

Commander Tom Harrison ROYAL NAVY



Tom Harrison joined the Royal Navy as a Midshipman in 2008. Harrison is a Warfare Officer, Hydrography and Meteorology sub-specialist and has a BSc and PG Dip in Maritime Science with distinction.

Harrison gained his navigational watch certificate in 2009 and completed his first appointment as Correspondence Officer in HMS TYNE. In 2012 he joined HMS SCOTT as Navigating Officer, a key part of which was conducting military data gathering in North Atlantic and East of Suez deployments. A rewarding tour culminated in achieving Command Qualification 1. Harrison subsequently attended Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Maritime) and then spent a thoroughly enjoyable 6 months teaching navigation to officer cadets at Britannia Royal Naval College.

In 2014 Harrison took up post as Commanding Officer of HMS EXAMPLE where he completed two full deployments. The summer Baltic deployment was made more challenging by persistent engine defects; running on a single engine for much of the period. After leaving EXAMPLE, he took command of HMS ARCHER and two months later HMS RANGER, bringing both ships out of extensive refit and back to full operational capability.

In 2016 Harrison joined HMS ENTERPRISE as Operations Officer and delivered a programme which included a 4-month deployment as the Falkland Island patrol vessel, and a 12-month deployment as the NATO SNMCMG2 flagship in the Mediterranean and Black Sea. Whilst on NATO tasking Harrison achieved Command Qualification 2. In 2018 Harrison took up post in the Maritime Capability division in NCHQ and completed a rewarding year planning future HM capability programmes, and was extensively involved in the ASW Spearhead programme and setup of Project HECLA.

Harrison took command of MCM2 Crew 3 and HMS HURWORTH in 2019. After generation and UK tasking in HURWORTH, Harrison then took command of HMS CHIDDINGFOLD and sailed her out to the Gulf and completed a full Op KIPION deployment. In Mar 2021 Harrison took command of HMS SCOTT.

Tom and his wife Annabel are Christians and live in Exeter with their three young children.