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Dear all,

Here is the Semaphore Short for this week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> February! I hope it provides some more information about the Falklands 40<sup>th</sup> weekend and lets you know about events coming up this week that you can get involved with.

Wishing you all well, and have a lovely week.

Best wishes

Mary Prescott

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## SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022



# ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

## All eyes on Portsmouth...

Well that's not quite true, but certainly with the details of this year's Annual Conference and Falklands 40<sup>th</sup> commemoration events having been published in the Semaphore Circular last week, the RNA will be out in force in the city over the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, so have a good look at the Circular to find out details of what is going on and how you can take part – some events are ticketed and places may have to be allocated. This short will be giving you some reminders about the events and also a heads up on exciting activities coming up for you to get involved with (just as a little Valentine's treat from us to you).

Follow the link below to be taken to the Semaphore Circular and booking form.

<https://royal-naval-association.co.uk/members/downloads/2022/>

## Fireside Chat with Capt Simon Hail

This evening's Fireside chat is delivered by Capt Simon Hail, Director of the Coastal Forces Heritage Trust. Capt Hail will speak about the Trust and its associated museum, which opened in Gosport in October last year.

The trust is dedicated to ensuring present and future generations know about the Royal Navy's Coastal Forces – the small, fast, fragile boats, manned by volunteers, who took the fight to the enemy in their own backyard in the darkest days of war.

These 'Spitfire of the Seas', armed with torpedoes and fuelled by high-octane petrol, made a huge contribution to the war effort.

Please join us with a tot in hand at **1830** this evening (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)...

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

## Deadline – today!

Shipmates are reminded that **1600 today** is the deadline for returning Nomination forms for the election of members and deputy members of the National Council 2022 to the Central Office. Forms are located at the back of the February Semaphore Circular.

The same deadline applies to proposed Motions and Amendments for Annual Conference, which should reach the General Secretary by **1600 today**.

In both cases, if because of the tightness of the timescale you would like to request an extension, please contact: [sara@royalnavalassoc.com](mailto:sara@royalnavalassoc.com)

## Falklands 40<sup>th</sup> urgent reminders!

- Branches! If you need funding for the weekend then the RNRMC have a travel fund that you can apply to through this link: <https://www.rnrmc.org.uk/apply-grant/falklands-40-fund>

- When making payment for the F40 weekend please include your **name** with the **payment reference** as we have had two payments without this vital piece of information!
- We are looking for **Sponsors** who can help out with funding for Saturday's activities, so please get in contact if you are aware of any that can help.
- Please sign up **ASAP** to the events especially if you are a Falklands Veteran so that we can get your place secured and confirmed as quickly as possible.
- For enquiries about accommodation please refer to the Semaphore Circular where there are a list of hotels to choose from (**please note:** the Royal Beach Hotel is no longer taking bookings)
- Also, please take a look at our **online shop** to browse merchandise and exclusive collections: <https://royalnavyshop.co.uk/collections/royalnavalassociation>

## **RNA Cricket Special Interest Group update**

A message from the new leader of our Cricket SIG, Mark Smith:

Calling all cricketing Shipmates who can still play, claimed to have played, bluffed they can play or simply love to watch or officiate. My name is Commander Mark Smith and I am the newly appointed proud leader of the RNA Cricket Community. The aim of this new RNA venture is to promote an all-inclusive cricket community and I am very happy to announce our inaugural fixture will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. This match will be against the Royal Marine's association, starting at 1300, Portsmouth.

It will be a fun but competitive T20 format at the home of Navy Cricket on Burnaby Road. Everything will be provided for you out of the duty for your care, this will include warm up time. If you are not up for playing and are simply a cricket fan or want to umpire/score, do come down and celebrate with our team. Refreshments will be available after we give the RMA a good thrashing.

We aspire to build this RNA Cricketing Community up to be a vibrant group, sharing a few matches per year. So wherever you are, you may just be close enough to pop in and say hello to the team. We are also very much looking ahead to Liverpool 2023, go get into the garage and get your cricket stuff out.

So please email Mark at: [markmiff1962@gmail.com](mailto:markmiff1962@gmail.com) in order to show your interest.

Also if you are interested that week the RN Senior team will be playing the RAF at Aldershot (Tue 14<sup>th</sup> June) as well as playing the Army on (Thu 16<sup>th</sup> June) at Lords.

## **Royal Navy Rugby Union match alert!**

The RN Senior XV team are playing Cambridge University RFC on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February KO 1930 at Cambridge RFC's home ground (see address below). Come down and support our lads, it would be great to see our RNA family cheering them on!

Cambridge RFC

CURUFC

University Football Ground

Grange Road

Cambridge

CB3 9BN



- **Saturday Night: Virtual Tot Time**

Every Saturday Night, for almost 2 years now, members from the Wrexham Branch have been hosting a Virtual Tot, inviting members worldwide to join in with them over Zoom. It's proven a lifeline and outlet for many of the RNA community, and they don't intend to wrap it up any time soon. To be involved, click on the link below...

**[Find out more](#)**

**Join 'The Royal Naval Association: Community Site' on Facebook**

If you haven't done so already, join the growing community group on Facebook where our members spin dits, host Zoom nights and update each other on branch activities. It's the best place to get your news hot-off-the-press...

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