



**ROYAL NAVAL
ASSOCIATION**

Royal Naval Association Conference
Voco St David's Hotel, Cardiff CF10 5SD
June 14th-16th 2024 Timetable

Friday 14th:

11:00 onwards – Area 7 Stewards to assemble at the Voco St David's hotel for briefing and RNA minibus instruction.

11:30 Setting up of 'meet and greet' tables.

12:00 Prepare for arrivals of shipmates. This will possibly not be until later in the afternoon, but there are always early birds. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout Friday and Saturday with the draw taking place on completion of the Gala Dinner on Saturday. These will be in sealed envelopes containing 5 tickets and will be £5 per envelope.

13:00 Stall holders arrive to set up. Stewards to assist where required.

14:00 onwards, arrival of shipmates. Greeting packs to be issued to shipmates. Stewards to assist as required any shipmates needing directions etc.

Evening disco will be setting up during the late afternoon, but no timing as yet.

18:00 Meet and greet in the conference bar area. **Dress casual**. Due to costs, it is suggested that shipmates eat prior to attending as no food will be served. The Hotel is a fantastic venue, but very pricey.

The bar will close at 23:59

Saturday 15th:

07:30 Stewards to muster. Issue water and info packs for new arrivals.

08:00 Registration tables open.

08:15-08:45 Tea and coffee for VIPs. Water and info packs for new arrivals.

08:30 Lady Mayor Arrives. Welcomed by National President (NP).

08:55 Delegates and Observers to be seated in the conference hall. **Dress for Delegates RNA No! rig/Lounge suit. Ladies equivalent. Observers, Smart casual.**

09:00 Proceedings commence – march on National Standard.

09:10 Greeting in Welsh – S/M Dafydd Boyle Rhondda Branch.

09:12 NP's Opening remarks and General Secretary's – led fraternal greetings.

09:16 NP introduces guests.



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09:22 Lady Mayor's welcome on behalf of City of Cardiff

09:42 NRC WWE update to RNA delegates on behalf of the RN.

On completion VIPs depart

On completion Comfort break.

10:15 AGM commences.

Timings from this point on are fluid but only for a minute or two.

11:45 -12:45 Motion 1

12:45 – 13:30 Sandwich lunch.

13:30 17:45 Motions 2, 3, 4, 5. A comfort break will happen between Motions 3 & 4.

17:30 Bar Opens.

18:30 Gala dinner attendees arrive. Dress code: Black tie/Lounge Suit or RNA No 1s. Ladies Equivalent

18:55 Gala dinner attendees to be seated. 19:00 Gala dinner commences.

Please note, due to the very high charge for corkage (£70 per bottle) there will not be a traditional 'Up Spirits'

During the dinner, music will be supplied by CA Sounds Disco a variety of music throughout the years. Volume will be such that conversations can be held without having to shout.

On completion of Dinner, the Central Office raffle will be drawn.

Area 7 Raffle will be drawn during the dinner and prizes will be identified by a ticket.

On completion, there will be a 1 item auction of a 'Rum Maiden' containing a bottle of Pussers Gunpowder proof.

23:59 bar closes.

Sunday 16th:

09:20 Standard Bearers to muster at the Millennium theatre. Shipmates attending the 'Drumhead' service, to make their way to either, the Millennium Theatre (if parading) or the Senedd if attending the service only.

09:35 Form up the parade. (Dress Code: RNA Nos 1s for those taking part)

09:45 Parade steps off for the short parade to the Senedd.

10:00 Service commences outside the Senedd. Adjacent to the Merchant Navy Memorial.

11:00+/- service complete.

11:01+/- March off the Standards

11:03 Dismiss the parade.

11:05 Shipmates depart.



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