

## COMMANDER CECIL JAMES LADISLAUS, ROYAL NAVY



Cecil joined the Royal Navy in January 2000 and spent the early years of his career serving in a range of submarines and surface ships. From the harsh extremes of the North Atlantic to the balmy climes of the Asia Pacific region, Cecil has had a range of operational assignments. At sea he has held sub-unit and unit command appointments as a Lieutenant, Lieutenant Commander and Commander.

Born and educated in Gibraltar, he left the Rock in 1995 to read Civil Engineering at the University of Nottingham. After a brief stint in industry, he joined the Royal Navy in January 2000. During his Fleet Training he had the opportunity to serve in the Caribbean on the Spanish Navy's tall ship J S de ELCANO. On his return, he was deployed to the Asia Pacific region for a short tour in HMS GLOUCESTER before service with the Northern Ireland Squadron in HMS COTTESMORE. Following his initial Warfare Officers' training, where he was awarded the Carl Zeiss trophy, he was streamed for training as a Submarine Warfare Officer. As a submariner he completed several operational patrols in HMS VICTORIOUS and HMS TURBULENT as a communications officer, sonar officer and tactical systems officer.

In 2010 he was assigned to the staff of the US Division South in Basra, Iraq as the UK Liaison Officer. This was a challenging and stimulating tour where the headquarters was responsible for operations in southern Iraq. On his return to the UK, he subspecialised as a Hydrographic and Meteorological Officer before taking on a succession of seagoing executive and command assignments in HMS MERSEY and HMS ECHO. Departing ECHO in April 2017, he was assigned to the Navy's Personnel Capability Division as the Warfare Officers' Career Manager for the Hydrographic and Meteorological sub specialisation. Selected for promotion and unit command, he became the captain of the ENTERPRISE in November 2018.

Cecil passed the Initial Command and Staff Course (Maritime) with distinction, the Submarine Advanced Warfare Course and the Advanced Hydrographic Survey Course also with distinction. A keen fan of the outdoors lifestyle his free time is spent with his young family actively enjoying the West Country.