



Commander George Storton Royal Navy

George Storton joined the Royal Navy in 2003 after an early career in professional sailing. He completed initial sea appointments with deployments to the Mediterranean and Arabian Gulf and subsequently qualified as Navigator of HMS ARGYLL and then HMS DAUNTLESS.

Conducting Specialist Navigator course in 2010, he was assigned to Flag Officer Sea Training as a Staff Warfare Officer contributing to the first operational training of a Type 45. Selected for Command, he spent 18 months Commanding London University Royal Navy Unit and HMS PUNCHER which culminated in an operational role on the Thames during Op Olympic.

Commander Storton qualified as a Principal Warfare Officer in 2014 and became the Gunnery Officer and then Operations Officer of HMS IRON DUKE during a South Atlantic deployment. His development of new tactics and procedures resulted in the award of the Fleet Effectiveness Trophy for Above Water Warfare. An appointment as Navigator of HMS OCEAN followed, which included acting as force navigator for the afloat 2* Maritime Component Commander during NATO Exercise Trident Juncture.

In 2016 Commander Storton took Command of HMS MERSEY deployed in the Mediterranean in support of international migration efforts. Upon return to the UK, MERSEY conducted Fishery Protection, escort of foreign warships and the vital patrol of UK waters. This was followed by 6 months in Command of HMS CLYDE; the Falkland Island Patrol Vessel. During this tour he completed a number of joint exercises and the challenging 1000nm passage through icebergs to patrol the Antarctic waters of South Georgia.

He left CLYDE to attend Advanced Command and Staff Course where he gained a distinction in his MA that focussed on Freedom of Navigation and the maritime expansion of China. This was followed by a period working in the Maritime Operations Centre as the Surface Flotilla scheduling authority, while also contributing to the development of the newly transformed Operational Plans Alliance.

Commander Storton took Command of HMS DRAGON in August 2021.