

Commander
Steve Hoyle BSc MCSP
Royal Navy Reserve

Commanding Officer
HMS CERES



Steve Hoyle joined the Royal Navy in 1981. After training as a Radio Operator he joined the Type 21 Frigate HMS Avenger participating in Operation Corporate in 1982, Armilla Patrol in 1983, and West Indies Guard ship in 1984. He subsequently served in Commcen Whitehall and Commcen Whalebone Cove before joining HMS Manly in 1985. Advanced to LRO(G) in 1986 he went on to serve on Senior Naval Officer Middle East (SNOME) Staff embarked in RFA OLNA in 1989 followed by time in the Fishery Protection Squadron in HMS Guernsey in 1990.

Following AIB he went to BRNC Dartmouth in 1991 completing Dartmouth Training Squadron in HMS Bristol, and periods of Fleet Time in HMS Plover (Hong Kong Squadron) and HMS Ariande in the West Indies. He achieved a first class pass in Fleet Board and was awarded the BRNC College Sword for 1992.

Following Officer of the Watch Course in 1993 he volunteered for the Submarine Service completing training at HMS Dolphin and part three in HMS Sceptre where he served as a Warfare Officer. He gained a bridge watchkeeping certificate in 1994 and successfully completed the Ships Diving Officer Course the same year. He completed the Intermediate Warfare Course in 1996 before working in FOSNNI Ops.

He joined the RNR in 1999 at HMS Eaglet and became a member of the RNR Submarine Specialisation qualifying as a Deputy Submarine Controller in 2002. Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 2003, he qualified as a Submarine Advisory Team (SAT) Watchkeeper with periods at Sea in several command platforms on exercises and operations. He completed ACSC(MR) in 2008 and subsequently served as SO2 of the RNR Submarine Specialisation. He was promoted Commander and took command of HMS Eaglet (Liverpool) on 1 September 2014, serving as CO until 8 Jun 18. On 18 Sep18, he succeeded Cdr Ian Berry as CO of HMS Ceres in Leeds.

In his civilian career he completed a BSc(Honours) degree in Physiotherapy in 2001 and subsequently worked in the NHS and part time for Burnley Football Club. He now works as Acting Manager of a Musculoskeletal Out Patient Physiotherapy Service for East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust.

When not working, he enjoys the outdoors, and particularly running on the fells of the Rossendale Valley.