



SEMAPHORE SHORT

AHOY SHIPMATES Apologies for the fact that the Semaphores have been swapped round again this month because of an unfortunate run of injuries – all will be explained in the April Semaphore Circular which is now scheduled for next Friday (11 April). In the meantime we are fast approaching a busy time for both the RNA (Army v Navy, Twickenham, 3 May) and the whole nation (VE80 celebrations and commemorations in the early part of May). Make sure the Association is seen to be playing its part in the VE80 programme!

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STRONGER TOGETHER Last Friday the RNA hosted the annual Conference of Naval Associations (CONA) meeting in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. The conference brought together 45 associations to strengthen links, encourage cooperation, support each other and hear what help is available. There are over a hundred naval associations of varying sizes, and CONA helps provides a strong collective platform. For a full report on the gathering see next week's Semaphore Circular.

HAVE YOUR SAY Branches are encouraged to send delegates to the RNA Annual Conference on 21 June in Portsmouth (see form attached) to make sure your shipmates' voices are heard. And there are still Conference weekend combined entertainment tickets available – but only until 4 May. For further details and to buy tickets see the 'Shop' section of the RNA website [here](#)

STRIKE UP THE BAND Monmouth Branch is hosting the Band of HM Royal Marines CTCRM, on Saturday 26 April at 1900 in the Blake Theatre, Monmouth. Proceeds will be donated to the RNRMC, Woody's Lodge and Sea Cadets/Royal Marines Cadets. See the flyer in this Short [here](#).

OVERTURE The RNA Charity Fundraising Concert tickets for 22 October are going like hot cakes! Of course they are - and who doesn't want to see the new RNA choir, the Band of HM Royal Marines Collingwood and the Fisherman's Friends collaborate for the first time? RNA members' £5 discounted tickets are almost sold out – the link is [here](#). If you prefer a wider selection of seating, there is still a selection of full price tickets on sale [here](#).

VE80 Stand Easy Celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day – and support our veterans. On 8 May 1945, communities across the UK staged street parties and events to honour those who fought for our freedom. Now, for VE80, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity is asking you to come together once more – this time, to help their veterans Stand Easy. Whether it's a street party, office bake sale or an informal gathering, you will be making a difference. Host a VE Day celebration and raise funds for the RNRMC. RNA branches can sign up to receive a special fundraising pack and help the Stand Easy by emailing cml@rnassoc.org – see the flyer at in this Short [here](#). Individuals and branches are asked to sign up via Central Office and send fundraising donations to the RNRMC via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/34ad6efp>

SEE LORD'S The final stages of the 2025 Inter-Services T20 men's cricket tournament will be held at Lord's in London on Thursday 22 May, with 2024 champions the RN featuring in both games. The Dark Blues will play both the Army and the RAF in a bumper day of sport that starts at 1000 with a match between the MCC and the UK Armed Forces women's cricket team. Tickets are £10 for serving personnel/veterans, £5 for over 65s. Details and tickets are available via the InterServices T20 website <https://interservicest20.co.uk>

FIRESIDE CHATS The next Chat on Monday (7 April) is on the Seafarers Advice & Information Line (SAIL) by its CEO Michael Edwards. Fireside Chats start at 1830 every Monday, and to access the chats, log into Zoom [here](#). The meeting ID is 288 830 5105 and the access password is Shipmate.

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Sat | 26th April | 2025

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NAVY**

 **ROYAL NAVY &
ROYAL MARINES
CHARITY**

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A SUCCESS, INCLUDING BUNTING, POSTERS, AND
DONATION MATERIALS: CML@RNASSOC.ORG

Delegate to Annual Conference 2025 - PORTSMOUTH

Branch secretaries should note the following before submitting their application.

No Branch shall be permitted to send a delegate to the Conference unless it has observed the regulations of the Association in regard to the return of balance sheets, the Branch Annual Report and the formation of Branches. This provision has no application to the right of, and expectation for, ships and establishments to send a delegate to the Conference. Associate members are eligible to act as a Branch Delegate at Area meetings and Conferences, provided that they have completed three years continuous membership of the Association immediately prior to election as Delegate.

Each Branch which has been in commission for at least three months by the date of a Conference shall be entitled to nominate one eligible Association Member as its Delegate to attend a Conference.

Each Branch nominating a Delegate shall send details to the Council **to arrive not less than one week before the date of Conference**. A Branch may change its nominated Delegate provided the Council is notified not less than twenty four hours before the Conference.

Branch		Area	
Name of Delegate			
Delegate's e-mail			
Number of Observers if known			
Name of Branch Hon Secretary			

NB: A Delegate will not be confirmed as such unless or until the Branch Balance Sheet for 2024 and Branch Annual Report for 2024 have been received in RNA Central Office.

Should either not have been received in Central Office, the Delegate's Status will be deemed to be that of an Observer.

Branch Secretaries are to ensure that their nominated Delegate, receives the copies of the agenda and minutes of the previous years' AGM prior to representing their Branch at the AGM. Copies will be made available at the AGM, but sight of these prior to the day is considered essential. Branch Secretaries will be forwarded this paperwork from Central Office as soon as it is finalised.

Please forward the completed form to RNA Central Office, Lanyard House, Scott Road, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, PO1 3LU or email to ams@rnassoc.org

To check ahead of Conference, please call Sara on 023 92 723747

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