



**Lieutenant Thomas Jackson Royal Navy
Commanding Officer HMS TRACKER**

Lieutenant Tom Jackson joined the Royal Navy in September 2012. His early career included extensive periods deployed away from the UK in Type 23 Frigates before returning to UK waters as a Navigating Officer within the Fishery Protection Squadron. He achieved selection for Sea Command in November 2018, assuming Command of HMS TRACKER in July 2019.

Born and raised in North Yorkshire Tom Jackson joined the Royal Navy in September 2012 following a two-year period as a sponsored undergraduate reading Geography at the University of Leicester.

Early sea going experience was on board HMS ILLUSTRIOUS deploying East of Suez as part of the Response Force Task Group on Cougar 13. Specialist Fleet Time was completed on board HMS MERSEY conducting UK constabulary duties, and HMS DAUNTLESS, again deploying East of Suez in early 2015.

His first complement assignment was for 7 months as an Officer of the Watch (OOW) on board HMS LANCASTER joining her six weeks in to the inaugural nine-month Atlantic Patrol Task (South) deployment. This combined an intense period of defence engagement in South America and West Africa and reassurance to British Overseas Territories in the South Atlantic. Transferring to HMS PORTLAND as OOW 1 on his return, he completed Operational Sea Training and deployed again for nine-months in June 2016 on a combined Operation KIPION and Atlantic Patrol Task (South) deployment. Covering 40,000 nautical miles, highlights included rounding both Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope, transits of the Magellan Strait and Patagonian Canals, a visit to South Georgia and a second visit in 18 months to Tristan da Cunha, the most remotely inhabited archipelago in the World.

Returning to the UK he completed Fleet Navigating Officers' course in July 2017 before spending the next 18 months navigating HMS SEVERN, HMS TYNE and HMS CLYDE of the Fishery Protection Squadron. Following Sea Command selection, he assumed Command of HMS TRACKER, part of the Faslane Patrol Boat Squadron in July 2019.

Outside of the Royal Navy his interests include military history, swimming, ice hockey and supporting Leicester Tigers.