

**Commander
Matthew Court
Royal Navy**

**Commanding Officer
HMS SPEY**



Mat is an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) specialist with significant operational experience in the Atlantic, Barents, Baltic, Mediterranean, Indian, Pacific and South China Sea, since joining the Royal Navy in 2005.

During the early part of his career, he worked in the submarine service, with initial training and qualification on HMS VANGUARD, before assignments to the fast attack submarines HMS TORBAY and HMS TRIUMPH. In 2014, he switched to the surface fleet and served on the frigate HMS SUTHERLAND, with duties including escorting the new aircraft carrier HMS QUEEN ELISABETH, ASW patrols in the Atlantic and high north, and a full operational workup.

In 2017, Mat became the senior ASW instructor at the Maritime Warfare School, providing tactical and operational training to the UK, NATO, and other international partners. In 2020, Mat took on the role of XO and second in command of HMS KENT, completing further high north operations, a full regeneration package, and two Carrier Strike Group deployments including seven months as part of OP FORTIS to the Indo-Asia-Pacific. In 2023, Mat was promoted to Commander and selected for Sea Command of HMS SPEY.

Mat holds an MA in Intelligence and International Relations, is a First Sea Lord Fellow, and is completing a PhD focusing on the generation and sustainment of high-performing teams. He is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute, and an EMCC-accredited coach, specialising in complex and unpredictable environments. Mat lives in Hampshire with his wife and three home-educated children and is the Chairman of the Royal Navy American Football Association. Mat does not golf.