



# SEMAPHORE SHORT

**AHOY SHIPMATES** Welcome to the first Short of 2025 – a good time to remind shipmates of the purpose of the Semaphore publications. The Circular is one of the main internal comms channels for our 23,000 members, full of information relevant to you, with historical and wider RN news added to keep you entertained as well. The Short carries late-notice items and reminders, and brief stories explored in more depth in the Circular. They work in tandem, so please read them both if you can in order to keep bang up to date.

**PLAY THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION WEEKLY LOTTERY AND WIN UP TO £25,000** [PLAY NOW](#)

**VETERANS CALL** Do you know of a World War 2 Royal Naval veteran who may be interested in attending the Remembrance March at the Cenotaph this November? The RNA would like to help make this possible. Please email [cml@rnassoc.org](mailto:cml@rnassoc.org) for more details. We are also offering help to attend other important events in the military calendar, such as the Army v Navy rugby match in May. Email above for more details.



**MEMBERS' DISCOUNT** Use your exclusive access link in your Semaphore email to buy discounted tickets to our Fisherman's Friends + RNA Community Choir + Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood Charity Fundraising Concert in Portsmouth on 22 October. Members of the RNA can purchase up to six discounted tickets each by using this link. If you have not received the email link please let us know by calling the central office or emailing [cml@rnassoc.org](mailto:cml@rnassoc.org)

**TRANSITION INTERVIEWS** Forces in Mind Trust (FiMT) has commissioned QinetiQ and RAND to undertake a study to explore the transition from military to civilian life. The research will help to further understand what the transition process looks like today, and will be used to inform the planning, development and delivery of services in the charitable sector and within local and central government. FiMT is seeking ex-Service personnel and spouse/partners of ex-Service personnel aged between 16 and 60, who left no more than five years ago, to take part in a phone or online interview. If you are interested please complete the questionnaire here: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/t6nwkm> Not everyone who volunteers can be selected to take part.

**GO RACING** **Not to be shared beyond the Semaphore Short** Ascot Racecourse 2025 –Military Discounts: Ascot Racecourse in Berkshire is offering various discounts for those in the military community for Ascot and Royal Ascot Week, which this year is 17 to 21 June. The discount applies for the racecourse's Queen Anne Enclosure only. Tickets can only be booked online in advance of the raceday, with a maximum of six tickets per individual booking – and tickets are subject to availability. Book through [www.ascot.com](http://www.ascot.com) with the discount code being applied to basket at checkout. For full details and codes see accompanying flyer.

**FACEBOOK SUPPORT** Following some branches experience of losing their Facebook pages, it is strongly advised that you have at least two admins for your local page. If you would like support or advice on anything regarding social media and comms, please email the RNA Comms Lead: [cml@rnassoc.org](mailto:cml@rnassoc.org)

**TRIBAL GATHERING** Veterans Tribe Scotland will be holding regular sessions in 2025 delivered via Zoom for veterans and family members to connect online and have a chat. The next event is Tuesday 28 January at 2pm for an hour. If you would like to join in, email Veterans Tribe Scotland Coordinator Gerry McGregor at [gerry.mcgregor@veterantribescotland.co.uk](mailto:gerry.mcgregor@veterantribescotland.co.uk) with the subject line 'Veterans Tribe Scotland Online Get Together - Tuesday 28th January 2025', giving your name and an email address for a Zoom link. Don't forget to have a cuppa and a biscuit ready for the gathering!

**FIRESIDE CHATS** The next Fireside Chat on Monday (27 January) will see Ralph Dodds talk about the 80th anniversary of the Fleet Air Arm's Palambang raids on Japanese-held oil refineries in Sumatra, which were supplying vital aviation fuel. 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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## ROYAL ASCOT MILITARY TICKET DISCOUNTS ASCOT RACEDAYS 2025

PROMO CODE: ARDMILITARY25			
Event Date (2025 Season)	Advance Booking Price		Discounted Price
Saturday 15th February	£30		£21
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	£30		£21
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	£20		£14
Friday 9th May	£20		£14
Saturday 10th May	£30		£21
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	£20		£14
Friday 5th September	£20		£14
Saturday 6th September	£30		£21
Friday 3rd October	£20		£14
Saturday 4th October	£30		£21
Friday 21st November	FREE RACEDAY		FREE RACEDAY
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	£30		£21
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	£20		£14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discount applies for Queen Anne Enclosure only</li> <li>Tickets can only be booked online in advance of the raceday</li> <li>Max of 6 tickets per individual booking</li> <li>No limit on number available, subject to availability</li> <li>Discount represents a 30% discount on advance ticket price</li> </ul>			
PROMO CODES:			
<b>RAMILITARYWED25 (18<sup>th</sup> June tickets)</b> <b>RAMILITARYFRI25 (20<sup>th</sup> June tickets)</b>			
Event Date (2025 Season)	Advance Booking Price		Discounted Price
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	£95	<i>For bookings prior to 29/3/25</i>	£47.50
	£99	<i>From 30/3/25</i>	£49.50
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	£99	<i>For bookings prior to 29/3/25</i>	£49.50
	£110	<i>From 30/3/25</i>	£55.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discount applies for Queen Anne Enclosure only</li> <li>Tickets can only be booked online in advance of the raceday</li> <li>Max of 4 tickets per individual booking</li> <li>No limit on number available, subject to availability</li> <li>Discount represents a 50% discount on advance ticket price</li> </ul>			