



### **Commander J D Brettell Royal Navy**

Born in Kenya in 1979, Jeremy (Jez) Brettell was educated at Cheltenham College and the University of Bristol before joining BRNC Dartmouth in May 2003 as a Naval College Entrant.

He undertook sea training on HMS Manchester in the Caribbean, HMS Cornwall deployed to the Eastern seaboard of the United States, and HMS York before navigating the Hunt class mine warfare vessels, HMS Atherstone and Cattistock around the UK and deployed to the Mediterranean and Black Seas as a first complement appointment.

In 2008 he was appointed Navigating Officer of the Type 22 Frigate HMS Cumberland undertaking two interesting and busy deployments to the Gulf of Aden, both with NATO and Coalition Task Forces 150 and 151, concentrating on counter terrorism and counter piracy patrols.

In 2010 he completed the Specialist Navigating Officer's course and Initial Command and Staff Course (Maritime) prior to assuming Command of HMS Charger and Liverpool URNU undertaking deployments to the Baltic, Northern Europe and Ireland as well as many of the lesser visited ports of the UK.

After a short tour at RM Poole as the Staff Navigator he attended PWO course in 2013 before joining HMS Richmond as PWO(A) / OPS building up to a KIPION deployment. 8 months at FOST as a SWO(N) then preceded joining HMS Queen Elizabeth as her first Navigating Officer bringing her out of build in Rosyth to Portsmouth and through Rotary Wing Flying Trials.

In 2018 he joined HMS Northumberland as XO conducting towed array patrols and as part of the Carrier Strike Group escorting HMS Queen Elizabeth on WESTLANT 19. He joined FOST as SWO(N) in 2020 and assumes Command of HMS Kent in January 2022.

Jeremy lives in Swansea, is married to Alison and enjoys the outdoors and spending time with his three daughters.