

Lieutenant Commander Sam Stephens Royal Navy

Commanding Officer
MCM2 Crew 4
HMS LEDBURY



Born and educated in Monmouthshire, Lt Cdr Sam Stephens joined Britannia Royal Naval College in Jan 2004 as a Warfare Officer having graduated from the University of Plymouth with a BSc in Oceanography and Meteorology and MSc in Applied Marine Science.

Following initial training, fleet time in CHATHAM and MONMOUTH and early appointments as an OOW and later Navigating Officer in CAMPBELTOWN, Stephens saw service in the Indian Ocean on Op GARRON – the response to the 2005 Tsunami, the Arabian Gulf on Op TELIC, the Gulf of Aden on Op CALASH – anti-piracy operations, as well as the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Baltic on NATO exercises and Maritime Security Operations.

Between sea appointments, Stephens enjoyed a period as Head of Navigation at BRNC ahead of attendance at ICSC(M) and PWO Course. Subsequent PWO appointments included PWO(U) to Capt ASW in PORTLAND engaged in TAPS and ASW exercises in the North Atlantic and CoS to the Maritime Coalition Coordination Cell (MCCC) in Bahrain during the Yemen crisis.

Following Specialist Navigating Officer training (Spec N Course) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Navigation, Stephens served as SWO(N)3 to FOST(S) delivering training at sea to UK and NATO units. Most recently Stephens served as Navigating Officer in QUEEN ELIZABETH, encompassing initial sea and flying trials and two overseas deployments, holding continuous Bridge Conduct whilst exercising the Screen Commander duty in a multinational Carrier Strike Group.

Selected for Command in 2019, Stephens joined MCM Squadron 2 Crew 4 as Commanding Officer in Jul 20 and assumed Command of LEDBURY in Oct 20.

A keen yachtsman, Stephens enjoys introducing his young family to sailing in their yacht on the Solent, shooting, and managing a smallholding in Monmouthshire where he lives with his wife Rebecca and children, Henry (2012) and Harriet (2014).