



Commodore N H C Tindal Royal Navy

Commanding Officer RNAS Yeovilton

Dual qualified as a Fleet Air Arm pilot and surface warfare officer, Commodore Nick Tindal took command of RNAS Yeovilton in April 2017. Born in London and raised in the west of Ireland, he has since adopted Dorset.

Commissioned in 1986, he gained his bridge watch-keeping certificate and first experience of maritime aviation while serving as a Fighter Controller in HMS ARK ROYAL. Awarded his pilot's 'wings' in 1989, his early aviation career included tours flying the anti-submarine warfare Sea King (814 NAS) and multi-role Lynx (815 NAS) helicopters embarked in a variety of Aircraft Carriers, Frigates, Destroyers and Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels including over 1000 deck landings. He is also a Principal Warfare Officer, specialised in above water warfare and was HMS ARGYLL's operations officer (type 23 Frigate).

He has commanded the Corvette HMS DUMBARTON CASTLE which, as the RN's only permanent warship in the South Atlantic, played a key role in looking after UK interests in the Falkland Islands and South Georgia. He also had command of HMS ALDERNEY, an offshore patrol vessel based in the UK to support the policing of the UK's economic exclusion zone.

Ashore he is an Alumni of the Advanced Command and Staff Course, gaining a Kings College London Master's Degree in Defence Studies. Subsequent staff appointments have included a tour at the Permanent Joint Headquarters, where he led the operations team supporting the UK's overseas Counter-Terrorism effort and two tours at the Ministry of Defence; first in the directorate of Joint Capability leading Defence's Carrier Strike concept development and then, on promotion to Captain in 2012, as the Operations Directorate Assistant Head responsible for Operational Capability advice in support of ongoing and contingent operations. He has had RN staff tours as the pilots appointer in 2001 and as Navy Command's aviation division chief of staff in 2011-12.

He has also been fortunate to have had two exchange appointments with the United States Navy, first as part of the US Atlantic Fleet team responsible for the embarked training and certification of all 'East Coast' Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups. Second, immediately prior to taking command of RNAS Yeovilton, he was the Royal Navy's first ever officer to work for the Commander US Pacific Fleet based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, an Admiral responsible for US maritime operations across half the globe.

Commodore Nick Tindal is married and has one child. His interests include tennis, half marathons, Chelsea FC and he has an obsession with Irish rugby.