



Commander T H Weaver Royal Navy

Born in Wolverhampton and attending schools in the UK and Kenya, Tom Weaver read for a degree in International Relations at Keele University and joined the Royal Navy in 2001.

As a junior officer he enjoyed a varied start to his career, including Operations ORACLE and TELIC in the Persian Gulf, Fishery Protection around the UK and through the Merchant Navy Liaison Scheme, two months onboard P&O's MV Aurora. As a Ship's Diver he served as Diving Officer in HMS NORFOLK, Signal Communications Officer in HMS IRON DUKE and was the commissioning Navigating Officer in HMS CLYDE, deploying to the South Atlantic.

Qualifying as a Principal Warfare Officer in 2012, he joined the UK's high-readiness Anti-Submarine frigate HMS ST ALBANS as the Underwater Warfare specialist and Operations Officer, completing multinational exercises and national tasking and contributing to the Ship being awarded the Surface Flotilla Underwater Warfare Trophy. An appointment to the UK Maritime Battlestaff followed, which included a tour to the UK Maritime Component Commander Bahrain as Deputy Staff Operations Officer during the COUGAR 13 deployment.

He has had the privilege to command the patrol boat HMS BLAZER, and Sandown Class Minehunters RAMSEY, SHOREHAM and BANGOR, the latter of which was deployed to the Gulf for Operation KIPION.

A graduate of Advanced Command and Staff Course, Tom lives in Devon with his young family. A keen kitesurfer, he is Secretary of the RNRM Kitesurfing Association; when there is no wind and he is not renovating the family home, he also enjoys running, cycling and motorcycling.