



Lieutenant Chris Town joined the Royal Navy in 2015. A submariner by trade, he was selected for Small Vessel Command in 2019 and assumed command of HMS CHARGER in March 2020.

Chris enjoyed an international upbringing, being born in the UK but raised in France and Singapore. He completed his primary and secondary education in the French system, culminating in 'Le Baccalauréat', but returned to the UK to study Mathematics and Economics at the University of Glasgow. A short spell in risk analytics for an international bank highlighted a desire for a different career, and so, in February 2015, Chris joined Britannia Royal Naval College as a Warfare Officer (Submariner).

Upon passing out of Dartmouth, his Fleet Time was spent onboard HMS DARING, where he cut his teeth during a challenging OST on the South Coast, MV AGHULAS STREAM for astro-navigation training in the Caribbean and HMS PORTLAND for Operation KIPION and Atlantic Patrol Tasking (South). This latter, thoroughly enjoyable, deployment included numerous port visits in Africa and South America, rounding both the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn, a transit of the Magellan Strait and the Patagonian Canals, as well as visits to remote islands such as South Georgia and Tristan da Cunha.

Following his return to the UK and his qualification as an Officer of the Watch, Chris joined the Submarine School to begin his career as a submariner. On completion of his nuclear qualifications at HMS SULTAN, he joined HMS ASTUTE as the Torpedo Officer, which counter-intuitively did not involve any torpedo related responsibilities. Upon earning his coveted 'Dolphins' and becoming a fully-fledged submariner he became the Casing Officer, which did involve being responsible for the casing. This marked the beginning of a very busy, yet very rewarding 18 months on a variety of National Tasking operations. It wasn't all work without play though, with stand-down periods in Bergen, Brest, Gibraltar and Lisbon. He joins HMS CHARGER and the Coastal Forces Squadron following a year on surface and subsurface navigation courses.

Chris lives in Edinburgh with his girlfriend Jana and enjoys buying more books than he can read, regularly falling off his racing bike and pizza.