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Good afternoon


I hope this email finds you well.

Please see below this weeks Semaphore Short. A lot of exciting events are coming up, so make sure to book your places for a brilliant Summer.

If you have any questions please email me and I'll try and get back to you as soon as I can.

Best wishes,

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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 23rd May 2022



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

The excitement is building...

Things are really ramping up here at Central Office in preparation for our Falklands 40th Anniversary weekend in 3 weeks time so please bear with us in this busy time. Attendees need to watch out for the next Semaphore Short which will give final rig, timing and other details, a few of which may have evolved. Please see the F40 heading below for some more detail. Also watch out next week for some very exciting news about an event happening right here in the dockyard at Boathouse 5, we'd love to see you all get involved...

Fireside Chat with Angus Konstam

After a couple of weeks looking at aspects of the Falklands Conflict, this evening's Fireside Chat looks further back, to the fearsome World War 2 German battleship Bismarck.

The chat will be delivered by Angus Konstam, the author of the book 'Hunt the Bismarck', which tells the story of the ship's sortie into the North Atlantic in 1941, the destruction of HMS Hood and the chase of the 50,000-ton German warship which ended in her destruction.

Please join us with a tot in hand at 1830 this evening (Monday 23rd May)...

Meeting ID: 288 830 5105

Password: Shipmate

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

Falklands 40 Weekend

All spaces are now taken up for the Friday night Guildhall Civic Reception Dinner and HMS Warrior drinks, as well as the Buffet Dance on Saturday night. If you still wish to come to these events please let us know and you will be placed on the reserve list. Meaning if someone drops out you may be able to take their place, however there is no guarantee that this will happen.

New attendees for the Saturday Falklands Forum, AGM and Sunday Parade are still very welcome as there are no number limits for these events, so please let us know if you wish to be involved.

A list of accommodation for the weekend can be found in our May Semaphore Circular, which can be seen [here](#).

It is hoped that the final schedule and details will be published in the June edition of the Circular, which will be available shortly.

Field guns and a funfair

The ever-popular HMS Collingwood Open Day will be held on Saturday 2nd July at the Fareham establishment, featuring the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC) Field Gun Competition for the Brickwoods Trophy.

This year's event is celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and marking the 40th anniversary of the Falklands Conflict.

Visitors can enjoy all the fun of the funfair, displays of military weaponry, a vintage car show, a petting zoo and a Spitfire flypast, amongst other things.

For details of opening times and ticket prices (including the purchase of discounted advance tickets) see [here](#).

Sea Sunday at Falmouth

Shipmates are cordially invited to join Falmouth Shipmates at the 'Sea Sunday Falmouth' event on Sunday 17th July with the Parade forming on the Moor, in the heart of the town, at 1020.

The church service will be held nearby in the King Charles the Martyr Church, Church Street, at 1100, which will be followed by a reception in the Civic Office Reception Suite.

All are welcome to attend Branch/Club members and Standards – let the Falmouth Secretary know if you are interested on: secretaryfalmouthrna@outlook.com

Naval Children's Charity

The Naval Children's Charity in collaboration with the Tall Ships Youth Trust are giving a small number of children and young adults aged 12-25 the chance to sail the coast of the British Isles on iconic 72-ft Challenger Yachts.

Subsidised by the NCC to cost just £75, this experience will teach our children the self-reliance, teamwork, communication and leadership they'll need to thrive in their future careers.

From the 16th to the 21st August, a group of younger children (aged 12-15) will sail from Liverpool to Greenock. The older cohort (aged 16-25), will be at sea for a full week, departing Greenock on the 24th August and arriving at Peterhead on the 31st.

This opportunity is open to the child of any parent or guardian who is serving or is a veteran of the Royal Navy. If you are worried about the cost of the voyage, the Naval Children's Charity would still love to hear from you.

Please register your interest by filling in their interest form [here](#). Applications are open until the 30th June.



- **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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