013

***A warm welcome to all members in
this the first edition of your Gaffers
Log in our 50th anniversary year***

Since its inception in 1963 by a group of like-minded people on the East Coast and in the Solent, the Old Gaffers Association, your Association, has been moving along, doing what it does best, promoting the gaff rig, restoring and rescuing old craft, and most importantly sailing them. I think that those original members would be proud to know that in 2013 the Association is still in good health and flourishing.

In this, the first edition of the year, you will find a huge amount of information about what is planned for our fiftieth anniversary celebrations, including the largest ever list of OGA events, and much more.

Good sailing and fair winds to you all.

***Phil Slade
Editor***

Front cover photo: 'Solent Beat' by Mike Garlick, Devon Area OGA. Highly commended in the 'Sailing Gaffers' category of the 2012 OGA Photographic Competition'



Crabber Urmiena on the Waddenzee. Photo Kiaas Wiersma Netherlands OGA

From the President	5
Our first proposed legacy	10
OGA Boat Register	13
OGA Youth Fund Initiative	15
Notice Board	17
Welcome Aboard	18
Scottish Area Sec receives prestigious award	20
Minutes of the OGA AGM	21
OGA Annual Accounts	24
OGA at the London Boat Show	26
OGA Trophy Report	28
Sailing By by Beverley Daly-Yates	29
The Round Britain Challenge and Relay	30
OGA50th anniversary events listing	31
Around the Areas	35
Members' Adverts	50
OGA Merchandise	52
OGA Directory	55

The Dutch Coast East of Texel by Kiaas Wiersma. Third prize in the Sailing Shots category
OGA photographic competition 2012

Our Jubilee year has arrived. It was given a cartridge start at the London Boat Show where David Dimbleby, Devon OGA member, launched our celebrations at a well-attended press conference on our stand. He was supported by other distinguished OGA members, the cartoonist Mike Peyton, the novelist and editor of the excellent 'Marine Quarterly' Sam Llewellyn, Mark Horton of the television series 'Coast', Claudia Myatt and Beverly Daley-Yates who all gave talks at the show. We are most appreciative of their support and thank them most warmly for their efforts on the OGA's behalf.

Now that we are fifty, we hope to enjoy throughout all our Areas an astonishingly exciting season's sailing and celebration, culminating in our grand Jubilee Festival in Cowes on the 15th-18th August. Members have worked very hard indeed to organise a splendid series of events in ports around our coasts and every area is hosting a special Jubilee Event. The work, the cost, the setbacks and the hurdles that have been overcome are nearly behind us let us now celebrate fifty years of the Old Gaffers Association in style.

The Gaff rig flourishes! Traditional sailing has come back and the story of all this is chronicled in **SAILING GAFFERS** the book about our Association compiled by Viv Head, to be published later this year by Quartet. It is a 'Must Buy!' for all of us.

Our flagship event is the Round Britain Challenge which Barry Heelas has planned, together with all the Area Secretaries. We thank them for all they have done. Sail is set around mid-April when the Dutch leave for Maldon to join their East Coast friends and sail on a clockwise course round the UK collecting other Gaffers as they go. There are major events organised in the Hamble, Plymouth, The Scilly Isles, Peel, Dublin Bay, Belfast, Campbeltown, Stornoway, Lerwick, Eyemouth, Newcastle and Ramsgate, and doubtless other celebrations will grow like Topsy. A relay will take place at the same time, carrying tokens from area to area around the UK which will be auctioned off for the benefit of the RNLI in Cowes during our Jubilee Festival there. The fleet will carry trackers so that it will be easy for members to monitor their progress, read their blogs and read all about their adventures in the yachting press who will cover the event throughout the season. Up-to-the-minute details will be posted on the OGA50 website, www.oga50.org

Nor in our concern for traditional ways are we neglecting modern electronic techniques of publishing. Beverly Daley-Yates, an East Coast member, is compiling and editing an electronic Log, **Sailing By: Tales from our coast and inland waterways**, which was reported on in detail in the December edition of GL. Visit www.sailing-by.org.uk for the latest update and to express interest in contributing yourself.

Your GMC has been very busy indeed. There has been, and still is, more work than any of us imagined in bringing these events to pass. We have been supported by the enthusiasm of many individuals and organisations outside the strict membership of the OGA and especially by the harbour and port authorities around the UK, by the RNLI, British Historic Ships, and by the National Boat Show and other marine industries who will be properly thanked in our Souvenir Programme of the Jubilee Festival at Cowes. The brunt of the work has been borne by your committee and a small number of members who have worked creatively and tirelessly. I particularly want to thank the President, Secretary and Committees of the East Coast and The Solent Areas. They have been generous with their area funds and with their contacts and organising skills. The Solent Area committee is especially to be thanked for taking over the running of what will be our biggest single event ever, The OGA Jubilee Festival at the Cowes Yacht Haven. They could not have achieved this without our overall support but they endure the heat and burden of the day and they still have much to do and will have a hard few days of it in August. It will be worth their while if we all turn up and make a great party of it.

From the President

The Peel, Dublin Bay, Belfast, and Cardiff Rallies are also major events that those areas' committees have worked long and hard to bring to fruition. The Devon Area is also organising a Plymouth rally and our former OGA Secretary is assembling seductive plans for a Ramsgate rally. We are hugely grateful and much in their debt. One of the most rewarding aspects of last year has been the growth of the North East Area and we are especially grateful to Jim Bell, the Area's new Secretary for organising, almost singlehandedly, the Newcastle Festival. It promises to be a highlight of 2013.

All your officers have worked very hard indeed. There are many people to thank and a number of changes to report. Gordon Garman has not been underworked as treasurer. He has had the unenviable task of controlling our expenditure whilst encouraging our enthusiasm: difficult. As if that were not enough, he is also leading a fleet of gaffers "over the top", eschewing the Caledonian Canal and taking the RBC fleet to The Shetland Isles and then down to the Newcastle Rally. Phil Slade is back in the editorial chair of the **GaffersLog** following the unfortunate events that befell the editor, Colin Ming. His story was told in the December **Log** and we thank Colin for all he has done for us and wish him well and a full recovery. Michael Robertson is retiring from the post of membership Secretary, a crucial role, and we are most grateful to him for his stewardship. Alistair Randall has been elected to take over and has already been invaluable. We are most grateful to him for offering to take over.

Chaloner Chute has been a champion of our efforts to attract younger members with his ideas for sail-training and boat-building initiatives. He put a huge amount of work into this, and to working with partners amongst the Sailing Trusts, the NMM and Historic Ships, and with the Lyme Regis and Lowestoft Schools of Boat-building. We thank him for all his enthusiasm and support. And we are grateful for the avuncular eye of Elder Gaffer Dick Dawson upon our Rules and for Pat Dawson's stewardship of the Boat Register. There is one last and important thank you. The OGA is dependent- perhaps overly so - on its Honorary Secretary and this year has not been either an easy year or a routine year for a new acting Secretary to learn the ropes. Robert Holden, experienced and long-serving, was a hard act to follow. Sue



Barges and Gaffers at Ipswich Dock. Photo ECOGA' 'Colne G

'There is a kind of serenity about this photo of a lovely old barge basking in the sun through a break

Lewis has out-performed expectations and kept track of the huge amount of extra activity 2013 has generated, given up her time to handle our sponsorship efforts, make phone calls and visit offices up and down the country on our behalf. In addition, she has communicated all our plans effectively, found the time to visit areas and to speak at the Northern Ireland AGM. She was elected Secretary of the Association unanimously. She has even managed to secure a whole new range of reaglia for us of which more details later in this edition.



Gaffers and Barges 2012' by Ian Kemp ECOGA. First prize in the Sailing Gaffers category OGA Photographic Competition 2012. The judges commented that:

...large but it is the sunlight caught on the sails that really brings it to life. One can imagine her heading for home, in the clouds of a late afternoon or early evening. A shot that grabbed the moment'.

From the President

What do we hope our enduring legacy could be?

We hope that our enduring legacy from this, our fiftieth anniversary, will be twofold: Firstly the setting up of an on-line Boat Register of small craft by Pat Dawson and secondly the initiation of 'The Youth Fund Initiative' lead by Pete Elliston and Dan Shaw both of which are reported on in detail elsewhere in this edition of Gaffers Log

Finally by the end of this year, we intend producing a 2014 'OGA Sailing Calendar' drawing on the best of members' photographs taken of our celebrations and of our fleet during this anniversary year which will be available for members to purchase by the end of the year.

May we all enjoy a wonderful sailing season, perhaps in new waters, perhaps making new friends but always enjoying our boats and our 'Association'.

*Mike Shaw,
President, OGA*

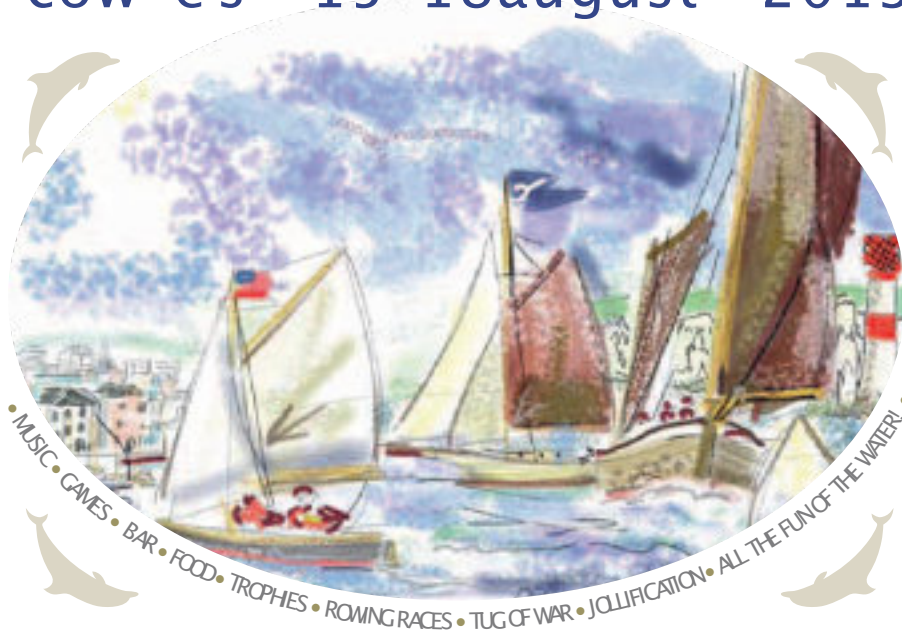


Bow sprits at Dawn by Mark Woodhouse. First prize in the Sailing Shots Category of the 2012 OGA photographic competition. The judges commented 'This is a really well taken photograph with the early sun rising between the jousting bowsprits reflecting nicely in the water, with the coiled lines on the winches in the foreground adding to the symmetry. A worthy first choice'

The Old Gaffers Association
presents the

OGA JUBILEE FESTIVAL

cowes ~ 15-18 august 2013



Boat registration starts in February but **ACTNOW!**
Limited tickets so go to www.oga50.org and sign up to the 'priority list'

When registration opens those on the priority list will receive an email with a link to purchase your 'early bird' deal. This gives you 25% off the full list price and also entitles you to:

- aFree berth for three nights at Cowes Yacht Haven (on average worth £60).
- aYour boat's name on the festival t-shirt.
- aAn invitation to the welcome drinks party!
- aFree festival flag!

	BOAT REGISTRATION FEE STARTS FROM:		
	1st February (early bird deal)	1st April	1st June
OGA Members	£30	£35	£40
Non-members	£40	£45	£50

The OGA Jubilee Festival committee invites all gaff rig boats, Shrimpers, Luggers, Scows and Optimists. All small craft under 12ft are welcome to visit during the day free of charge! Those wishing to store cars and trailers, or trailer sailers longer than 12ft, must pay the boat registration fee. We advise you all to sign the priority list.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE OGA—THIS WILL BE THE
GREATEST GATHERING
OF GAFFERS

Selling ice to Eskimos - The future of the OGA – our first proposed legacy

I'm pleased to say that, at this year's Annual Committee Meeting (ACM), it was voted to open an account to start saving for an OGA Youth Fund. If successful, this may lead to the possibility of launching a full Trust in the years to come. This fund will run separately from the normal financial running of the OGA. At this time no central funds will be used in contributions. Members, at their discretion, can donate money to the fund. This, of course, will be quite separate from annual subs. Due to the amazing work our Secretary Sue Lewis has done on the sponsorship trail for our Jubilee events, we now have a great list of companies we can invite to make a donation to the fund. We have many businesses in the marine industry we consider as friends, who know and respect what the OGA do and are keen to help us. I believe this will be a great asset for the future of the OGA and I urge all members to support the fund.

What we do in the OGA is simply great fun! I hear our President Mike Shaw saying, 'Time spent gaffing, is seldom time wasted'. This is true, all those fantastic rallies, races, cruises and shore-based events that we do are simply a joy. All this for £27 a year (£25 if you pay by direct debit) is extremely good value too! I'm in for life. This should never be changed: the format is just perfect and 'if it ain't broke, why fix it'?

While, at 36, I consider my age to be moving in the wrong direction and am no longer young, I look at the OGA members' average age and realise I might still be considered as one of the younger members. I do feel we could add another string to our bow and encourage many more young people to reap the joys of the gaff rig (by young I mean 29 down to 16). Whilst some areas of the OGA, like the East Coast and North Wales, as well as the Trailer Section are successful at encouraging the young to participate, on a national scale the OGA is found lacking.

This year is a time to be jubilant but, before the parties start, may I highlight my observations since I joined the OGA at 17 under my father's Family Membership. I write this at the request of the Editor of the Log, after attending my second ACM, a requirement of my role as President of the Solent Area. At this meeting, it was announced that membership has decreased by as much as 10%. To be fair, this statistic may be a little exaggerated as it is not clear whether the drop happened this year or over a number of years. Nevertheless, this is a sharp downturn and we are a long way from seeing a more positive 10% increase. This is against a backdrop of an insurgence in gaff rig boats in general, at no other time has the sailing community seen more gaff rig boat restorations, traditional new builds or a rise in commercial 'off the production line' gaffers like Cornish Crabbers et al. So why does our membership fall?

Our Association, like many others before it, is only as strong as its membership. I wonder quite how much active promotional work at national level we do. If we don't promote the Association and its benefits to the wider world, we are not promoting the enjoyment of gaff rig – this, I believe, is the main reason for the existence of the OGA. I believe most members join in the same fashion that I did – progressing on from Family Membership. If this is true, we barely have a sustainable rate of increase for membership levels.

Other than a few exceptions, the problem is that, on a national level, the OGA is selling ice to Eskimos; in other words, we are selling ourselves short by only looking inwards, promoting the gaff to existing members. This is silly: members are already sold on the rig; they have already bought in; no point preaching to the converted. At times we could do better at balancing the activities of the OGA and its members with the effective promotion of the gaff rig to a wider audience. If we do not look at where

our members will come from during the next fifty years and focus our efforts on the young, we may as well scandalise our mainsails!

This is not a time to raise the membership fee, even with the drop in membership the association is still returning a profit each year and holds a balance sheet worth £70,000 worth of cash assets. These are austere times and the OGA poses great value so it would be wise to keep the OGA an attractive proposition for new members.

Declining membership is sad news. One member retold a story at this year's ACM regarding OGA membership. The OGA national Membership Secretary was chasing missing payments from members concerning direct debits. One particular member could not be tracked down so this member's Area Secretary was contacted and the secretary informed the central OGA that the gentleman in question had died 11 years ago. No matter what your age, I'm told that death comes to us all. I'm pleased to say this gentleman had a good innings. The point is that the stability of the OGA is dependent not only on accurate records but, to put it politely, a well balanced portfolio of members too. A warning signal that, on a national level, we should all make a concerted effort to encourage more young to find fun and adventure by joining the OGA.



Pursuit by Silke Peeters (Dutch OGA) aged 10. Winner in the under 18 category of the 2012 OGA photographic competition. The judges commented 'A well framed shot taken at just the right moment to capture the boat ahead through the rigging'

Our first proposed legacy

I don't want to be misunderstood: I am not arguing for the transformation of the OGA, far from it. The delightful nature of our association is what I love. While the world moves on, the OGA stays the same: not subject to fashion, disapproving of ill-thought-through innovations, keeping the timeless perfection of our boats and their rig. Where we are going wrong and where I feel we can do better, is to promote ourselves whenever and wherever the public admire our boats. I believe if an association stagnates, rather than identifies new opportunities by actively finding new members, and giving the young the opportunity to sail in our type of boats, then we are selling ourselves short of our founding principles of promoting the gaff, seamanship and comradeship.

In the year of our Jubilee, we have been more active in reaching out to new and rewarding territory. For example, the London Boat Show stand, expertly run by Sue Farrer and Sue Lewis, created fantastic exposure for the OGA. This alone, in the short period that the show ran, got 14 new members. Also, the OGA Jubilee Festival at Cowes offers a warm and open invitation to all gaff rig vessels, regardless of OGA membership. One purpose of the event is to encourage non-members to bring their gaff rigged boats, to see what we are all about and hopefully queue up to join the Association the day the Festival ends. I think we need to hold more activities like this, which is fun for members and follows the fine traditions of the OGA, while not forgetting the great marketing opportunity they provide. Whilst we have active members willing to do the work, let's capitalise on this.

When discussing the next 50 years and the legacy for the Association at this year's ACM, the idea of developing a programme to get young people go to sea in professionally-run, gaff-rigged boats did not appeal to everyone. Some said this was not what the OGA was set up for. I could not disagree more and it is this view which might endanger the Association in the long run. We need to try some new ideas in keeping with OGA traditions, monitor their success and failures and then tweak these activities. The danger is whilst we argue about our role for the next 50 years, we might find ourselves with nothing. Nowhere in our rules or constitution does it state the 'do's and don'ts' of our role. The simple role, as stated, is to promote the gaff rig, good seamanship and comradeship. All three are perfectly fulfilled when we are more active in finding and welcoming new members, whatever their age or skills, as long as they bring vitality and participation.

I welcome the move by the ACM in setting up the Youth Fund and urge members to participate, if not with money, with time. We will need help in organising how the money should be spent and time from members in raising money. It might also help if keen members could act as sailing mentors in the development of the individuals that we choose to invest in. Also, I bet amongst our membership we could find many with these interests and skills. Don't be shy in coming forward. I very much look forward to hearing members' opinions. So much needs to be discussed to clarify the role of this Fund. Please air your views in the next Log!

Happy Sailing!

Dan Shaw
Solent Area President

OGA Boat Register

I have written on a number of occasions on the great legacy the OGA has built up over nearly 50 years in the form of the OGA Boat Register. Recently I have been in touch with Hannah Cunliffe (National Register of Historic Vessels) and George Hogg (National Small Boat Register) looking at ways we can cooperate. They recognise the importance of our unique records.

We all need to be very grateful to Alistair Randall for upgrading our computer records to a proper database which can now store much more data including photographs. Paper records can be scanned and added to the database. We can now plan the next stage, moving it onto an on line system which will give members direct access to the records.

However the Register will only develop and improve if all members send me updates. In checking the new system it is clear for many boats information is minimal and much needs updating. Are you sure your boat is on the Register? Do you know your boat's Register number? It is not your membership number. With this newsletter you will receive a copy of the Boat Register Form and ALL members are urged to fill in as much detail as they can on their boat and return it to me. Alternatively members can visit the OGA website to download a copy and send the information electronically.

Unless you have sent me a form in the last few months, please do not assume I have an up to date record for your boat.

Whilst you are filling in your form, it is worth looking to see if your boat qualifies for either the National Register of Historic Vessels or the National Small Boats Register. Visit www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk. The Chantereyne Marina in Cherbourg give a 50% discount on all craft on these two registers. Boats on the NRHV will need to show their certificate whilst those on the NSBR will need to know their boat's NSBR number.

Pat Dawson
OGA Boat Register

DOWN'S ROAD BOATYARD
MALDON, ESSEX. CM9 5HG

WE OFFER ON THE ONE SITE:
Restorations & repairs. Moorings, slips, fit cramage,
Yacht deliveries, mechanical servicing & welding.

TS RIGGING
Modern, Traditional and Architectural rigging.
Tel: 01621 874861 Fax 01621 840982
info@tsrigging.co.uk

We Supply & Fit Sailing & Powering Riggers, Mast Hoops,
Wooden Blocks, Shackles, Gasket Wires, Furling Systems, Luff Jacks
Traditional boat building materials, Fastenings, Paints & Varnishes.

M.J. LEWIS & SON (Boat Sales) LTD
Specialists in the brokerage of Classic Vessels, Traditional Yachts and Working Boats
TEL: (0)1621 859373 MOB: 07885 859373
mjlbs@tiscali.co.uk

Suppliers of New GRP & Wooden dinghies, punts and workboats.

Our website: www.heritage-marine.com

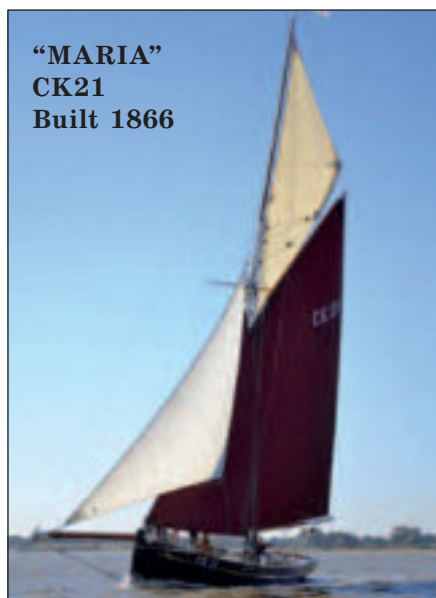


JAMES LAWRENCE SAILMAKERS

Vast gaff and lug rig experience

Enthusiastic advice and service

Sailmaking ~ Design Work ~ Rigging
Cover-making ~ Repairs & Servicing



22-28 Tower Street
Brightlingsea
Essex CO7 0AL
England

Tel: 01206 302863

Fax: 01206 305858

e-mail: lawrencesails@btconnect.com

Youth Fund Initiative (YFI 50)

This year is our 50th year and a year of celebration. Since its creation in 1963 the OGA has been dedicated to saving, refurbishing and promoting the 'Great Gaff Rig'. By now most of the old smacks and bawleys, along with their derivatives, have been largely transformed, some from hulks prised out of the slime, others rebuilt (twice by now) and transmogrified into yachts with paint jobs that interior designers would be proud of! They are sailed, cruised and raced and put to uses that their builders never intended and still they survive. All this is to the credit of two groups.

The first group were those who designed and built them in the first place, some on beaches and others in yards. All were basically built to go to sea and trade in one form or another in whatever conditions the weather and sea could throw at them. The boats were designed for 20(ish) years by men who just knew what was right and what would, with a fair hull, perform. Alas these men have long gone and all that lives on are anecdotes from the memories of those that once knew them, a few books, and the spirits of the much-changed hulls.

The second group is us, the members of the OGA, who with passion and devotion akin to that of those long-gone souls preserve and maintain the memories and skills. Although so much has been lost over the years, we have managed to gather and digest enough information as is needed to sail these Great Gaffers.

Again alas, we are now the ones who are getting older, and probably getting older faster than our boats and certainly with no hope of being rebuilt when we need it! So we need to pass on our love, knowledge and skills to our younger members and their friends, potential new members, and to members' kids as a natural progression.

On the East Coast, we have done a lot in the past few years to help exactly these youngsters. Recently, we have privately funded small yachts for them to sail, as they have progressed from taking 'Dad's' Mirror, then Smack boat, to now running and campaigning small yachts at our events. We as a group need our youth (just as we as individuals have lost ours!) Our Association's youth is helped by those with 'Gaffer Children' but we need to cast our nets wider and (for the stowboaters amongst us) deeper!

With that in mind I take you back to the first line. This proposal could be our legacy to the Youth.

Youth Fund Initiative (YFI 50)

At the Association Committee meeting at the Greenwich Yacht club in January we debated, and decided to set up, a separate and dedicated bank account to gather and hold monies to support the youth section of the OGA. The idea is that we shall ask areas to help establish a 'float' through area-affordable donations that can be added to the account together with individual donations from members in order to 'kick start' it.

The Youth Fund Initiative will be used by our areas to support and assist in the promotion and use of the Gaff Rig for young members and friends. It is envisaged that contact will be made with a fund working group from an area that has a programme for youth sailing or a related scheme and that, if deemed appropriate and within a budget, the scheme will be funded. Please note that at the moment this is a fund and not a Trust Fund. That might come later if we can make this idea float first.

OGA Youth Initiative

It has been noted that as we have so many donations throughout the season from members through their race and event subscriptions, we feel that it would be great to use this generosity for the fund, provided the donors wished it. It may also provide an opportunity for some of our number to help our Youth when the sands of time dictate the 'crossing of the bar'.

All I ask is that we use our 50th year promotions and celebrations to start this **YOUTH FUND INITIATIVE**, for it is simple: if the Fund does not grow we will not be able to use it to encourage and fund some of our youngsters in the ways of the Great Gaff Rig.

*Pete 'the knife' Elliston,
Area Secretary, East Coast.*



Sunbeam by Sarah Adie. Second prize in the Sailing Gaffers section of the OGA 2012 photographic competition. The judges commented: This is a moody photograph taken on a grey and gloomy day but it is lit up, not only by the colours of the boat and sails, but also because it is a terrific action shot yet still perfectly in focus'

Reminder Reminder Reminder to all members

Have you forgotten to renew your membership of the OGA?

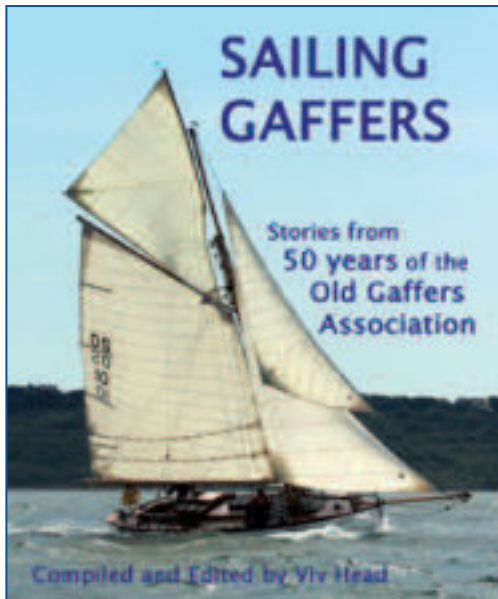
If you have not renewed your membership then this will be the last copy of Gaffers Log that you will receive until renewal. I am well aware that we all lead busy lives, and life is expensive these days, but we do not want to lose you, so please take a look to ensure that your direct debit went through ok, or if you pay by cheque, that you have sent it off.

This promises to be a very exciting year for the OGA and not the year to miss out on.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Alistair Randall

OGA Membership Secretary



Don't forget to place your order for Sailing Gaffers, an order form for which has been included in this edition of GL. The deadline to have your name, boat name and home port included has been extended to the 15th April.

Members should also be aware that contrary to what was previously mentioned on the order form no monies will be paid into an OGA Trust Fund. The proposal to set up a Trust Fund to support young people learning to sail Gaffers has been amended at the Association Committee Meeting in January to be a 'Youth Fund Initiative' which is fully explained on pages 10 and 15 of this issue.

STOP PRESS

As this issue goes to print the editor has been advised of an exciting additional event to take place during the RBC at Anstruther. Full details can be found on the website or by emailing Barry Healas. (See OGA Directory page 51 for contact details).

Welcome Aboard

<u>Area</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Boats</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Address</u>
EC5652			MrChrisOpperman	16WinchesterRoad,Frinton-on-Sea,CO139JB
NWA5653			DrMichaelLeitch-Devlin	5LlysCadnant,Rhyl,Denbighshire,LL18
4DJ				
EC5654			MrsSarahPeay	LittleLocketts,BashurstHill,Itchingfield, W Sussex, RH13 0PD
NWA5655			MrChristopher	HolgateThe OldCrossGuns,Crowsnest, Shropshire, , SY5 0LU
Snailbeach,				
NE5656			MrNicholasSchofield	63SeahamGardens,Wrekenton,Gateshead, NE9 7EJ
OS5657			MrGlynnGray-Read	Kervegant,RiecSurBelon,France,29340
EC5658			MrTonyWatts	WhiteHouseKennels,TheStreet,Pettistree, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 0HP
SOL5659			MrDanWitcher	25CovertMead,Ashington,WSussex, RH20 3PR
SOL5660			MrPeterEnticknap	SunriseCottage,GreenLane,Pembridge, Leominster, HR6 9EL
SOL5661	Beeleigh	MrCharlesWallrock	TweedHouse,RopeMill,Lymington, SO41 8NE	
DEV5663		MrMichaelOlliff-Lee	& MstrEdwardWallrock	TweedHouse,RopeMill,Lymington,SO418NE
NE5662				
DE V 5 6 6 4		Penny Olliff-Lee & Ms Emma	Canfield	67 Bennett Road, Mapperly, Nottingham, NG3 6BT
NWA5665		MrsChristineJukes	Bryn	Celyn,Llanfachraeth,Holyhead, LL65 4UP
BC5666		MrDanielDarwall	14TheUplands,Radyr,Cardiff,Wales, CF15 8BH	
SOL5667		MrPaulBaker	TheCabin,BatramasleyFarm,Lymington, SO41 8NG	
DEV5668		MrPhilip Charlesworth	Greentrees, MountFlagonSteps,Northford Road, Dartmouth, Devon, TQ6 9EP	
LD5669		MrAlanWilliams	14SheridanWay,Stone,Staffordshire, ST15 8XG	
SOL5670		MrDavidMoss	TreeTops,SmithsLane,ShirrellHeath, SO32 2JP	
SOL5671		MrDavidWilson	127AmyandParkRoad,Twickenham, TW1 3HN	
SOL5672		MrTobyHeppel	WaffronsFarm,WoodstockLaneSouth,Chess- ington, Surrey, KT9 1UF	
SOL5673		MrRoryRonnie	42SedgleyRoad,Winton,Bournemouth, BH9 2JW	
NE5674		MrJohnnyJohnston	MBENetherbyres Lodge,Eyemouth,Berwickshire, TD14 5SD	
EC5675		MrChristopherSeymour	27 LatchingdonRoad,ColdNorton,Essex, CM3 6JG	
NI5676		MrLouisScott	20ShoreRoad,Millisle,Co.Down, BT222BT	
BC5677		MrVicLove	12OrchardRoad,Backwell,Bristol,BS483HP	
SOL5678		MrBlakeSimms	29GordonRoad,Cowes,IsleofWight, PO31 7SL	
SCO5679		MrArchieVictorFoot	Millcrest, Kirkmaiden,Drummore,Stranraer, Scotland, DG9 9QP	
NWA5680		MrsAnneWest-Watson	Pen-y-Dref, Rhosneigr,Anglesey,LL645JH	
BC5681	JaneLouise	MrTarquinWildridge	TheBrambles,177A CostonsLane,Greenford, Middlesex, UB6 9AD	

SOL5682	Dr Ian Standish	18 Highfield Road, Blackwell Heath, HP10 9AN
B C 5 6 8 3	Mr Trevor Fishlock & Mrs Penny Fishlock	7 Teilo Street, Cardiff, Wales, CF11 9JN
DEV5684	Mr Jonathan Heighway	34 West Street, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 2NB
SOL5685	Mr David Simmonds & Mrs Mary Simmonds	22 Rosehill Drive, Bransgore, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 8 NW
SOL5686	Mr Christopher Cooper	Gateborough Farm, Winchelsea Rd, Rye, TN31 7EH
EC5687	Mr Steve Delarre	4 Mill Lane, Moreton, CM50 0DN
BC5688	Mr Dick Boele	96 Church Road, Llandstadwell, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1EA
SCO5689	Dr Thomas Hawson	Hundalee Mill Farm, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, TD8 6PA
SOL5690	Beeleigh Mrs Susan Redburn	Little Abbots, Snowerhill Rd, Betchworth, RH3 7AQ
EC5691	Dr Gotthelf Wiedermann	6 The Meadows, Haslingfield, Cambridge CB23 1JD
NI5692	Mr John Ferguson	25 Clanbrassil Road, Cultra, Co. Down, BT18 0AR
EC5693	Mr Philip Gedling & Mrs Char-3	Westerfield Ct, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP42 9UP
SOL5694	Mr Larry Rumbol & Mrs Nele	37 Daniells Walk, Lymington, Hants, SO41 3PP
NWA5695	Andersch-Rumbol	16 Edgemoor Drive, Upper Killay, Swansea, SA2 7HH
EC5696	Mr Michael Evanson & Mrs Neil Evanson	Arch 3 Rushcliffe Avenue, Radcliffe on Trent, NG12 2AF
EC5697	Mr Andrew Abraham & M/s	27 Station Road, Manea, March, Cambs, PE15 0HE
EC5698	Daracha Mr Geoffrey Neale	Firton Firnure, White Cross Lane, Sleaford, NG34 0DA
SOL5699	Mr David Barr	Stream Cottage, Hunston, Chichester, W Sussex, PO20 1NR
SOL5700	Mr David Walters	18 Ravenscourt Road, Lymington, SO41 3PJ
SOL5701	Mr Stephen Shergold	Stonecroft, Naunton, GL54 3AT
EC5702	Mr Noel Probyn	Hall Cottage, Hall Road, Heybridge, CM94 NH
EC5703	Mr Edward Halsall	Park Farm, Ardleigh, Essex, CO7 7SR
NWA5704	Mr Simon Parker	4 Brook Gardens, Barnes, London, SW13 0LY
SOL5705	Mr Richard Willmott	10 Southlands, Pennington, Hants, SO41 8EE
NW5706	Mr Iain Booth & Mrs Janet	Old Mill Cottage, Ring O' Bells Lane, Lathom, Lancs, L40 5TF
EC5707	Ben Martin	Hills 1 Ice House Quay, Lowestoft, NR32 3QU
BC5708	Mr Ben Thomas	48 Parkwall Road, Bristol, BS30 8HH
SOL5709	Mr Robin Wickenden	Selwood Cottage, Moor Lane, Wincanton, BA9 9EJ
EC5710	Mr Dominic Bolongaro & Mrs Lola Bolongaro	113a Woodford Road, London, E70 DL
E C 5 7 1 1	M/s Frances Maggs & Mr Ed Maggs	1 The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AS
OS5712	Mr Peter Schötter	Birkenweg 10, 27809 Lemwerder, Germany,
EC5713	Mr Eugene Corkhill	Jimmy's, Mill Green, Edwardstone, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 5PY

Scottish OGA Area Secretary receives prestigious award from HRH the Princess Royal



Neal Hill, Secretary of the RYA North East Regional Committee, and OGA Area Secretary for Scotland, was presented with a RYA Regional Award, one of the RYA's most prestigious awards, on the 23rd November last. The award was presented by HRH the Princess Royal, President of the RYA, at the organisation's annual Volunteer Awards ceremony held in London.

Neal Hill was nominated for his award by the RYA North East Regional Committee and was selected as a winner by the Awards panel for his service to the Region over the past twenty years. Practical as well as professional, Neal has been a huge support to all the Chairmen he has worked with over the years. Neal never misses the opportunity to explain how hard the RYA works for the rights of the individual boater and the backing the organisation gives to clubs and the sport in general. He is also the region's coastal protection officer, a job he takes very seriously and which dovetails with his work on the RYA's environmental Green Blue initiative and the Offshore and Coastal Consultative Panel.

As well as his work with the Region, he has served on the RYA Planning & Environment Committee and the European Boating Association Environment Committee.

Well done Neal from all OGA members.

*Article courtesy of
Liz King RYA NE
Regional Communicator*

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Gaffers Association

Held at Greenwich Yacht Club on Saturday 19th January 2013

1. Welcome by the President

Mike Shaw opened the meeting and welcomed us all in this, our 50th Anniversary year. He expressed grateful thanks to Colin Ming for editing the Gaffers Log and best wishes to him for a full recovery. He also thanked Phil Slade for taking over the Log at short notice; to Barry for his great work on the RBC; to Sue Farrer for her sterling work of organising the stand at the London Boat Show; to the Greenwich YC for hosting the ACM and the AGM today and to Sue Lewis for all she has done during the year and especially for her work on sponsorship and in preparing us for this meeting. Mike paid tribute to the hard work being done in all Areas of the OGA to make this a really special year and exhorted all to make the most of the wonderful opportunities we have to celebrate.

10. Round Britain Challenge and Relay

The order of the Agenda was altered to allow a presentation by Martin Worth of Trackaphone who are kindly sponsoring tracking for the Round Britain Challenge. Members of the fleet circumnavigating Britain this summer will be given a free app for their mobile phone allowing them to be tracked whilst in range of a mobile network. Martin explained that this will not work for those with an i-phone but proposes to lend out Blackberries so all can be tracked. He gave a comprehensive demonstration of how the public will be able to follow the progress of the RBC fleet via pages on the Trackaphone website www.trackaphone.co.uk

Barry Healas, co-ordinator of the Task Force planning the RBC, gave a presentation detailing plans so far. New on the OGA50 website will be Barry's Blog to replace his regular updates and he announced a new addition to the itinerary with a weekend event at Loch Melfort 15th and 16th June. Expressions of interest are now required online for many of the larger events being organised. Barry gave a further explanation of the Relay and examples of relay "tokens" were discussed.

Apologies from the RNLI who were due to give a presentation but were unable to attend. Fund-raising for the RNLI will continue by all Areas of the OGA for the whole of 2013.

It was suggested that some kind of formal registration process, perhaps even involving a small refundable fee, be set up to ascertain numbers and help with the organisation.

5. Treasurer's report

Gordon Garman presented the accounts and gave some brief explanations.

Cost of the Gaffers Log looks higher but in fact the cost of Log postage has been attributed differently this year – it is included under Gaffers Log where last year it was under Stationery and Postage, so this also explains the apparent sharp reduction year on year under that heading. In response to a question Gordon was not able to break down print and postage costs. A question was asked about the cost of meetings, suggesting that other similar organisations do not pay expenses for attending meetings. Gordon explained that only travel and overnight accommodation (where needed) are reimbursed, not meals or incidentals. No expenses are paid for attending local meetings but it is important that all Areas of the OGA are equally represented at the ACM however far they may have to come. GMC meetings have cost approx £3,000 partly due to an increased number of meetings, but this should drop as the GMC will reduce in size.

A question was asked about level of reserves, as it can be seen from the accounts that taking national and Area funds into account our reserves total approx £70,000. Gordon explained that by match-funding Area spending on OGA50 events this total will be significantly reduced, both in the Areas and national funds. He has set aside £10,000 of national funds to match a similar amount of spending

in the Areas. His intention is to maintain national reserves at £30,000, approximately equivalent to one year's running costs of the Association. This is necessary due to our lack of any material assets. There being no further questions it was proposed to adopt the accounts:

Proposed: Phil Slade Seconded: Ben Collins

6. Secretary's report

Sue Lewis presented a new leaflet "Join the OGA" which is for use in all Areas for marketing the Association – by individual members as well as by committees. To be used in conjunction with the new membership application form. Tim Magennis registered his thanks for this useful tool at which point Sue should have thanked Steve Daley-Yates for his very professional work on design and his patience with apparently endless copy changes (but sadly she missed the opportunity). Sue reported that the press launch of our Anniversary year at the London Boat Show by David Dimbleby had been a big success. Sam Llewellyn, Mark Horton, Claudia Myatt, Mike Peyton and Bev Daley-Yates kindly gave public talks, our stand though very small was busy and our profile was raised considerably. Thanks to all those who helped with this effort. Sue announced sponsorship deals for OGA50 which are being finalised. ABP are in the process of agreeing terms to pay £5,000 to sponsor the Round Britain Challenge from Head Office funds and a further £5,000 from Southampton Port's PR budget for the Cowes event. James Lawrence Sailmaker in Brightlingsea is sponsoring us to the tune of £2,000 and in addition there will be several smaller sponsors.

OGA50 merchandise is now on sale – both President and Secretary were modelling a blue "drill shirt" with the bright golden 50 logo and Sue explained that members can now order merchandise direct from Ocean World in a vast range of garments with a choice of OGA logos and bespoke embroidery or print. A polo shirt, blouson jacket and Rugby shirt were also on show at the meeting.

www.oceanworld.co.uk/oga

7. Proposed changes to the Rules of the Association as outlined in the September Log.

Notice had been given of these well in advance and comments received had been taken into account so after a brief explanation a vote was taken on each change.

Rule 3 - Flags

Following discussion prior to the meeting and at the Association Committee Meeting earlier in the day there was a recommendation from the chair to reject this rule change, the original very simple rule being considered by the Association Committee to be sufficient after all.

This change was unanimously rejected.

Rule 4 – Membership

This change was unanimously accepted.

Rule 7 – Officers and Committees

This change was accepted with one vote against.

Rule 8 – Races

This change was unanimously accepted.

Rule 10 – Meetings

The proposed rule change was to introduce a quorum of 35 for the AGM where previously none had been specified. There was some discussion about the number of members to be set for the quorum. An amendment to the proposed rule change to make the proposal a quorum of 10 was proposed by Phil Slade and seconded by Neal Hill. This proposal was rejected (19 in favour and 25 against). There was a further proposal to amend the rule change to propose a quorum of 20.

Proposed: Ben Collins Seconded: Laurie Lowrie

Carried with 8 votes against.

The meeting then voted on the rule change with the quorum figure amended from 35 to 20.

This rule change was accepted with just one vote against.

The Rules will be updated and published in the next edition of the Yearbook.

8. Election of Officers

The change to Rule 7 having now been accepted, the meeting voted on Officers using the new titles.

President: Mike Shaw kindly agreed to stand for one more year

Proposed: Jessica Warren, seconded: Pete Elliston, elected

Secretary: Sue Lewis

Proposed: Alan Aston, seconded: Peter Thomas, elected

Membership Secretary: Alistair Randall

Proposed: Gordon Garman, seconded: Sue Lewis, elected

Boat Register Editor: Pat Dawson kindly agreed to stand for a further term

Proposed: Dan Shaw, seconded: Peter Thomas, elected

Gaffers Log Editor: Phil Slade kindly agreed to continue for a further year

Proposed: Maxine Lomas, seconded: Sue Farrer, elected

There was a break in the meeting for dinner, after which the meeting resumed.

11. OGA Jubilee Festival at Cowes

Dan Shaw made an impassioned plea for “unity and solidarity” to make the most of the Cowes event which will be our biggest party ever with days of gaffer fun and 3 nights of entertainment. 175 boats have registered interest so far but it is also possible to join in without bringing your boat. Registration proper has been put back to the end of February to allow more time for gathering sponsorship commitments but once open, members are all urged to book their tickets.

Dan suggested that even those going to the Peel party might consider a cheap flight to Southampton so as not to miss the fun at Cowes – his team will help with enquiries about accommodation and further travel information will be circulated or made available online.

12. OGA50 Anniversary book by Viv Head

Sue Lewis explained that the manuscript is with the publisher and due for publication in early summer. Over 70 copies have already been pre-ordered with many members already taking the opportunity to make a donation in return for having their name, boat name and home port in print in the book. The deadline for this “subscribers list” has now been extended to 15th April 2013.

13. Online historical travelogue “Sailing by”

Bev Daley-Yates gave the meeting a preview of her “Sailing By” online travelogue project with compelling historic images and narratives. She invited contributions from members from all Areas – in particular stories from boats’ logs prior to 1963 corresponding to the following headings: Passage making, Working sail, Historic events, Hazards and contests.

14. Results of photographic competition

Peter Farrer presented a slide show of the competition winners on behalf of Viv Head, giving in each case Viv’s commentary on the images. The results are shown elsewhere in this edition of GL.

15. Announcements of Awards

Sue Farrer said she had been disappointed with nominations for the Association trophies again this year and was only awarding 3 of them:

Full details are shown separately in a separate article in this edition of GL.

16. Members’ Questions

There were no questions from members.

OGA Annual Accounts

Income and Expenditure Account – Year ended 30th September 2012

<u>Income</u>	<u>2012</u> £	<u>2011</u> £
Subscriptions and Donations	28513	29840
Merchandise Sales	2483	1568
Advertising Revenue	820	995
Bank Interest	<u>230</u>	<u>493</u>
Total	32046	32896
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Gaffers Log	12002	9690
Yearbook	0	0
Merchandise Purchases	1282	1425
Merchandise write off	1292	
Stationery & Postage	316	3048
Website	533	55
Travel & Subsistence		4568
GMC Meeting costs	3173	
AGM/ ACM Meeting costs	4038	
Area Funding	1643	4277
Donations, Subscriptions & Funding Bids	1407	160
OGA50 Costs	2864	3123
Insurance	1139	1140
Photo Competition	0	440
Bank Charges	353	556
Legal Exp	1380	
Sundries	<u>239</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	31661	28482
 Surplus before tax	385	4414
Corporation Tax	<u>101</u>	<u>88</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year	284	4326

Annabel J Classic Yacht Charters



Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2012

Current Assets	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	£	£
Business Base Rate Tracker Account 11206		10199
Current Account	2861	2858
Paypal Account	789	242
Standard Life 60 Day and Bond	0	28406
Barclays Business 10 Day Account	23487	0
Barclays Bond Maturity Account	5142	0
Euro Account	2137	29
Postage Float	131	416
Merchandise Stocks	1292	3785
Debtors	0	474
Creditors	<u>-1546</u>	<u>-2596</u>
Total	44097	43813
General Fund		
Balance from previous year	43813	39487
Surplus/Deficit for year	<u>284</u>	<u>4326</u>
	<u>44097</u>	<u>43813</u>

Area Balances as at 30th September 2012

	£		
NI	2604.57	Lake District	73.63
Scotland	813.16	North East	85.85
Bristol Channel	332.32	North Wales	3049.32
Devon	1342.00	North West	0.00
Dublin Bay	no report	Solent	9160.45
East Coast	7232.31	Trailer Section	<u>84.00</u>
		Total	<u>24777.61</u>



London Boat Show

We were extremely lucky to be offered stand space within the Owners Association Area at Tullett Prebon London Boat Show this year. This gave us an excellent opportunity to promote the Old Gaffers Association. What a week we had - it was brilliant.

I was tasked with organising a rota of helpers on the stand for which the response was overwhelming. A huge thank you to you all from me. Our attendance at the boat show cost the OGA nothing and it certainly lifted the profile of the OGA by being there.

Mike Shaw and Sue Lewis worked very hard to obtain speakers to talk not only at the Knowledge Box but also on our stand.

David Dimbleby, a member of the OGA since 1980 and also the owner of a 28ft. Terry Heard gaffer, agreed to give a presentation to the press, on our stand, to launch our 50th Anniversary celebrations and this was a huge success. You can see his short talk online on YouTube if you search for 'David Dimbleby Boat Show'



David Dimbleby talking with Mike Peyton and Sam Llewellyn on the OGA stand at the London Boat Show

In addition the following 'personalities' and OGA members gave presentations on the Boat Show 'Knowledge Box'.

Sam Llewellyn, yachting thriller writer and editor of 'Marine Quarterly' gave an amusing talk about his boats over the years including the latest, a Drascombe Longboat.

Mark Horton, Professor of Archaeology at Bristol University and presenter of the BBC TV programme 'Coast' talked about the restoration of his Maurice Griffiths gaffer 'Mignonette'.



Mark Horton of BBC's Coast program on the OGA stand at the London Boat Show

Mike Peyton

Mike Peyton, famous cartoonist, and Dick Durham, Yachting Monthly reporter, gave a talk about Mike's various gaffers in the format of an interview. As amusing as his cartoons, Mike showed that he can still keep an audience enthralled even at the young age of 92.

Claudia Myatt

Claudia kindly travelled up to the Smoke for a day to give a talk for us on "Ketches and Sketches".

Beverley Daley-Yates

Beverley gave a preview of her "Sailing by" an online travelogue project with compelling historic images and narratives which you'll soon be able to browse online.

Many people visited our stand; not only existing members but 16 new members were signed up as well. Hopefully many more will join as a result of coming to see us on the stand.

Sue Farrer

North Wales Area Secretary

& Association Social and Trophy Secretary

OGA Trophy Report

Sadly we only awarded three trophies out of the eight we have in the Association this year, simply because we did not receive any nominations for the others. Before I give the results of the awards for the 2012 season I would urge all members, in this our 50th anniversary year, to look at what our trophies are awarded for, and to try to make suitable nominations as and when an opportunity arises.

The Gaffers Globe was awarded to David Grainger. This was proposed by Mike Stevens and seconded by David Grainger's friend David James. David's voyage of **HappyQuestin** boisterous conditions, from Milford Haven across the Irish Sea, was accomplished with instructions from David Grainger in a quiet matter of fact manner whilst **HappyQuest** sailed serenely, but lively, and gave them the feeling that she would not fail them.

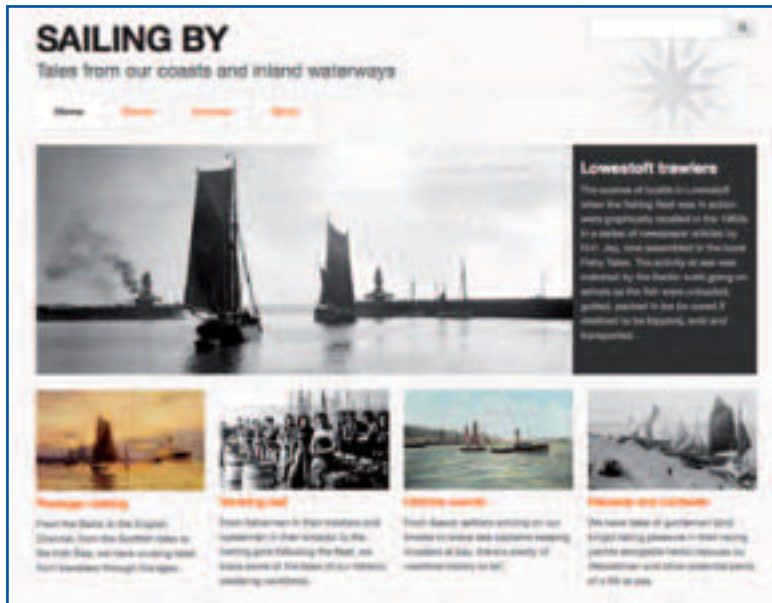
The Gaffers Tales Trophy is judged by the Editor of Gaffers Log, Phil Slade, who kindly stepped into the breach during Colin Ming's illness. He awarded this to Iain Lowrie and his family, Vicki, Finn and Petra for their article in the March 2012 edition of Gaffers Log entitled **Dolphin's Big Adventure** which described the lead up to, and epic voyage, en route for New Zealand. The picture shows Iain's father John accepting the trophy on behalf of Iain and the family. John and his wife will be joining Iain very shortly for their transit of the Panama Canal in **Dolphin** of Leith.



The **David Cade Memorial Trophy** is awarded by the GMC to a member who in their consideration has made the most outstanding contribution to the Association over and above the normal call of duty. It was decided that this should go to Colin Ming who has very successfully set up the British Columbia area in Canada. Colin has also very successfully edited Gaffers Log for a year before being forced to stand down by poor health.

Sue Farrer

Association Trophy Secretary



Sailing by: an online historic travelogue

A small group of OGA members has been working on this exciting new website, due to launch in advance of the RBC fleet setting sail from the Netherlands and France in April 2013.

‘Sailing by’ offers opportunities to share historic sailing stories from around the coasts and inland waterways of the UK. We’ve divided the content into four themes: Making a passage, Hazards and contests, Working sail and Historic events.

So far we have some fascinating footage from archive films, historic photos and the promise of OGA members’ log book extracts from the Shetlands to the Channel Isles. We’re also forging links with the National Historic Ships Association, various historic maritime organisations and publishers of historic sailing tales.

By the time you’re reading the Gaffers Log, the first stories will be waiting for you to browse online. Visit the ‘Sailing by’ website to see the unfolding tales, and please think about contributing your favourite historic sailing stories and images.

New material will be published regularly throughout the OGA50 anniversary year, following the fleet’s circumnavigation, highlighting regional ports and harbours with OGA50 events and culminating in the Solent.

Join in the celebrations around the UK with sailors who have ‘gone before us’.

Beverley Daly-Yates
ECOGA

Round Britain Challenge

The Round Britain Challenge and the Relay

The work load in organising these events continues to grow and questions are as soon answered as others arise. However we are moving ahead well on all fronts and hope that, weather depending, we will be on the start line on the dates envisaged.

So, keep watching the website on www.oga50.org is the best advice I can give you, but in case of need I can be contacted directly on telephone number 0787 6527399 or email bazhealas@tiscali.co.uk

I should also mention that there is to be a send-off party at Maldon, Essex, where we were formed, as a farewell for the first few boats, that we then meet up with the Dutch contingent on the way to Hamble also, it is hoped, that a member of the Royal family no less is going to acknowledge the fleet.

The Scillies have been added which is a very exciting addition and where we can expect a warm welcome and we have already been given great publicity. We believe lots of Cornish and French boats are considering meeting us there.

Dublin Bay have planned their Annual Regatta to be on the Irish June Bank Holiday just when we hope to be there with some tip top racing for new trophies, NIOGA are taking us right up into Belfast Lough to where the *Titanic* was built and launched. Berthing will be virtually alongside the new museum which is well worth a visit when some relief from the 'craic' is needed.

Two fleets are now going around Scotland and those coming from the South wanting to go round the top will have to play catch up with the Scottish boats leaving earlier than previously planned. There's a great new event planned for those going through the Caledonian Canal in a beautiful quiet setting on Loch Melfort and we have just had it confirmed that a 50% discount to the normal price will be given to boats transiting the canals. Skippers should contact me for further information on this.

Finally the North East our newest Area is pulling out all the stops in a part of the country that people sometimes consider rushing past and the East Coast have a whole week of events on the East Coast rivers, and the Swale Match to tempt us with, including free berthing at Royal Ramsgate is offering free berthing.

There is so much more that I could mention but the Editor is very tight on space but I must add that 'ABP' (Associated British Ports) are most generously sponsoring us and that Imray have offered participating skippers 15% off charts plus free postage. Also Old Pulteney Whiskey have offered to host a drinks party for the RBC (venue to be confirmed) and that the mobile tracking service will be free of charge.

The main point is keep watching the website www.oga50.org for the latest information.

I wish all who take part fair winds and calm seas.

Barry Healas
OGA@50 co-ordinator



2013 Sailing Events

For reasons of space not all "meet and greet" events for the Round Britain are included here – just those which have been combined with a local rally. For more see www.oga50.org

*Events which form part of the 50th Anniversary Round Britain Challenge

30th-31st March 2013

East Coast Area: Easter Egg Rally where small boats launch and make a raid, returning for dinner. A great opportunity to meet old gaffers and young gaffers at the start of the season and introduce yourself. Venue to be confirmed. Check arrangements on www.eastcoastgaffers.org.uk

***20th-21st April 2013**

East Coast Area: Round Britain Challenge: The first UK participants in the Round Britain Challenge set off from Maldon where the Association was formally founded 50 years ago. Farewell supper on Saturday night followed by ceremonial send-off of the fledgling RBC fleet on Sunday. www.eastcoastgaffers.org.uk

3rd-6th May 2013

Northern Ireland Area: Opening weekend at Portaferry

***4th-5th May 2013**

Solent Area: Rally and welcome weekend for Round Britain fleet at RAF Yacht Club, Hamble. We will also be providing a parade of sail as a backdrop to Southampton Maritime Festival (5th - 6th May). Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

***8-9th May 2013**

Devon Area: welcomes the Round Britain Challenge fleet to Plymouth in the Mayflower Marina before they head off to the Scilly Isles. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

***11th-12th May 2013**

St Mary's, Scilly Isles welcomes the Round Britain Challenge fleet with live music in one of the best pubs on Scilly. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

***25th– 26th May 2013**

North Wales Area: Holyhead welcomes the Round Britain fleet with - activities in the harbour organised by the Holyhead Sailing Club and entertainment in the sailing club during the evenings. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

25th – 27th May 2013

East Coast Area: Swallows and Amazons at Walton Backwaters (the Secret Waters of Arthur Ransome's children's novel). Racing and shore events, ideal for children too. Camping and campervans possible. 3 day event for the first time, co-inciding as it does with the Bank Holiday weekend. Check arrangements on www.eastcoastgaffers.org.uk

31st May - June 2nd 2013

Solent Area: Yarmouth Old Gaffers Festival on the Isle of Wight www.yarmoutholdgaffersfestival.co.uk. During the Festival, Yarmouth's picturesque harbour will be filled with life and colour with more than 100 visiting traditional sailing, steam and motor vessels, including the cream of the Old Gaffers fleet. On shore there will be a huge range of attractions keeping the thousands of visitors entertained from morning til night all weekend.

OGA 50th anniversary events listing

***31st May to 2nd June 2013**

Dublin Bay OGA 50th Anniversary Traditional Boat Rally over the Irish June Bank Holiday weekend to coincide with the arrival of the Round Britain Challenge fleet in Ireland. Berthing at Poolbeg YBC Marina and a programme of racing. Dublin Bay Area have a prestigious new trophy to race for. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

***31st May to 4th June**

Campbeltown: Those of the Round Britain Challenge fleet intending to sail round the very top will be welcomed here by the Scottish Area. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

7th-9th June 2013

Beale Park and Thames Boat Show. Old Gaffers stand as usual. mike.stevens.killay@talktalk.net

***8th-9th June 2013**

Northern Ireland Area: Weekend rally to welcome the Round Britain fleet to Belfast. Berthing in the new marina right next to the historic Harland and Wolff dockyard and the brand new "Titanic Belfast" attraction. Craic aplenty. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

***14th-17th June 2013**

Stornoway welcomes those of the Round Britain Challenge fleet not going through the Caledonian Canal but sailing round the top. A Traditional Boat Festival weekend with racing and social events. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

***15th - 16th June 2013**

Scotland Area: Loch Melfort is the beautiful setting for an informal Gaffers gathering and party. Moorings and anchorages nearby. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

***21st-24th June 2013**

Lerwick, Shetland welcomes the Round Britain Challenge fleet. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

22nd-23rd June 2013

East Coast Area: Royal Hospital School Rally. Holbrook Creek and Wrabness beach, and a very special occasion, celebrating 300 years of this famous ex-naval college (historically nick-named "the cradle of the Navy"). www.eastcoastgaffers.org.uk

28th June - 1st July

National event in Bristol Channel Area / Trailer Section: Traditional Sail Cardiff 2013 - This will be a national 3 day event for small gaffers and trailer-sailers to celebrate the OGA's 50th Anniversary in 2013 and for larger gaffers and classics locally, and any who want to make the passage up the Bristol Channel. Cardiff Bay is non-tidal and one of the most accommodating stretches of water in the country for boats of all sizes. Hosted by two great yacht clubs with camping available, there will be river-raiding up the Ely and Taff Rivers, racing for boats of all sizes and a grand parade of sail. For those who wish, boats can lock-out through the barrage (an experience not to be missed) where a race for larger boats and intrepid smaller ones will be staged in the Bristol Channel.

Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

***1st July 2013**

Eyemouth welcomes the Round Britain Challenge fleet and there will be a send off for the restored Fife lugger “Robina Inglis” conveying Round Britain Relay tokens to Newcastle. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

5th-7th July 2013

Devon Area’s main annual event: the Start Bay Rally will be run alongside the first weekend of the week-long Classic Channel Regatta forming what is now billed at Dartmouth Classics Weekend, so there should be a fantastic spectacle in Start Bay. www.devongaffers.org.uk & www.dartmouthclassics.org.uk

***5th-7th July 2013**

North East Area: in conjunction with Newcastle Quayside Marina we will host a Festival of Sail in the heart of the North East. A large scale gathering of gaff rigged and other traditional and characterful craft, including Round Britain Challenge and Relay participants and involving as many maritime and heritage organisations as possible in a week-end of activities including: parade/concours d’élégance; craft, volunteer and trade stands; music; food and drink. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

6-7th July 2013

Solent Area: 3 Creeks Rally and race

***11th-14th July 2013**

North East Area: Grimsby and Cleethorpes Yacht Club will receive and entertain Round Britain Challenge & Relay participants with a programme of social and sailing events over 3 days. Round Britain Relay tokens will be received on board SY Camay and will be sent onwards. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

***20th - 28th July 2013**

East Coast Area: OGA Jubilee Cruise – a week of events during the school holidays for all ages of people and sizes of boats. Starting at Ipswich, Suffolk and finishing at Brightlingsea, Essex for the Annual East Coast Race. With Round Britain Challenge fleet participation on their way. Check details and register interest on www.oga50.org

21st-28th July 2013

North Wales Area: Conwy River Festival incorporating races for Nobbies, classics and gaffers www.northwalesoga.org - also includes the All Wales Boat Show 24th – 28th July 2013 www.allwalesboatshow.com

26th-29th July 2013

Devon Area: Plymouth Classic Boat Rally

2nd- 4th August 2013

Northern Ireland Area: Ardglass at Anchor

***3rd August 2013**

Swale Match invites the Round Britain Challenge fleet to gaffer racing in the Thames Estuary www.eastcoastoldgaffers.co.uk/events/swale-match

***3rd-5th August 2013**

East Coast Area: Ramsgate Rally for local boats and the Round Britain Challenge fleet, Free berthing and 3 days of fun and games – with participation from the town. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

9th-11th August 2013

Trailer Section: Rally at Clywedog Sailing Club, Llanidloes

8th-10th August 2013

Irish Sea Areas: Peel Traditional Boat Weekend incorporating the Irish Sea 50th Anniversary celebrations. Find details and register interest on www.oga50.org

***15th -18th August 2013**

National event in Solent Area: OGA JUBILEE FESTIVAL at Cowes. National birthday party! Members and non-members welcome. Music, games, bar, food, trophies, rowing races, tug'o'war - there'll be racing in the Solent on the Saturday for prestigious once in a lifetime Anniversary trophies and crew parties every night. Includes Solent Annual Race. See www.oga50.org for information about priority registration.

17th August 2013

Devon Area: Dittisham Regatta Gaffers Race at 1400 for those in the Area who can't make the big Jubilee Festival at Cowes.

23rd-26th August 2013

North Wales Area: 7th Annual Traditional Sailing Festival at Holyhead

Welcome by the Holyhead Marina, Civic reception, racing for young and older, both large and small craft welcome, lots of entertainment. www.nothwalesoga.org

24th – 26th August 2013

East Coast Area: Crouch/Fambridge rallies combined into one long weekend rally over the Bank Holiday weekend. Boats returning to the east coast after the big Cowes event will wind up (or wind down) here. www.eastcoastgaffers.org.uk

6th - 8th September 2013

Solent Area: Rally at Bembridge

14th-16th September 2013

Lake District Area: Small boat regatta on Ullswater.

21st September 2013

Solent Area: Centenary Chase pursuit race at Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, organised by the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

21st September 2013

East Coast Area: Maldon Town Regatta, Essex where old gaffers and smacks race in the River Blackwater from www.maldonregatta.co.uk

Dublin Bay OGA 50th Anniversary Traditional Boat Rally

Date: 2013 – May 31st to June 3rd

Venue: Poolbeg YBC, River Liffey – Dublin.

A Fleet of five Class A & B Tall Ships in Dublin Port will provide a spectacular backdrop to the entire Howth 17 gaff-sloop & topsail, keelboat fleet, plus Old Gaffers Association boats participating in our Dublin Bay OGA 50 celebration on the June Bank Holiday weekend.

The Howth 17's are widely regarded as the oldest, actively-sailed fleet of one-design gaff topsail keelboats, still using their original rig. The Howth 17's were designed in 1897 by Howth lawyer, and founding Commodore of Howth YC, Mr. Herbert Boyd. He was known as Herbert Boyd until he became Sir Walter Boyd on the death of his father, the famous Judge Boyd (mentioned in Joyce's Ulysses) who had been the first Baronet.



Racing Howth 17's

He was also an amateur naval architect who had shown a flair for yacht design, so the Club members asked him to design a suitable boat for Howth waters.

By autumn end of 1987 Mr. Boyd put before them a design for a 17' waterline keelboat, 22'6" overall length and a 6' beam. Complete with a gaff sloop rig, short bowsprit and topsail, she would set 305 sq feet of sail and with a fine sheer, she looked a proper little yacht. The members were happy with the design and the first five boats were built by John Hilditch of Carrickfergus in Belfast Lough. They each cost just under £90 all found. Two years later Mr J Clancy of Kingstown (now known as Dun

Around the Areas OGA 50th Anniversary

Laoghaire) built another three boats. The Bublin Bay Sailing Club were provided with the Howth 17 drawings so they went ahead and had another 5 boats built by Mr J Kelly of Portrush and launched in 1906. Around late July 1906 all thirteen boats raced together for the first time. During the next six years four more boats were built to bring the family total to seventeen boats.

During a windy 94 mile passage from Carrickfergus to Howth, the Howth 17's proved themselves to be sturdy, capable and seaworthy vessels, and from their first race on Wednesday May 4th 1898 and subsequent racing seasons over the last hundred and fifteen years, they have demonstrated over and over, how capable they are at sea.

DBOGA have invited the entire Howth 17 fleet to race during their OGA50 Rally. An Inaugural River Liffey Race is planned, with the Howth 17's racing upriver between the lifting East-Link Bridge and the spectacular Samuel Becket Bridge. The course will bring them right into the heart of Dublin. They will race upriver and downriver, past the Tall Ships moored on the quays, with the quayside providing close-up viewing for the holiday crowds. It promises to be an exciting and delightful spectacle for Dubliners during the Bank Holiday.

The Tall Ships will be in Dublin for the Port Company's own Maritime Festival which has joined forces with the DBOGA in providing what should be a colourful and exciting Maritime display during the Bank Holiday weekend.

The visiting OGA50 fleet will include a Dutch OGA contingent of six Traditional vessels led by the colourful Dutch Physiotherapist, Rik Janssen, sailing his unique, self-built, steel-hulled Galway Hooker. Rik, who has over the years developed a close rapport with the Irish West Coast Galway Hooker Fleet, will lead his Dutch flotilla from the Netherlands down Channel along the UK East coast, then to the Scillies, and from there up the Irish Sea to Dublin Port. DBOGA expect many other OGA50 vessels to arrive at what should be the biggest Gaff-Rig Festival in the Irish Sea for many a year. They can expect a great 'Cead Mile Failte' (100,000 welcomes) from the DBOGA fellowship at Poolbeg YBC. Boats arriving and registered will be accommodated with free berthing on the Poolbeg YBC Marina for the Event duration, by kind courtesy of the Officers and members of Poolbeg YBC.

Dublin Bay, and its two Ports, Dun Laoghaire and Dublin Port, provide 24 hour, all weather, all tide, safe and easy access to both safe Haven Ports.

DBOGA's 3-day Rally programme will include a lively blend of social engagements under the heading of 'Craic and Ceoil' (Music and Fun) plus a sip or two of the local 'Foggy Dew'.

Proceedings will kick off with arriving boat Registrations on Friday, May 31st.

On Friday evening at 2000 we welcome participants with wine and finger food at the Sponsors Reception in Poolbeg YBC, with live traditional Irish music, 'craic and ceoil' until late.

On Saturday there will be a race with a Dun Laoghaire start for the Inaugural, perpetual 'RMS Leinster' Trophy Plate, commemorating the sad loss on October 1918 of the Mailboat 'RMS Leinster', which was torpedoed and sunk while on passage from Kingstown (now known as Dun Laoghaire) to Holyhead, just 5 miles East of the existing Kish Lighthouse off Dublin Bay

The race will track the course of the ill-fated 'RMS Leinster', out to where the U-boat torpedoed and sank her, then turn back towards Dalkey Sound and from there to the finish at Poolbeg lighthouse.

Post race Barbecues will be in full production to satisfy the hunger of the racing crews and if time permits we plan to have a 'Poems and Pints' session after the Barbecue

The Irish Communications Workers Union, which represents the interests of Irish postal workers are currently in negotiation with the DBOGA, and OGA HQ re sponsorship of a specially commissioned Trophy for this event. Among RMS Leinster's passengers who lost their lives, were postal workers who were sorting the mail when the torpedo struck.

Also planning to participate in the June Festival will be *Eithne*, now 120 years old, designed by Mr Boyd, and widely regarded as the progenitor and inspiration for his Howth 17 design, being similar in hull waterline and size. *Eithne* had but one sister, *Marguerite* also a Boyd design, built in 1895 and she too will attend the Rally..

Conditions permitting, the two old girls will take up position at the mouth of the Liffey, to greet and escort the fleet of Howth 17's upriver to Poolbeg.

The Inaugural DBOGA Liffey River Race upriver for the Howth 17's will be a spectacle not to be missed, and will be closely followed by a 'Parade of Sail' upriver and downriver, by the entire flag-bedecked fleet of Gaffers. After the Post race barbecue we will have a repeat of the DBOGA's testing maritime quiz for competing boat teams. Seeking assistance from the Internet or Google is considered a yardarm hanging offence, then we have Craic and Ceoil until late, in the Clubhouse..

The Monday race will be for the unique '*Asgard*' trophy, made from original and new timbers used in the construction and restoration of the famous 1916 uprising gun-runner – *Asgard*. The *Asgard* was owned and sailed by the famous Erskine Childers, author of that classic best selling novel, 'The Riddle of the Sands'. The splendidly restored *Asgard* is now on show in the Collins Barracks National Museum of Ireland, just up the Liffey from Poolbeg, and well worth a visit.

The Prize giving in Poolbeg YBC will be immediately after the Monday Race.

Owners of all Gaff-rigged vessels are welcome to participate in DBOGA's Rally in June. Contact Hon Secretary John Wedick for registration forms.

DBOGA 2013 Traditional Boat Rally & OGA 50th Celebration.

Register your interest and get Entry Forms from DBOGA Hon Sec John Wedick

Email: John Wedick <ossobocco@hotmail.com>

Text: 0035387-9975994 Telephone: 0035387-9975994

Marina berthing will be free for registered DBOGA Rally

John Wedick
Area secretary



Traditional Sail Cardiff 2013: A National Celebration of 50 Years of the Old Gaffers Association 28th June-1st July 2013

A national 3-day event for small gaffers and trailer-sailers to celebrate the OGA's 50th Anniversary in 2013 and for larger gaffers and classics locally and any who want to make the passage up the Bristol Channel.

Cardiff Bay is non-tidal and one of the most accommodating stretches of water in the country for boats of all sizes. Hosted by two great yacht clubs with camping available, there will be river-raiding up the Ely and Taff Rivers, racing for boats of all sizes and a grand parade of sail. For those who wish, boats can lock-out through the barrage (an experience not to be missed) where a race for larger boats and intrepid smaller ones will be staged in the Bristol Channel.

There are many shoreside attractions-

- A vibrant waterfront with ample public pontoons
- Café's bars and shopping
- Art & History
- Maritime Heritage
- The Millennium Centre, a world class centre for performing arts
- The Historic Norwegian Church
- Welsh Assembly Government Building (open to the public)

Just make sure you leave some time for sailing!

Whether you trail or whether you sail come to Cardiff at the end of June for a great weekend of traditional sailing and events.

For more Information please contact **Mike Stevens**:

Email: mike.stevens.killay@talktalk.net

Tel: 07762334437

North East

I hope I'm not being over confident in saying that North East arrangements for the OGA 50 celebrations are progressing very well. The Stage ports those where the Round Britain Challenge & Relay participants will be received, accommodated and subjected to hospitality, are now finalised, except for a few pilotage details and the hopefully positive outcomes of negotiations about discounts.

North East Maritime Festival at Newcastle Quayside:

Arrangements are well in hand, 20+ boats having already submitted expressions of interest. Contacts in the North East suggest that it will be wise to work on the basis of about 50 boats attending. It is planned to have detailed arrangements finalised by the end of April. The details of the programme will be published on the NE area web page in due course.

Eyemouth:

On 1st July the town will give a send off to the newly restored GoodHope(ex RobinaInglis)which will carry our Relay tokens southward.

Grimsby:

The Round Britain Challenge & Relay event (reception, race & social) will take place at the Grimsby & Cleethorpes Yacht Club between the 11th and 14th August.

OGA in the North East.

We who are so widely and thinly spread in our Area need to try to get together more. Can I ask all OGA members East of the Pennines, North of the Wash & South of the Tweed (ie. all Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Teesside, Durham, Tyne & Wear, Northumberland) to contact me, preferably by email, via the OGA website.

It is nearly a year now since that meeting at Scotch Corner and in that time there has been a small increase in NE Area membership. I am not without hope for the future of the NE area and with that in mind I am trying to arrange a meeting for all NE members sometime mid April at a central location. Details will be on the OGA web site in due course.

Jim Bell

NE Area Secretary



OGA Photo Competition 2012

Sailing Gaffers & Sailing Shots entries

Deadline- 1st December

Unretouched photos (except cropping) email 100 photos (Subject: Gaffers, Family, and friends only)

Send to- viv.head@talk21.com

Wanted- Photo Competition Editor

This is a very rewarding role within the Old Gaffers Association which I have had the privilege of doing for the last 5 years

It is not an onerous task- quite the opposite

If you have an eye for a photograph and would like to take this on, please get in touch

Viv Head viv.head@talk21.com

Around the Areas OGA 50th Anniversary

North Wales

Saturday, 27th April 2013. We will be holding our annual boat shed party at Port Penrhyn again this year. This is to coincide with the launching of Scott Metcalfe's new vessel **Valerie**. She is a 50ft. Victorian Clipper on which Scott has put in many hours to refurbish. Launching will be over the midday HW on the 27th April. Please contact Sue Tel: 01270-874174 or email nwasec@oldgaffersassociation.org if you would either like to attend the launch or the boat shed party.

24th–27th May 2013. Holyhead will welcome the Round Britain Challenge (RBC) boats to the harbour, Marina and Holyhead Sailing Club over this weekend. Please complete the Expression of Interest form on the OGA 50 web site if you are interested in attending. The North Wales area will be presenting some Welsh Slate as a token to be transported by one of the RBC boats for its onward journey to the Cowes Jubilee Festival for auction.

7th–9th June 2013. The OGA will again have a stand at the Beale Park and Thames Boat Show. For more information please contact Mike Stevens direct on 01792-297445.

21st July - 28th July 2013. The Conwy River Festival will run from Sunday, 21st to Sunday, 28th July 2013. Contact Pam Macdonald for more information on sailing activities (email pam.macdonald@btinternet.com).

Sunday, 28th July 2013. This is the date for the Nobby, Gaffers and Classics race day.

Saturday, 27th July 2013 will be Conwy Quay Day.

Wednesday, 24th to Sunday, 28th July 2013. The North Wales Boat Show will be held at Deganwy, North Wales.

Friday, 23rd August to Monday, 26th August 2013. Traditional Sail Festival at Holyhead (Gaffers at Holyhead). No excuses for not attending – you know you will enjoy yourselves with the hospitality from the Holyhead Marina, Town Council, Holyhead Sea Cadets and not forgetting the Holyhead Sailing Club.

Let's hope that in 2013 we have fair winds, blue skies and most of all good fun and enjoyment in the company of friends.

Sue Farrer

Secretary of the North Wales Area OGA

Compass Pipelines Peel Traditional Boat Weekend

Celebrates the Old Gaffer's 50th Birthday.

Thursday 8th to Monday 12th August 2013

Devon Area

It is ironic that with the poor weather in 2012 affecting numbers attending many of our events, our Laying Up lunch and AGM held at the Abbey Inn, Buckfastleigh on 3 November attracted a record 38 members. It was a fine autumnal day on an unnavigable upper reach of the River Dart but with excellent access to most of Devon, being just off the A 38. Once again Andy and his team looked after us with a splendid lunch.



A contentious issue has been the red burgee introduced by Dave Keller back in 2002 and used in the Devon Gaffers logo and regalia. It was brought to the attention of the committee that the OGA burgee must be blue with a white pitchfork and the red Devon Gaffers burgee could not be a recognised burgee under the OGA rules. This position has now been accepted by the Devon Area committee and red burgees will no longer be marketed. The Devon Area logo will be amended to incorporate a rectangular house flag.

The committee and officers agreed to continue for another year.

The last event in 2012 was an informal winter get-together at The Floating Bridge in Dartmouth. It was a pleasant evening but not particularly well attended as it was in the busy run up to Christmas. The first event in 2013 was another informal winter get-together at The China House, Plymouth on 24th January. Despite the cold weather 18 members attended and John Gallagher was able to use the occasion to explain the plans for the visit of the Round Britain Challenge in May to the Mayflower Marina, Plymouth and request for help from volunteers. Another get-together will be held in Topsham in February to cover the east of the Area.

An event not to miss is Mike Lucas' lunchtime seminar on Knots at the Abbey Inn, Buckfastleigh on **Saturday 9 March at 12 noon.**

Around the Areas OGA 50th Anniversary

Other 2013 Programme Highlights include:

Saturday 13 April - Fitting Out Supper at the Boathouse Café in Plymouth . Guest speaker: Nick Beck, skipper/co-owner of the pilot cutter Amelie Rose.

7/9 May RBC/Relay calling in at Mayflower Marina Plymouth. The Devon Area are working hard to ensure the fleet receive a warm welcome and the OGA gets good media coverage of the event. It is also hoped to raise some money for the RNLI.

24/25 May Brixham Heritage Regatta

5/7 July - The Annual Start Bay Race & Rally will be run this year in conjunction with the Channel Classic Regatta, who have rebranded the Weekend The Dartmouth Classic Weekend. See <http://www.dartmouthclassics.org.uk/> The annual race will be held on Saturday and on the Sunday there will be a parade of sail followed by a BBQ at the Royal Dart Yacht Club. There will be music by the local sea shanty group “Old Gaffers”.

26/29 July – Plymouth Classics

The Devon Area look forward to celebrating the OGA 50th Anniversary and the South West/Devon Area 40th Anniversary in 2013

Gil Hayward

Area Secretary



Outward bound by Mark Woodhouse. One of the many superb entries submitted for the Sailing Shots category of the 2012 OGA photographic competition.

The Isles of Scilly

A massive welcome to the Isles of Scilly Traditional Sailing weekend 2013. A National Celebration of 50 years of the Old Gaffers Association. Sat May 11th 2013 – Sun 12th May 2013

The Isles of Scilly are like nowhere else in England, an outstandingly beautiful cluster of islands off the coast of Cornwall. With over 100 small islands clustered in turquoise seas, the archipelago offers unforgettable sailing, is synonymous with traditional boating and has a wonderfully rich maritime heritage. St. Mary's Harbour is proud to be one of the OGA 50th ports of call, and we look forward to welcoming you to the Islands.

Our provisional programme of events offers something for all. Events are as follows...

Friday May 10th

Arrive to the extravaganza of 100 traditional pilot gigs that will be on show in St. Mary's after their annual world championships. A race of these beautiful hand-made boats will take place on Friday evening at approximately 7.30pm followed by a traditional gathering at the Mermaid Inn to relax and unwind.

Saturday May 11th (am)

Saturday morning will be a chance to let harbour visitors get a glimpse of the many OGA boats in St. Mary's Harbour. Islanders and visitors alike will relish the opportunity to discover more about these wonderful boats. There is also the opportunity to join local tour guide and historian George Teideman for a run down on the history of the Islands.

Saturday May 11th (pm)

Saturday afternoon will see the fantastic and much loved Redwing fleet take to the water for their weekly race out in St. Mary's Roads. OGA vessels are most welcome to join in, or if you prefer you can spectate from the quayside, on board your own vessel or from the beach.

Saturday evening is a chance to socialise once more in the stress-free atmosphere on Porthmellon Beach as Spero's host a beach BBQ. Local ales from renowned local brewer Ales of Scilly will also be available! This will be a great evening.

Sunday May 12th (am)

On Sunday morning there will be a parade of sail, dressed overall.

Port fees for all OGA vessels are discounted by 50% for this weekend!

If you would like further information about attending this event please contact our **Harbour Team on 01720 422768** or complete the expression of interest form.

We look forward to seeing you here in our beautiful Isles of Scilly.

Around the Areas OGA 50th Anniversary

East Coast

We on the East Coast are determined to do things with style and we'd like to invite members from all Areas to take the opportunity this year to come and see our lovely East Coast rivers

The Round Britain Challenge starts in our area in April, meaning that for some boats their circumnavigation both starts and ends in Maldon, where the OGA was founded in September 1963. There had been Gaffer races before that in our Area, on the Orwell, and the Blackwater, and races will be held on both those rivers too, in celebration of the anniversary.

OGA 50 events kick off in the Blackwater on **April 20th**. In keeping with our informal nature the supper will be informal too. (Venue to be confirmed). This will be followed by a fleet send off on the Sunday morning as a few East Coast boats head south to meet the fleet from Netherlands in Kent.

It takes time to complete a circumnavigation, so as far as OGA 50 is concerned the East Coast now has a long gap. The boats are not expected back until July, when they will be welcomed to Ipswich Harbour on Saturday **July 20th**. This is the start of the East Coast Golden Jubilee Cruise, a re-timed and renamed August Classics week, and many East Coast boats will be joining in the festivities.



After a self timed passage race from their home ports, with a finish line by the historic Pin Mill moorings, the boats head up the Orwell to Ipswich, through the lock gates and into the dock. Berths have been reserved at the Ipswich Haven Marina, and there will be a barbecue at the Last Anchor pub, overlooking the marina.

On the Sunday we have a varied program of regatta events; sailing dingy races, rowing races, sculling races, hunt the ducks, not to mention rubber flubber sailing and rugby, all finished off with a dog show for boat dogs (which are not necessarily of the canine variety!) and a pontoon party.



In normal years we have to restrict boat numbers at this event to 50, this year we're going to try and cram in 70, but early booking is advised! Application forms are available on the East Coast Gaffers web site <http://www.eastcoastclassics.co.uk>

After the jollity of Sunday we get our sailing heads back in order with a Cruise from Ipswich to Wrabness, where we enjoy beers on the beach and pick up moorings or anchor in the beautiful Holbrook Bay overnight.

Tuesday 23rd July sees us holding one of the premier races of our season, the Pennyhole Bay Race. Depending on the weather this can be a direct race to the Walton Backwaters, or a much longer one nearly to the Cork Sands, but both see us in the Walton Backwaters at the end of the day, either anchoring overnight at Stone Point, picking up a mooring in the Twizzle, or slipping into Titchmarsh Marina.

On Wednesday we leave the shelter of the Harwich area for a passage race down the Wallet to West Mersea. Mersea is famous for its sea food, especially its locally caught oysters, and there will be a late seafood lunch/tea at the Packing Shed, a historic building isolated on its eponymous island in Mersea Quarters. The sea food platters they provide for this event every year rival anything you will find elsewhere! The boats can stay on the moorings at Mersea, or head for the marinas at Tollesbury or Bradwell for the night.

Thursday 25th July is a relaxing day, where we cruise up the Blackwater, before leaving the boats at Heybridge or Osea, and take a coach to Maldon for the anniversary buffet. For the boats that began their circumnavigation from the Blackwater back in April this is the completion of their challenge!

Keen racers can get back into the competitive spirit on Friday with a race from Osea Island to Brightlingsea, while others might prefer to cruise there. However everyone will gather together to overnight at Brightlingsea, ready for the East Coast Race on Saturday.

The East Coast Race is one of the oldest continuously held races in the OGA calendar, and actually predates it, as its success inspired the foundation of the OGA. Like many old events it has accumulated a lot of silverware. Last year it was raced in atrocious weather, and only ten boats took part. Everyone took home a trophy, and there were still some left on the table! From the prestige of first place to the

Around the Areas OGA 50th Anniversary

fun of the Old Harry and the Plodders Pot every competitor has a chance of success, whether you sail a large smack or a 19' cruiser there is a prize for you.



After the race there is a reception at the Smack Preservation Society dock before the prize giving, then dinner at the Crouch Yacht Club. The water taxi runs till late to take you back to your boat.

We Old Gaffers are very proud of our boats, and on Sunday 28 July we show them off with a Parade of Sail that starts at Bateman's Tower at Brightlingsea and heads up the River Colne to Wivenhoe. The Yacht Club there will host a hog roast, before the boats drop back down river with the tide to overnight back at Brightlingsea.

That concludes the organised events north of the Thames Estuary, but the next weekend sees the famous Swale Smack and Barge Match (3rd August) to which keen racers amongst the Round Britain fleet are invited and a Regatta at Ramsgate. Berths are available there from Monday 29 July. Visiting boats might prefer to explore the Crouch or the Medway in the days between, or head up the Thames for a short visit to London!

The East Coast is a vibrant and active area, and we hope to share our enthusiasm and traditions with all OGA members who come along. An application form for all these events is available on our website, so please download it and sign up, even if you can only make one of the events!

Alison Cable

ECOGA

Regency Royal Ramsgate welcomes the OGA

The OGA50 Relay and OGA50 Round Britain Challenge comes to town on Saturday 3rd to Monday 4th August en route to Cowes. Free berthing courtesy of Thanet District Council and the Port of Ramsgate. A full welcome pack, that will include the 3 days activities along with tourist info for those who would like to see this historic corner of Great Britain and more will be available.

The Ramsgate element of OGA50 year – Draft activities in planning:

Week commencing 29th July – Vessels begin to arrive – directed to inner basin eastern end to keep outer basin clear for routine high season yachting arrivals. Berthing to pontoons and then along the wall keeping the fairway clear. Craft Dressed overall.

Friday 2nd August - evening welcome address and socialising.

Saturday 3rd August – HW 10.00 BST. Gate closes at around 1200.

- 10.00 Ramsgate Lifeboats visit the fleet and socialise – subject to operational duties. Depart before gate closure. Lifeboat Hon Sec and crew visits the fleet. Sign the book.
- 12.30 On Water activities onward.
- 15.00 Mayor and dignitaries (inclg. MP, TDC Council Leader, HMaster). Formal Welcome then circulate among the fleet. On Water activities continue.
- 18.30 Relay event Exchanges.

Sunday 4th August – HW circa 10.30. Gate opens circa 0830. Gate closed circa 12.30

- 0830 Short Parade of Sail entirely to the north of the shipping fairway for public spectacle (subject to wind) to Dumpton Gap / Broadstairs and back – 4 miles there and back plus freestyle sailing. Return to inner basin before gate closure. Tidal window 4 hours.
- 13.00 Crews Treasure Hunt around the Royal Harbour – on land.
- 13.00 Hog Roast
- 14.00 Under 18's fender throwing competition. Ongoing till finished.
- 16.00 On pontoon Rope Splicing Race.
- 17.00 Schooner Racing – on pontoon team beer drinking event.
- 18.30 Prize giving.

Monday 5th August.

Lay over day to continue harbour spectacle and allow crews to be tourists to the area.

Tuesday 6th August

Onwards to Cowes. Vessels depart to next port of call – subject to weather.

To Register for this event go to the OGA50 Website and this page <http://oga50.org/#/ramsgate-events/4566390411> Fill in the details and ping it off to Robert Holden. Early registration would be appreciated. The Welcome Pack will be sent out by Email about 3 weeks before hand to the address given on the form.

Robert Holden

Northern Ireland A Belfast welcome to all Gaffers

The Round Britain Challenge has, as one of its major stops, Belfast, on the 8th and 9th of June. The organising committee is still in the throws of finalising the details of this get-together, but plans so far are as follows.

Boats arrive in Belfast during the week running up to the 8th of June. They will berth, courtesy of the Belfast Harbour Authorities in the Abercorn Basin, a now well-established marina only a 10-minute walk from the centre of Belfast. We have organised a few tours of some of the landmark tourist destinations in Belfast, and a special visit to one that is not on the general tourist list 'The Belfast Harbour Commissioners' building'. This building houses a lot of old maritime paintings, sculptures and also a table made by Harland and Wolff for the Titanic. It was a bit behind schedule and missed the sailing in Cobh by hours and so did not go down with the ship. This building is worth a visit.

We also hope to get a number of free tickets for a visit to Titanic Belfast, the biggest and best Titanic exhibition in the world which only opened last April. Even if we don't get free tickets or some sort of discount, it is still well worth a visit.

We will be having a reception for Skippers and crews at a prestigious venue, details are still being worked out at this time. We do not intend to have sailing events during the Belfast stop over, more of a rest and recuperation exercise before starting the adventure to the North. The crews will be very close to lots of entertainment, cinemas, shopping in Belfast, and a number of good museums all within easy reach of the Abercorn Basin. We have more than 20 boats registered already, more long distance travellers at present than local boats.

We look forward to the visit of our fellow OGA members. They will not find our hospitality wanting.

Peter Lyons – Area Secretary

Our AGM took place in the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, Cultra. We had a very disappointing attendance with only nine people turning out for the meeting, a pity really because it was a very positive meeting preceded by a lovely supper and it is your chance to have your say in what goes on in the Area. Our new President who was elected is Peter Chambers. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer staying the same with Peter Lyons and Ian Wylie being re-elected also. We had a very constructive discussion after the main business of the meeting was attended to. A good AGM despite the small turnout.

Alan Aston

Our annual craft fair opened on Tuesday 4th December in the North Down Museum in Bangor. The small number of members that attended the opening reception on the Tuesday night enjoyed a glass of wine. We had an excellent display of our members' handicrafts with such diverse items as ceramics, woodturning, paintings, photography, needlework, weaving, model making and much more. The exhibition was well received by the general public throughout the following week.

Peter Lyons

Alan Aston reports that on Tuesday 22nd January, Peter Lyons had a date with the Dublin Bay Old Gaffers to speak to them about the building and launch of his boat, Ocean Dove. Irene, Alison and myself decided we would keep him company and bring greetings to our sailing cousins in the South.

As a precautionary measure we decided to book into the Tara Towers Hotel for the night just in case drink might be involved. What a major right decision. Sean Walsh kindly offered us dinner, and what a lovely broccoli and chicken bake he and his lovely wife Veronica served up. Washed down with far too much wine. Peter spoke very well and started off his presentation with a short piece about the genesis of the NIOGA and DBOGA with some old photographs of well-known characters. He also talked about some of the events he had helped to organise and his involvement in the Tall Ships Race from Cork to Belfast on board the yacht Vilia then owned by Adrian Spence. He also gave a short account of his trip to the Brest Festival. We were then entertained by a short film about the construction, launch and inaugural cruise. All in all it was a very entertaining do. Our visit to see the Asgard at Collins Barracks Museum was fantastic. Not only the boat but also the rest of the items on display in the specially built boathouse at the Museum. A really “must see” if you are visiting Dublin.

Peter Lyons
NIOGA Hon Sec



This is where the gaffers will be berthing during the OGA 50th anniversary celebrations in Belfast, just in front of the new Titanic museum. Photo Peter Lyons NIOGA

The Editor places advertisements in Gaffers Log in good faith. Neither he, nor the OGA, shall be held liable for their content or accuracy.

Adventure Whaler

27ft (1.4 ton gross) GRP hull, wooden superstructure (2002) Gunter rigged sloop ("Leg o' mutton") Centreboarder (Draft 18" step ashore - 6ft don't) 28hp Beta inboard (2001) Four wheeled braked trailer Ideal weekend fun exploring rivers, canals and 'open sea' In commission at Portsmouth
Price £11,000
Contact Dominic on: 023 92 528756



Reynardine

32 ft gaff rigged cruising yawl. Alan Buchanan design, built in Gweek, Cornwall 1974. Pitch pine on oak, copper fastened. Teak over ply decks, iron ballasted long keel. Five berths. Varnished keel stepped masts, full suit of sails, Wickham Martin furling gear on both staysail and foresail. All traditional blocks and tackle. Yanmar 3GM30 diesel engine, replaced in 2010, approx. total running hours 100hrs. Laying at Bridgemarsh Marine, Althorne, Essex.
Price: £25,000 ono
Contact Eric Tym Telephone: 07768 378460



Flying Cloud

Dutch OGA member Model: Colin Archer Norwegian Yawl Dim: 11.25 m X 3.70 m X 1.80m Steel, 16 ton Fully equipped.
Price £50,000
Contact Hans Weehuizen for full information of this beautiful vessel.
Email hweehuizen@freeler.nl
Telephone: 0031.653148764



CORRECTION

In December's edition the editor incorrectly advertised a 'Large collection of maritime books for sale many 20 to 30 years old'.

In fact the seller, Frank Driscoll, has advised me that his email had said '20 to 130 years old' (as they were collected over a period of seventy years).

Frank can be contacted on telephone: 01955 211563.

Ariana

Ariana is a replica Falmouth Quay punt built 1980 She was the show boat for the 1981 Boat Show. New sails in 2009/2010. Tekdeck laid in 2001. Bukh 36 h.p. fitted in 2000. New upholstery in 2000. Four berths in two cabins. Price. £29,000

Contact telephone: 01822-833882

Email michaelforwood@homeatlonglast.fsnet.co.uk

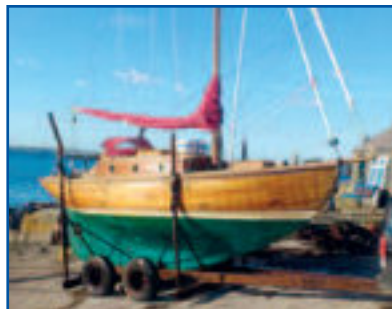


Kirmew

Yachting World 5 tonner built 1947 at Kings Yard Burnham on Crouch. Bermudan cutter. LOD 24ft.6ins beam 8ft. draught 4ft.6ins Mahogany on oak frames. 3 berths. Yanmar 2YM15 with 250 hours only. New electronics, LED lights, very fully equipped. 2005 survey available.

Contact Gary Lyons telephone: 078287 22934

Email oldwoodenboatman@btinternet.com
for full details of this beautiful craft



Strato

Gaff rigged cutter built 1939 by Robertson's Woodbridge, Suffolk. Carvel, pitch pine on oak frames. Teak laid deck. LOA 25ft LOD 21ft.6ins Beam 6ft.9ins draught 3ft.6ins. 10hp Yanmar 2 berths, marine toilet. Very fully equipped for reluctant sale by present owner of 44 years.

Price £5,500 ono

Contact Roger Legge

Telephone: 01329 234632

Lying Port Solent



FREE ON COLLECTION

Complete set of 'Classic Boat' Magazines issues 1 – 192 plus mock up and some early spares. In addition 'Watercraft' magazine issues 1 – 42 and 'Boatman' magazine issues 1 -3, 8, 10 - 12, and 36. Contact Alison Cade telephone 01797 223040 or email alison.cade@virgin.net



OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

**OLD GAFFERS
ASSOCIATION**

Your Boat Name Here

The OGA has joined forces with leading clothing supplier, Ocean World of Cowes, to create a whole range of clothing and accessories to celebrate this year's 50th anniversary.

The official embroidered logo shown above can be added to almost any item in the extensive range of clothing available from Ocean World. To see the huge collection available, go to:
www.oceanworld.co.uk/oga

PERSONALISATION

In addition to the embroidered OGA logo, your own boat name can also be added under the logo in either **BLOCK** or **Script** lettering.

TO ORDER

Please fill in the order form and post it to Ocean World. Alternatively, if you wish to order and pay by telephone, please call **01983 291744**.



DRILL SHIRT (FR50M) £37.99
265gsm, 100% peached cotton drill.
Colours: Navy or White
Sizes: S M L XL XXL



POLO SHIRT (UC101) £21.99
220gsm, poly/cotton.
Colours: Navy, White, Red, Black, Green
Sizes: XS S M L XL XXL



RUGBY SHIRT (UC401) £34.99

340gsm, pure cotton.

Colours: Navy, White, Red, Green, Black

Sizes: XS S M L XL XXL



PORTWEST BLOUSON JACKET £54.99

(PW009) Microfibre outer, fleece lining.

Colours: Navy, Red, Royal, Black

Sizes: S M L XL XXL



SWEAT SHIRT (UC203) £24.99

300gsm, poly/cotton mix.

Colours: Navy, White, Red, Green, Black

Sizes: XS S M L XL XXL



HOODY (UC502) £31.99

300gsm, poly/cotton mix.

Colours: Navy, Cerise, Red, Green, Black

Sizes: XS S M L XL XXL

To; Ocean World (OGA 50th), 8 Medina Court, Cowes, IOW, PO31 7XD

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Telephone No: _____

Card No: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Security Number on back: _____

EMBROIDERED
LETTERING
REQUIRED
Maximum
13 letters
per line

1st line -£4

2nd line -£2

BLOCK ☐

Script ☐

Code	Description	Size	Colour	Price	Quantity	Amount £



POSTAGE & PACKING for UK:

Order total up to £20 -add £4

Between £20 and £50 -add £5

Over £50 -add 10% of order total

FOR EUROPE -add 20% of order

Order Total

Postage & Packing

TOTAL

Merchandise

Still Contact Ed Allen OGA Merchandise Co-ordinator on telephone number 020 7607 4772 or email edallen@waitrose.com for all enquiries.

All prices include postage and packing.

TriangularOGABurgees	12"£18.5015"£20.00
	18"£23.0024"£26.00
	30"£33.00
RectangularOGAFlags	12"£22.5015"£25.00
	18"£28.00
O G A T i e £ 1 1	
O G A e n a m e l B a d g e / b r o o 3 c h £ 6	
OGAPlaque(boatnameandnumberrequired)£21.00	
O G A t e a t o w e l £ 5 . 5 0	

Gaffers Log is published four times per year; March, June, September and December. Material intended for inclusion should be sent to arrive with the editor by latest the first day of the month prior to the month of issue.

Membership Subscription Rates	
Membership is available online or by contacting the Membership Secretary.	
United Kingdom residents	
Payment by Cheque or Direct Credit	Payment by Direct Debit
S i n g l e £ 2 7 . 0 0	£ 2 5 . 0 0
F a m i l y £ 3 0 . 0 0	£ 2 8 . 0 0
Junior £5.00	
European Membership	€40.00 (Euro)
O v e r s e a s M e m b e r s h i p \$ 5 5 . 0 0 (U S D o l l a r s)	
Please note: NB. Payment by Standing Order is no longer accepted.	

© 2013, Old Gaffers Association

ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. The Gaffers Log is the Official Newsletter of the Old Gaffers Association and contains material protected under International and Federal Copyright Laws and Treaties. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means including, but not limited to, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or by any information storage and retrieval system without express written permission from the Editor. Email: log@oldgaffersassociation.org Exception to the Copyright is granted when used to quote portions of the publication, for reviews, by other media. Copyright exception is granted for non-commercial use, Please credit the Gaffers Log as your source.

Position	Area Code	Name	Tel. No.	Email Address
President	SOL	Mike Shaw	02036024625	president@oldgaffersassociation.org
Secretary (acting)	EC	Sue Lewis	07900242452	secretary@oldgaffersassociation.org
Treasurer	SCOGordon Garman	01700505617	hontreasurer@oldgaffersassociation.org	
Boat Register	SOL	Pat Dawson	01983760655	boatregister@oldgaffersassociation.org
Gaffers Log Editor	BC Phil Slade	0033233345320	log@oldgaffersassociation.org	
Membership Secretary	EC Mike	Robertson	01473 327115	membership@oldgaffersassociation.org
OGA Merchandise	Ed Allen	02076074772		edallen@waitrose.com
OGA@50 Co-ordinator	LD Barry Healas	01524276258	bazhealas@tiscali.co.uk	
Research Editor	BC Viv Head			oga50book@oldgaffersassociation.org
Sailing Committee Chair	EC Pete Thomas	01473832808	p.m.thomas@talk21.com	
Social & Trophy Sec.	CNW Sue Farrer	01270874174	cnwsec@oldgaffersassociation.org	
Webmaster	CNW Pete Farrer	01270874174	webmaster@oldgaffersassociation.org	

Area Secretaries and Representatives

Bristol Channel	BC David Owens	07793243892	welsh_freelance@yahoo.co.uk	
Devon	DEV Gil Hayward	01803722274	honsecretary@devongaffers.org.uk	
Dublin Bay	DB John Wedick	00353(0)539382993	dbsec@oldgaffersassociation.org	
East Coast	EC Pete Elliston	01206391870	ecsec@oldgaffersassociation.org	
France	FR Yannie Cariguel		yannie.cariguel@oldgaffers.com	
Lake District	LD Barry Healas	01524276258	bazhealas@tiscali.co.uk	
Netherlands	NL Hanse Eijgelse	01670 790056	secretaris@oldgaffers.nl	belljc2.elison@btinternet.com
North East	NE Jim Bell			
North Wales	Nwa Sue Farrer	01270874174	nwasec@oldgaffersassociation.org	
North West	NW Tom Middlebrook	01516529744	nwsec@oldgaffersassociation.org	

Northern Ireland
NI Peter Lyons
gaffer.lyons@btinternet.com

Scotland	SC Neal Hill	07702279507	scotsec@oldgaffersassociation.org	
Solent	SOL Jessica Warren	01962712529	solsec@oldgaffersassociation.org	
Trailer Section	TR Mike Stevens	01792297445	trailersec@oldgaffersassociation.org	
Western Australia	WA Jeremy Stockley		jeremy@stockleys.net	
Western Australia	WA Alan Abbott		Editor, Baggywrinklesabbottnet@westnet.com.au	

Contact Addresses

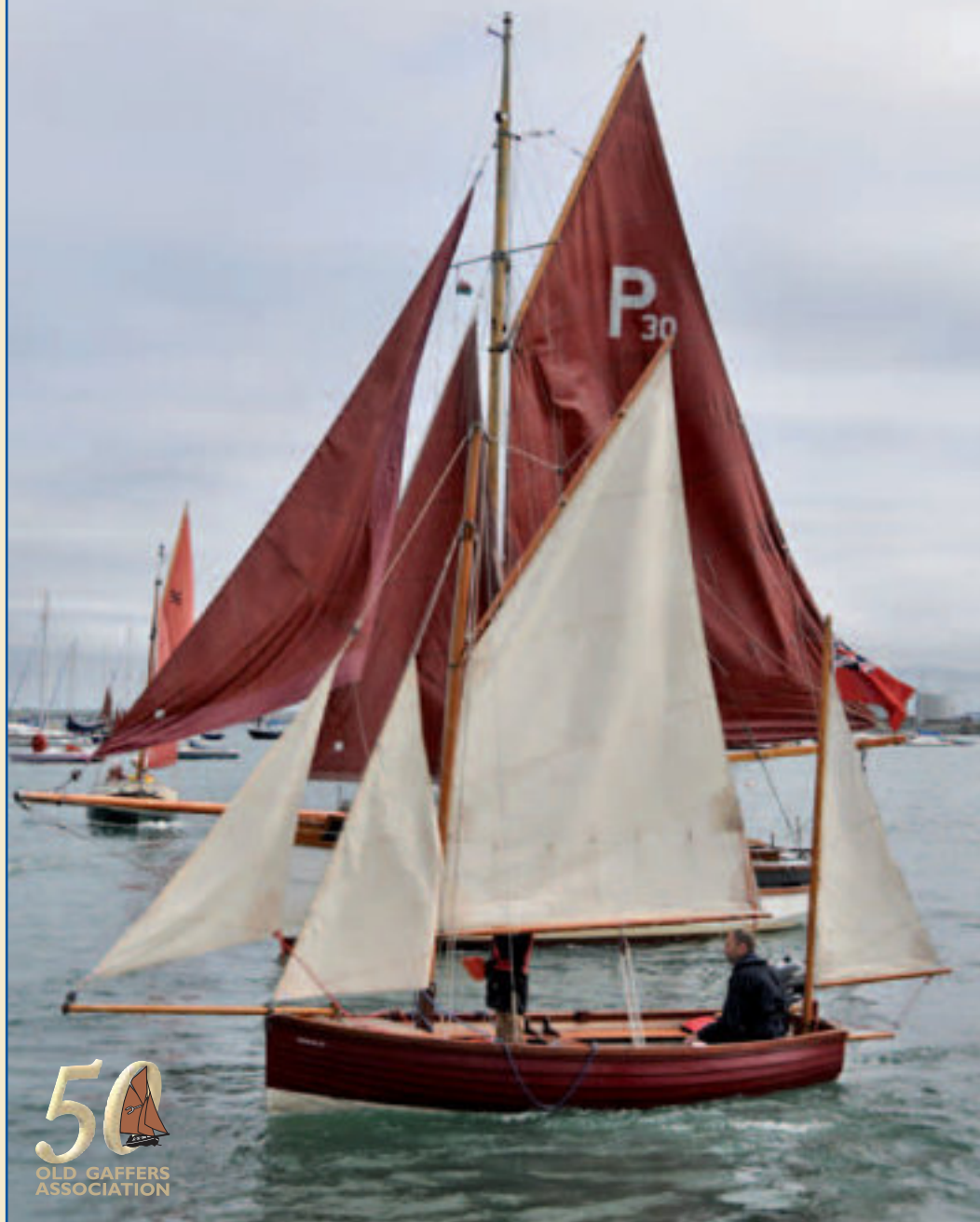
President: Mike Shaw 11 Rowfant Road, London SW17 7AP
president@oldgaffersassociation.org

Secretary: Sue Lewis 13 Long Road, Mistley, Manningtree, Essex, CO11 2HN
secretary@oldgaffersassociation.org

Editor: Phil Slade Le Bourg, Touquettes, 61550 La Ferre Fresnel, France
log@oldgaffersassociation.org

Produced by Stormcreative Publishing Ltd. Email: sales@stormcreative-now.com

Gaffers: Photo John Cave MBE Hon Secretary Holyhead Maritime Museum



50
OLD GAFFERS
ASSOCIATION

The Official Newsletter of the Old Gaffers Association