



RN/RM/CRT



Getting Started 2018

START YOUR ENGINES!

Car racing is a challenging sport, both physically and mentally. Anyone who has ever driven at speed knows it requires concentration and skill.

The challenge of racing put both the driver and the car to the test, of physically challenging the driver and mechanically stressing the car, with the added distraction of other drivers “getting in the way”. The sweaty palms and nervousness on the start line are instantly replaced by heart pumping adrenaline as the lights go green.

In the race you have the thrill of the chase and the mental challenge of finding that gap while closing in on your fellow racer.

Team Ethos & Goals

The RNRMCRT aims to promote race fitness and inter-service competition and is currently competing in the Armed Forces Race Challenge (AFRC).

The Team provides a social and friendly approach to circuit racing, where we focus on support and advice to all our competitors, ensuring a safe and cost effective route to racing.

Our goals are to grow novice and seasoned drivers to enable us to challenge for both the Team Championship in the AFRC and also the Inter-Services Championship, held each year at the 6hr Birkett Relay.

Longer term we hope to compete in the 12hr Race of Remembrance.

2017 was our most successful year to date. From the outset the aim was on driver development, with 6 novices taking part. An RN driver won the AFRC Novice Championship and we had 3rd Place Overall in the AFRC Individual Championship. As a Team we beat the Army, but still have work to do to topple the RAF and Veteran Teams.

We Can Help You Get On Track

The route to getting on track is not particularly complicated, but there are pitfalls and well defined regulations for process, safety and technical fairness reasons.

From a complete novice, track day regular to a seasoned racer, the Royal Navy Royal Marines Car Racing Team (RNRMCRT) can give you the platform and support to compete against other service men and women.

We compete in the [Armed Forces Race Challenge \(AFRC\)](#), a tri-service race series run by the renowned [750 Motor Club](#). You'll get to pit your skills against the Army, Royal Air Force and Veterans.

For current serving and reservist personnel all rounds of the AFRC are classed as representative sport and attracts "On Duty" status, which also entitles you to travel to and from the events.



So Where Do You Begin?

Contact us. Everyone's starting point and circumstances are different.



You can find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), or email us: rnrmcrt@gmail.com



We'd always recommend coming to an AFRC event in support of one of the drivers. You can travel as support crew and this will allow you to meet some of the team members and discuss the merits of different styles of car. However if you want to get cracking as soon as possible you need to complete the following steps.

1

Get a Go Racing Pack. You need to have passed an ARDS test which must be taken at a MSA approved track and with a formal instructor. There is a fixed route to passing the ARDS test and starts with a [MSA Go Racing pack](#) (at a cost of £99).

Further details on obtaining your MSA licence can be found at the [Go Motorsport website](#).

2

Get a Medical. You will also need a racing medical, which would normally cost upwards of £100 from a GP. Once you are a member of the RNRMMSA you can apply to your local Med Centre to have a medical completed by a service doctor which should be **free**.

3

Pass the ARDS Test. The fee for the ARDS Test changes depending upon which track you use but they are roughly £350 for a half day course. Full details are covered in the Go Racing Pack, along with an approved list of ARDS training centres.

Liaise with your unit's Education Officer. You can claim the ARDS Test as a formal sports training course and they should reimburse £175 of your fee's using your Standard Learning Credits, we can advise on how to complete the SLC Form. Alternatively your Gym may be able to provide funding as it is a recognised course for the sport.

Car & Kit

As you're probably already aware motor racing isn't particularly cheap, however the RNRMCRT have got an established pathway to competing that has reduced own expenditure considerably.

The association has its own vehicle (Peugeot 206 GTi – currently kept at Culdrose) that is primarily made available to novice drivers. There are also 2 Lo-Cost race cars which are owned by Sultan Car Club that can be used as well. They aren't totally free to use and a small rental fee of approx. £50 a time is chargeable for basic upkeep of the car.

Kit wise we should have everything that you'll need, so that's Helmets, HANS, Gloves, Overalls, Boots which can all be borrowed.



Your Own Car

There are a number of options when purchasing a race car, Tin Top, Open Top, Single seater. Professionally prepared, pre built, partially built, build your own, kit car. All of these have strengths and weaknesses. We can talk you through these.

Before you commit to spending all your sea pay, deployment bonus and half your annual wages on your dream car, you need to first think about your overall budget and race costs.

You will either need your own trailer (must be professionally manufactured for MT vehicles to tow) or book to borrow an association trailer (very limited supply).

Our advice would be to buy a pre built entry level car to begin with, then build that dream car once you have the cash. But if you are into building cars, then get going. The biggest advice we can give is to keep it simple and focus on reliability.

Remember the adage - To Finish First, First You Have To Finish!



The Costs

This part can be a bit eye opening. Please be very aware that car racing is expensive. There are very few series that offer cost neutral racing.

You only have to look around the paddock at your local track to see the amount of funds invested in trailers, motor homes and race cars.

Packs and Initial ARDS Test

Go Motorsport Pack - £99 (fee includes 1st year licence)

ARDS Test - £350 approx (SLC can be used towards)

Membership Fees

RNRMMSA - £20 annual

750 Motor Club - £25 annual (required to compete in AFRC)

Race Series Fee/Licences

MSA Race Licence Renewal - £62 annual

AFRC - £30 annual

Event Entry Fees

AFRC Event Entry - £280-£350 (varies on venue, each event includes 2 rounds)

The Benefits

Whilst the majority of costs have to be met by the individual, with Motorsport a “Representative Sport” recognised by the RN & RM it gives the following benefits.

Standard Learning Credits

Upto £175 can be claimed towards the ARDS Test

Duty Status & Travel

For authorised events (i.e. AFRC rounds), you can claim Motor Mileage Allowance for your own vehicle, or you are entitled to an MT or Hire Vehicle.

You are “On Duty”, so are covered for personnel injury.

RNRMCRT Assets

We provide branded awnings for the AFRC events, giving a professional and sheltered pit area. Loan kit is available to borrow to reduce own cost.

AFRC Hospitality

The AFRC aims to provide a free lunch on race day and also free wets throughout the race weeked. All of this available in the sheltered hospitality area.

2018 Season



Continuing our association with the AFRC, this will again be our authorised race series. Full details of the series are available on the [AFRC Website](#), with discussion and news found on the [AFRC Facebook Page](#).



Armed Forces Race Challenge

4x race weekends, each consisting of 2x 18min + 1 lap rounds.

Championship points awarded on a performance index based on consistency.

Cars are split into classes for track position awards. Power is taken at the flywheel.

For 2018 the classes are as follows:

Class A – up to 300hp/tonne

Class B – up to 240hp/tonne

Class C – up to 180hp/tonne

Race Dates

Armed Forces Race Challenge

Rounds	Date	Location
1 & 2	14 Apr	Oulton Park
3 & 4	5 May	Silverstone
5 & 6	9 Jun	Rockingham
7 & 8	1 Sep	Donington Park

Inter-Services Championship

Birkett Relay	27 Oct	Silverstone
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Ready to Race?

Very few employers pay you to race cars and provide some financial assistance with very little in return.

You do need to start somewhere so please accept that you may start near the back for a few races rather than challenge to win straight away.

With this in mind our advice is to start with reliability, gain experience and then develop your car as you gain race pace.

We hope this guide has been helpful and you are now enthusiastic about car racing.

If you have any questions, or want to sign up please get in touch.

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