

HMS RICHMOND

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Back to sea

HMS RICHMOND's Deployed Support Package in Bahrain ended on 11 Sep 15 and the Ship returned to sea, joined by the Commodore Portsmouth Flotilla. The Ship quickly settled back into life at sea and the myriad of trials and tests as the Ship's Company ensure that all equipment is working safely. The Ship also had a visit from the Fleet Commander, Admiral Jones.

Given the impending end of the monsoon season, HMS RICHMOND looked to profit from the increased traffic in the Gulf of Oman and known drug trafficking areas by conducting boarding operations and gathering intelligence.

HMS RICHMOND displayed its ability to multi-task as it took part in a 3 day Gulf Anti-Submarine Exercise, along with US allies. This exercise tested the Ship's Company in its core role – hunting submarines.

After over 20 days at sea, HMS RICHMOND visited Goa, India for 5 days. This stop allowed Ship's Company to prepare for the final phase of the deployment. It also allowed logistics preparations and some Defence Diplomacy with the Indian Navy, along with providing assistance to local charities and conducting a sports day for local children. The Ship's Company took advantage to try Yoga, Indian cooking classes and some well-deserved down time.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

I know that many of you will have been frustrated to learn of our future tasking through the news channels but whatever our future tasking may be, I assure you that my priority is to complete the mission successfully and bring everybody home to be reunited with friends and family.

Although we are now most definitely in the final third of the deployment, it is a time when the Ship's Company need your support and understanding more than ever. I will continue to fight to get you all a clear picture of what my Ship will be tasked to do. As always I finish by reiterating my thanks and highlighting the important RNRMW and JCCC contact numbers below:

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Big hitters

The Fleet Commander took time to visit RICHMOND in Bahrain (left), whilst the Ship's rugby team put in a great performance in difficult conditions against Bahrain Rugby Club (right).

