

SEMAPHORE SHORT

GREETINGS SHIPMATES! With Easter out of the way we are heading into a particularly busy period for the RNA and its members, with events such as the D-Day 80th commemorations and the RNA Annual Conference weekend looming large in just a couple of months. There is still time for branches to register a delegate for the AGM at Conference weekend – see the application form at the back of the **April Semaphore Circular** for more details.

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HIGH LIFE The Association’s Thriving Together programme continues to flourish, with the latest event being a walking and waterfalls weekend in South Wales. Pictured above is RNA’s Sports and Comradeship Coordinator ‘Scouse’ Reeves on Pen y Fan mountain with members of the participating group. See the May edition of the Semaphore Circular for the full story and more images.

HMS CAVALIER The Cowes Classic Boat Museum Gallery in East Cowes intends to stage a small exhibition to celebrate the J Samuel Whites-built HMS Cavalier 80th anniversary of commissioning. Mike Waddleton, of the Isle of Wight branch, is seeking anybody who served in Cavalier during build or in her earlier commissions – at least prior to her being hit in the Channel by a tanker. He would particularly like to contact anybody who had experience of her hull construction such as a Chippy or sailor who painted her side. Contact Mike at mikewaddleton@maritimeisle.org or on 07768 487833.

NORMANDY VETERANS The Merchant Navy Association would very much like to contact any ex MN Normandy veteran that any RNA shipmates might know about – please contact Gareth Peaston on gareth.peaston@icloud.com

FIRESIDE CHATS Our next Fireside Chat will see Anthony Moth talk on the subject of ‘RN v the World, 1974 now’ on Monday (22 April). 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.

ANZAC SERVICE An ANZAC Day service of remembrance will be held on board World War 1 monitor M33 at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on Thursday 25 April starting at 1030, paying respects to all those who died in the Gallipoli campaign during World War 1.



NEW LOOK A reminder to shipmates that emails announcing the publication of Semaphore Circulars and Shorts look a little different now – and the new arrangement brings its own benefits. The communications team has signed up to an email client, ‘Moosend’, which will enable us to deliver emails and newsletters more effectively. Your email will now come from the address hoc@rnassoc.org and the main section will look like the email on the left.

The new service is supported by the Powder Monkey Brewing Company, based at Priddy’s Hard in Gosport, and they are offering a special discount code with 10% off all for all RNA members – please enter RNA10 at checkout. See www.powdermonkeybrewing.com/



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