



Lieutenant Charles Stevenson Royal Navy

Commanding Officer HMS ARCHER

Born and educated in London Charles gained a Masters degree in History from the University of Dundee. Whilst studying he was awarded a naval bursary before graduating in 2012. He joined Britannia Royal Naval College in September 2012 as a Warfare Officer.

Initial Fleet Time was spent in HMS ILLUSTRIOUS before commissioning in May 2013. Following initial navigation training, Specialist Fleet Time commenced with a fascinating three week period at sea with the Trinity House Vessel Patricia working in the Irish Sea replacing and maintaining navigational marks coupled with wind farm surveys. The remainder of his Fleet training was split equally between HMS WESTMINSTER on Operation KIPION, predominantly in the Indian Ocean conducting counter narcotics patrols, and HMS TYNE conducting fishery protection operations in UK waters.

On completion of Initial Warfare training in the autumn of 2014, Charles was appointed to HMS ST ALBANS as Officer of the Watch Four and Boarding Officer. The programme allowed him to experience a full operating cycle through regenerating the Ship from refit, three comprehensive periods of operational sea training and then a nine month deployment on Operation KIPION from 2015 into 2016. Highlights of this included a period operating under CTF 320 in the Mediterranean, as well as escorting two separate carrier strike groups centred on USS HARRY S TRUMAN and FS CHARLES DE GAULLE, whilst each conducted strikes into Iraq and Syria against Daesh as part of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. As the primary Boarding Officer, Charles led numerous boardings whilst the Ship operated under CTF150.

On return from the Gulf, Charles attended the Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Maritime) at JSCSC Shrivenham. During this period he was selected for Small Vessel Command. He subsequently completed PNO and FNO course before taking command of HMS ARCHER in March 2017.

Living in the New Forest, Charles is a keen enthusiast of most sports but particularly cycling and cricket. He also enjoys ticking off a slowly diminishing list of Munros.