



Commander T R Leeder Royal Navy

Commanding Officer HMS PORTLAND

Commander Tim Leeder joined the Royal Navy in April 1999. On completion of initial training he joined HMS CHIDDINGFOLD as Navigating Officer, conducting MCM operations throughout Europe and Fishery protection duties. Subsequent appointments then took him to HMS GRAFTON for an Op Telic deployment at the culmination of the second Gulf war and then onto HMS EDINBURGH as Navigating Officer. Following EDINBURGH, successful completion of ICSC(M), was then followed by selection to Command HMS PUNCHER and London University Royal Naval Unit.

Completing PWO training in 2011, he joined HMS DIAMOND as PWO(U) completing his first PWO tour that included an inaugural East of Suez deployment for HMS DIAMOND. Once East of Suez he took over as and executed the role of Operations Officer. From DIAMOND FOST followed and he was appointed as a SWOUW, completing his masters degree in Defence Leadership whilst being the lead Phase 3 planner and trainer for RN, NATO and other national units. Leaving FOST he was appointed to Executive Officer HMS DAUNTLESS, conducting successful BMD trials before being through appointed to HMS DRAGON, initially as SNO then as XO to Capt AAW. On completion of successful SASB1 appointments he spent a busy 18 months as Staff XO to COMDEVFLOT, visiting the Flotilla Units across the globe imparting wisdom and sharing his experience to aid Operational capability. Having been selected Commander in April 19, whilst serving briefly as the Fleet XO he joined HMS PORTLAND, via a short spell at Northwood Maritime Operations Centre, as Commanding Officer in September 2020.

Tim lives at home with his wife, Spanish Water Dog and two teenage sons. His spare time is consumed with, football, rugby and cricket, watching now more than playing sadly, though regular gym visits to feed the inner sportsman.