



# SEMAPHORE SHORT

**AHOY SHIPMATES** We keep telling you this is going to be a busy year for the Association, and we are already a month in! Or to put it another way, don't hang about if you want to get involved in some of our major events. Just by way of example, there is a cut-off in just over two weeks for discounted tickets to the Fisherman's Friends charity fundraising concert on 22 October (see below) and tickets have also been selling well for the Army v Navy rugby match (3 May) and the National Conference (20-22 June). Don't miss out!

**PLAY THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION WEEKLY LOTTERY AND WIN UP TO £25,000**

**PLAY NOW**

**BUSINESS SUPPORT**  
**X-Forces Enterprise (XFE)** is "the leading organisation in the UK for enterprise in the military community", with free-to-access services for veterans, Service leavers, reservists, spouses and family members. The organisation offers help in areas including start-ups and marketing, and has to date helped 10,000 people consider, start and scale up their businesses. See <https://x-forces.com> for details.



**MEMBERS' DISCOUNT FOR CONCERT** 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) Please note: the cut off date for discounted tickets for the concert is 16 February – after that date tickets will go on general sale at full price.

**MILITARY CREDIT** Nominations are open for the 2025 Soldiering On Awards – your chance to shine a spotlight on individuals and groups that you believe deserve credit for their contribution to the UK military community. The awards highlight outstanding achievements by people across the community, including veterans and family members. There are 12 categories, including Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Inspiration, Animal Partnership, Community Impact and Lifetime Achievement. Nominations are open until 30 March. For details, and to nominate, see [www.soldieringon.org](http://www.soldieringon.org)

**VETERANS CALL** Do you know of a World War 2 RN veteran who may be interested in attending the Remembrance March in London in November? The RNA would like to help make this possible – email [cml@rnassoc.org](mailto:cml@rnassoc.org) for details. We are also offering help to attend other important events in the military calendar, such as the Army v Navy rugby match on 3 May. Email above for more details.

**STILL IN THE RUNNING** **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

**JUST THE JOB** If you are looking for life-long, life-changing support, jobs and training opportunities for Service leavers, veterans, reservists and their spouses, partners and children, then you might like to try the Forces Employment Charity (FEC). For their latest briefing, and details on how to register, see <https://tinyurl.com/tk38sth5>

**FIRESIDE CHATS** The next Fireside Chat on Monday (3 February) will feature Debbie Dollner, Chief Executive of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, talking about what the RNBT can do for you and your shipmates. 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.

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) – the discount code is applied at checkout. For full details and codes see accompanying flyer.

**ATLANTIC CROSSING** The HMS Oardacious Valkyries have become the first all-woman Royal Navy team to row across an ocean, completing a 46-day 3,000-mile slog across the Atlantic this month, raising funds for the RNRMC. See the February Semaphore Circular for more details.

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**ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION**

# 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

- Discount applies for Queen Anne Enclosure only
- Tickets can only be booked online in advance of the raceday
- Max of 6 tickets per individual booking
- No limit on number available, subject to availability
- Discount represents a 30% discount on advance ticket price

**PROMO CODES:**

**RAMILITARYWED25 (18<sup>th</sup> June tickets)**

**RAMILITARYFRI25 (20<sup>th</sup> June tickets)**

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>
	£99	<i>From 30/3/25</i>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	£99	<i>For bookings prior to 29/3/25</i>
	£110	<i>From 30/3/25</i>

- Discount applies for Queen Anne Enclosure only
- Tickets can only be booked online in advance of the raceday
- Max of 4 tickets per individual booking
- No limit on number available, subject to availability
- Discount represents a 50% discount on advance ticket price