

## Lt Cdr Simon Reeves Royal Navy

### Commanding Officer MCM2 Crew 3



Simon was born in Shropshire, and joined the Royal Navy as a Warfare Officer in 2006, with a degree in Politics and Economic History from the University of Leicester. He also holds an MA in Defence and Security Studies from King's College, London. Following initial training at Dartmouth, fleet time was undertaken in HM Ships YORK and EDINBURGH, deploying to the Far-East as part of the OP ORION TG, in 2008. On completion of IWO, his first complement appointment was as an Officer of the Watch in HMS SOMERSET, deploying again to the Far-East, as part of the OP TAURUS TG, in 2009. This was followed with an OP TELIC tour, in 2010; predominantly spent providing force protection to the Iraqi Oil Platforms in the Northern Arabian Gulf.

Specialising as a mine clearance diving officer in 2011, he served with MCM2 Crew 7 in HM Ships LEDBURY, HURWORTH and QUORN as the Operations Officer and Diving Officer, deploying with SNMCMG2 TG to the Mediterranean in 2012 and a return to the Arabian Gulf for OP KIPION in 2013. There followed assignments to MCM2 Crews 6 and 1 as the Executive Officer in HM Ships CATTISTOCK, QUORN and HURWORTH, embracing the various challenges of the HUNT HRPP programme, trials, and operations around the UK and Northern Europe.

Reeves completed ICSC(M) at the Defence Academy, Shrivenham in 2016, prior to undertaking PWO course at HMS Collingwood. There followed assignment to HMS WESTMINSTER as the Operations Officer and PWO(Underwater). This professionally challenging, yet hugely enjoyable period encompassed multiple ASW patrols in the North Atlantic on OP AUTOMA, Defence Engagement in the Baltic Sea Region and a 5 month attribution to the USN led SNMG1 TG in 2019. More recently, he completed a short tour with the UK Carrier Strike Group as the Group Warfare Officer, embarked in HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH for her first operational deployment (WESTLANT 19). In his most recent appointment as SO2 FGEN MM/PP within SURFLOT, he was responsible to Capt PUXD for cohering the Force Generation of MM/PP units to the frontline. Selected for Command in 2020. He assumed Command of MCM2 Crew 3 in January 2021 and HMS CHIDDINGFOLD in March 2021; currently deployed on OP KIPION.

Simon is married with two young children and currently lives in Hampshire. In his spare time, he's mostly kept busy by his young family. His interests also include both codes of rugby, football and golf.