

How To Join The RNARS

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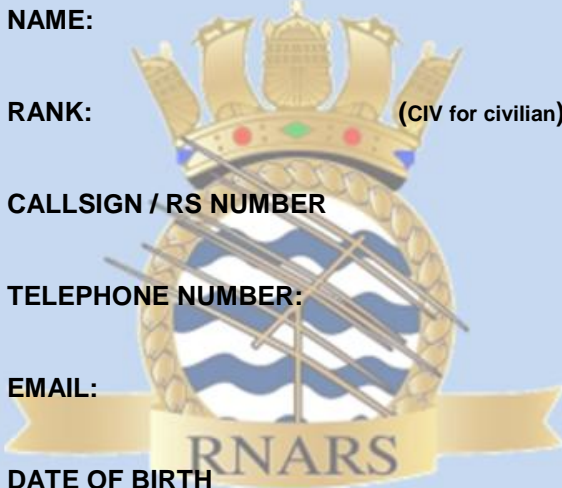
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-subject to propagation conditions



Skype: RNARS.HQ.SHACK



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**Royal Naval
Amateur Radio
Society**



Patron: Admiral Sir Phillip Jones KCB
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The **RNARS** has its roots as far back as 1947 with the Amateur Radio Club at *HMS Mercury* being started by a group of enthusiastic radio-telegraphists at the Royal Navy's Signal School near East Meon in Hampshire.

The '*Club*' became the RNARS in 1960, at *HMS Mercury* on the 22nd August. The new Society remained under the watchful gaze of their Commander at the time; Commander David Seeley RN (who was later to become Lord Mottistone and the Society's Patron).

From humble beginnings, with 26 members, very little equipment (vintage thermionic valve-driven, a spare classroom and a first shack the Society has grown significantly to over 600 members worldwide, with a medium-sized HQ building in the grounds of *HMS Collingwood*, in Hampshire.



<https://tinyurl.com/yxu4af55>
<http://www.rnars.org.uk/HMSCollingwood.html>

What We Do

Our goal is to encourage and support our members to learn about amateur radio and the necessary skills and techniques to gain competence with the different modes of operation that are available. We also provide training from ab-initio operations right through to the Full Licence award with the national licensing authority OfCom. We encourage all our members to communicate with each other on their radios and to take part in our regular radio network activities. Members are encouraged to participate in national and international competitions and rallies



which really demonstrates that this hobby can be fun with various opportunities to win different awards.

The original call sign G3BZU is still in use today -some 72 years of age! The RNARS has its own awards which are given annually at the AGM in October every year.

The Society has since broadened its membership remit over the years to beyond that of just Serving and Veteran members of the British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces, and Merchant Marine, to include those with an interest in maritime affairs and radio.

The **RNARS** meets regularly every Tuesday afternoon from 14:00 onwards, with opportunities to open the shack at other times.

The **RNARS** is an affiliated member of the **Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB)**. The RSGB is a national organisation that represents the interests of radio amateurs throughout the UK. Additionally, we have our very own affiliations with other military and naval radio societies around the world.



Membership of the RNARS is open to all Radio Amateurs with an interest in maritime radio especially those who have served or who are serving in the:

- Royal Navy
- Royal Marines
- Women's Royal Naval Service
- Royal Naval Reserve
- Royal Naval Auxiliary Service
- Sea Cadet Corps
- Merchant Navy
- The Nautical Training Corps

RNARS On The Air

We keep in touch through our quarterly newsletter and via our website which is available 24/7, and also through our different radio networks on air. You will find our list of networks (nets) on our website under the tab '**Skeds, Nets & Freqs**' which is regularly updated with frequencies and times. Note, that while there are live nets every day during the week here in the UK, there are other RNARS international nets in use by our members who live abroad -this makes for a much richer and more fun experience as we endeavour to stay in touch through long distance HF radio communications (DXing).

www.rnars.org.uk/schedules%20frequencies.html

We have an Open Day event early in June each year during the HMS Collingwood open day where the Society opens its doors to the public. We provide

a number of working demonstrations of amateur radio equipment used in radio telephony, Morse code -where members of the public can have a go at transmitting simple messages, and other machine generated or digital messaging systems operating in different modes. Radio amateurs and non-amateurs alike, often use receivers to monitor marine or air



band frequencies to hear ship or aircraft messages on air while fully tracking them simultaneously on a PC 'radar' or on

a ship AIS screen. Sometimes we will introduce youngsters to simple kits where they are supervised in constructing simple radio circuits and getting them to work -a fruitful demonstration that amateur radio can be great fun!



International Connections

It's not surprising that the RNARS is affiliated to other naval and military amateur radio Societies and



clubs in Europe and also around the world. For example, we have regular visits from the MF Runde who run a radio station from U-995 based at Laboe in far off Northern

Germany from where they often hold international rallies and competitions. Our overseas military amateur radio community makes for a richer pastime in the pursuit of our hobby, where our members can travel abroad and visit other societies with similar interests.