



Lieutenant Commander Mark White Royal Navy

Mark White joined the Royal Navy in 2007 as a Direct Graduate Entrant and completed Fleet Time in HM Ship's Exeter, Ocean and Chiddingfold. His first appointment as HM2 and Gunnery Officer in HMS Enterprise saw a varied deployment conducting survey operations in the Red Sea, Arabian Gulf and South Atlantic, including a period of temporary loan in HMS Montrose during the piracy patrol OP ATALANTA. Arriving at the Fleet HM Unit, White deployed in HMS Diamond during OP KIPION for a challenging deployment and period of extensive radar trials. Returning from the Middle East he joined HMS DARING for work up and deployment on OP SIDEREAL (global deployment), which included an active role in OP PATWIN (the UK disaster relief response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines).

Following Intermediate Command & Staff Course White joined NATO Joint Force Command Naples as the Oceanographer. Deployments to Romania, Kosovo and Spain followed, supporting a 4* Command on NATO operations throughout the Mediterranean and Black Sea. Returning to the UK and graduating from Advanced Survey Course, White subsequently joined the Royal Navy's Ice Patrol Ship in the role of HM1. A hugely rewarding period followed conducting a range of tasking and survey operations across the British Antarctic Territories. During the assignment HMS Protector also played a lead role in the international search for the missing submarine ARA SAN JUAN, for which White was awarded a CJO's Commendation for his contribution to the mission.

White took Command of the newest addition to the RN's Hydrographic Squadron, HMS Magpie in December '19. Tasked with surveying the inshore waters around the United Kingdom, Magpie is fully equipped with the latest range of onboard and remote sensors. Magpie delivers hydrographic survey for defence working closely with the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office.

White lives in Devon with his wife Rocio and enjoys a wide range of sports and outdoor pursuits, mainly those involving being on, in or around the water. White has represented the RNRM Cresta Team for the past 5 years.