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Good afternoon!

I hope you are well. Please see below the Semaphore Short for this week.

Also, a quick reminder that next week there will be no Short as the Circular will be released.

Best wishes,

Mary Prescott

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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 28th March 2022





ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Your weekly update is here...

We hope you have all had a lovely week basking in the sunshine and are now prepared for it to get chilly once more. This week's Short is bringing you reminders of upcoming events and tickets for the Army v Navy rugby match.

Fireside Chat with Rear Admiral Roy Clare

This evening's Fireside Chat (1800 via zoom – link is below) is presented by Rear Admiral Roy Clare on the subject 'Gale Warning! Sea Area 'Fitzroy'.

Admiral Clare spent almost 35 years in the Royal Navy, taking command of BRNC Dartmouth and HMS Invincible amongst others, and since leaving the Service in 2000 has built a successful career in the Third Sector, including seven years as Director of the National Maritime Museum.

The sea area FitzRoy, as featured in the Met Office's Shipping Forecast, is named after Capt (later Vice Admiral) Robert FitzRoy, who was the first head of the organisation when it was formed in 1854.

That particular area of sea, to the west of the Bay of Biscay off the north-west coast of the Iberian peninsula, was formerly known as Finisterre until 2002.

Please join us with a tot in hand at 1800 this evening (Monday 28th March)...

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

Army v Navy Rugby match.

Show your support for a men and women's teams in Navy!!

The coveted Army v Navy rugby match is taking place on the 30th April at Twickenham Stadium. We are offering you tickets with a discount of £5 off of the original price. Please get in contact with us if you would like a ticket.

Fishing Special Interest Group

The Fishing SIG will be hosting a 'social' fishing event at Southwick park (ex HMS Dryad) as a part of the Falklands 40th weekend on the 17th June. Shipmates are welcome to come and go as they wish between the hours of 0800-1700.

The venue is primarily a carp fishery with weights running up to 28lbs and there are many good roach and rudd, plus the odd tench. The main way of fishing is method feeds and conventional carp tactics, and Shipmates will be required to bring all their own equipment including bait.

Pegs cost £5, so if interested please contact: rna.fishing.sig@gmail.com

Falklands 40: Chanel 4 documentary

With the 40th anniversary of the start of the Falklands Conflict falling this week, Channel 4 have produced a documentary on the subject, entitled 'Falklands War: The Untold Story'.

The film-makers have spoken to many of those who took part on both sides, from senior commanders to the troops on the ground, and they claim to "reveal how a series of mistakes nearly cost Britain its hard-worn victory over Argentina in the South Atlantic."

The documentary can be seen via the Channel 4 website at [here](#)

You are required to sign in and play it.

Keep up with the Senior Service

Just a reminder to those shipmates who like to keep up to speed with today's Royal Navy, the RN website has a news channel that is regularly updated. To see what our sailors and Royal Marines are up to around the world right now, click [here](#).

You can also take a trip down memory lane with the Navy News archive – most editions of the Royal Navy's own newspaper, right back to the 1950s, and each new edition is uploaded to the site at the end of the month. These are available to view [here](#).



- **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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