



HMS ANSON COMMANDING OFFICER - Commander David “Bing” Crosby RN



Joining the Royal Navy in January 1988 as a Junior Seaman, David Crosby - quickly nicknamed Bing - enjoyed 14 years as a Rating before attending Britannia Royal Naval College in 2002. A sports injury sustained playing rugby for BRNC resulted in year of rehabilitation during which David worked in the Op Fresco CMC and HMS TEMERAIRE.

Fleet time in HMS SEVERN in 2003 was followed by JWO course and resulted in David being awarded the top student award for 2004. David completed basic training in HMS VIGILANT before attending FNO/IWC and, in 2007, joining HMS TALENT as Navigator. The next 12 months included operations in both the Gulf of Oman and EASTLANT with Armatura Borealis in the Norwegian Fjords in the same deployment, all conducted in the days prior to WECDIS. Principle Warfare Officer (SM) in 2009 was followed by a challenging but rewarding 18 months in HMS VENGEANCE which resulted in selection for “Perisher” in 2011. To ensure he was fully ready for SMCC David spent 6 months in HMS TIRELESS; a period which included 2 high end submarine missions.

After being successful at SMCC David joined HMS TRIUMPH and deployed as XO in November 2011. What followed was a hugely rewarding 9-month deployment including 3 high end missions before returning to the UK in August 2012. David remained in post as XO and helped lead HMS TRIUMPH through a challenging BMP, then full regeneration ahead of returning to Operations in September 2013. David was then selected for the role of Command Submarine Sea Trainer (ST12) within FOST SM and assumed that position in late 2013.

Over a 2-year period in FOST he trained HM Submarines TORBAY and AMBUSH as they achieved full operational status. In addition, he led the sea safety generation for HMS ARTFUL after her initial sea trials and trained Turkish, Chilean and Dutch SSKs in both UK and International waters.

Selected for promotion in 2016, David assumed Command of HMS ARTFUL in August 2017 during a protracted maintenance period. This challenging appointment has seen him lead HMS ARTFUL through generation and culminated in the submarine being ready for operations for the very first time ahead of a very successful operational period. David then assumed Command of HMS ASTUTE in May 20 to oversee her preparations for operations and CSG 21. Excited by the challenge, David proudly assumed Command of HMS ANSON in Jan 21 and is enjoying working with industry partners to generate the 5th of the ASTUTE Class and may return as the first CO of HMS AGAMENNON as the culmination of his long career.

Living in Chesterfield with his wife, Amanda, and their two children Ben (18) and Poppy (14); spare time is pre-dominantly spent with the family enjoying life together. David is an avid follower of most sports, but his main pastime is short oval motorsport. Once a BriSCA Formula Two stock-car racer, David’s unsuccessful racing career has long given way to spectating from the safe side of the track.