

OGA Areas

In addition to the Gaffers Log, our quarterly magazine, each Area Hon. Secretary sends out local information on their own Area events. OGA Areas are currently as follows :-

Bristol Channel

Cornwall

Devon

Dublin Bay

East Coast

Medway, Cinque Ports

Lake District

North East

North West

North Wales

Northern Ireland

Scotland

Solent

Trailer Area

(always secondary to a main area)

Overseas

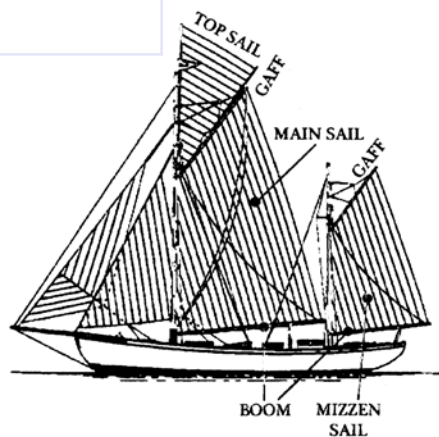
If you are interested in joining the Old Gaffers Association, please complete the details overleaf and return to :-

email: membership@oldgaffersassociation.org

Hon Membership Secretary

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It is also possible to join the OGA Online and pay by Pay Pal or credit card visit www.oldgaffersassociation.org



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So what's a Gaffer?

Some kind of tape? The chief electrician on a film set? Yes, but in the OGA we think of a gaffer as a boat with a gaff rig – that's where the main sail has 4 sides rather than the triangles you see on most modern boats. The 'gaff' is the wooden pole across the top of the sail. It's a pretty old type of rig, and early in the 20th century it was largely replaced by the triangular Bermudan rig, which was thought more efficient. Of course in the OGA we still think gaff is best !!

Are you all fanatics then?

Not at all! Actually we're just a friendly bunch of people who like meeting up to sail in company, have a barbeque on the beach, the odd race maybe - ok, we do think there's nothing better than the sight of 40 gaffers setting off together at the beginning of a race, and then there's the thrill of the bow wave when you stand on the foredeck of a gaff cutter.

Oh well, maybe we are a bit fanatical, but we're happy !!

What age do you have to be to become an Old Gaffer?

Any age, lots of families take part in OGA events so our members cover a wide age range. The OGA was founded in 1963 when most gaffers were old and in need of preservation but these days gaff rig boats are being built again - some using traditional methods, others using modern materials - they're all very welcome in the OGA.

Some of our boats are older than our members, but thankfully none of our members is as old as the smack Boadicea built in 1808.

Did you say Smack?

Calm down, it's a type of sailing fishing boat dating from the 19th century

But I don't own a gaffer !

It doesn't matter. You don't have to own a boat - you could crew for someone else. Membership is open to all who are interested in sailing, building, restoring or simply admiring gaff rigged and other traditionally rigged craft.

Then what happens?

We sail. We cruise in company, organise races, meet up for rallies. There are so many places to choose from around the many areas of the OGA. Then there's the pleasure of telling your friends where you got your tan (don't tell them it's windburn)

What is this about racing then?

Some members are very keen racers, others take part simply to be in amongst the lovely boats. Classic Bermudian owners can be members too, though they race as a separate class. If racing doesn't appeal, you can either anchor up and watch or make your own way to an event.

Where is the OGA based?

We don't have a base but we're everywhere! There's a central organising committee and the UK is divided into separate areas that organise their own events and rallies.

We also have branches in Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Holland, USA , Canada and Australia.



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Membership Form

Title _____ Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Email _____ Tel. _____

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I wish to become a member of the Old Gaffers Association and agree to abide by the rules of the Association Signed _____

Boat Details (If applicable)

Name of Boat _____
Gaff _____ Bermudian _____ Motor _____

Rig _____ (sloop, cutter, ketch, schooner, lugger)

Hull Construction _____

Length _____ Beam _____

Home Port _____

I wish to be on the local mailing list of the following area(s) - 1 main plus 1 secondary area.

Please note that the Trailer Area is always a secondary area. (See area list over)

Categories of Membership and Current Annual Subscriptions

Please indicate:

Individual: Entitled to one vote and one copy of the Gaffers Log

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