



SEMAPHORE SHORT

AHOY SHIPMATES Our autumn schedule gets under way on Monday with the resumption of Fireside Chats after a summer break, and the following day Team Ready 'N' Able set off on their Race Across the UK (see below). Then it's on to one of the highest-profile events of our 75th anniversary year, the Naval Associations Biennial Parade in London on Sunday 14 September. See next week's Semaphore Circular (out Friday 5 September) and our social media channels for more details of timings and locations for the parade.

POLITICAL OPINIONS Areas, Branches and Clubs, please note that the Royal Naval Association is an apolitical organisation. While we might all have our personal opinions, as an organisation, we cannot show partiality to any political organisation or ideology in RNA-endorsed communications. If we must mention a political party, we should also mention all alternative parties, giving them similar endorsement or accolade. Given this, it is best to stay away from mentioning politics at all, especially on social media.

BOARD MEETING The Uckers World Championships, organised by the RNA, will be hosted by the Royal Maritime Hotel, Portsmouth, on Sat 4 October. No need to enter in advance, turn up on the day – registration is at 0900 and first dice at 1000.

FIRESIDE CHATS The Fireside Chat programme is back after its summer break, and resumes on Monday (1 September) when Lt Cdr Johnny Mason will talk on Force Generation of a Carrier Strike Group. 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.



RUM AND FUNDRAISIN' The RNA's intrepid travellers are making final preparations for their sprint from Edinburgh to Dartmouth in the RNRMC Race Across the UK, which gets under way on Tuesday (2 September). RNA General Secretary Bill Oliphant and Welfare and Wellbeing Coordinator Jon Everett (Team Ready N Able) are not only aiming to win the Race and raise a tidy sum for RNRMC, but also have a personal challenge, raising money with a raffle each. Jon's prize is a bottle of rum, Bill's is a crate of 12 cans of RNA Anniversary Ale. To enter the prize draw, make a donation to their individual fundraising page, and for each donation made to Bill or Jon you will get free entry into the prize draw. You can make more than one donation, and will get an entry for each. You can also make a donation via the Team RNA link, or, for larger donations and sponsorship, please contact cml@rnassoc.org
Jon's donation page
Bill's donation page

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

John Black is the Cenotaph organiser for the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association, the tri-Service collective for all those who served in Malaya/Malaysia/Borneo between 1948 and 1966, and who are holders of the PJM (Pingat Jasa Malaysia), and/or the GSM with the bar for either Malay Peninsula and/or Borneo. The Association has a limited number of spaces available for qualifying veterans who wish to march at the Cenotaph this year on Remembrance Sunday, 9 November. Association numbers are dwindling, and this may be the last year in which they have a contingent at Remembrance Sunday ceremonies. As the Association has a more than passing connection to VJ Day, this 80th anniversary is significant, and they are keen to have as many as possible in their contingent for this final parade. Any qualifying veterans are invited to get in touch with John on johnmblack46@gmail.com to get registered.

CIRCULAR DEADLINE

All submissions for the September edition should be with us by 1000 on Wednesday 3 September.

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