



Lieutenant Hywel Morgan Royal Navy

Commanding Officer HMS Express

Upon completion of a BSc(Hons) degree in Biological Sciences at the University of Wales, Swansea and a year working for the Welsh Joint Education Committee, Morgan joined BRNC Dartmouth in September 2010.

Following Phase 1 training Morgan commenced Specialist Fleet Time (SFT) in December 2011. His first phase of SFT was spent on HMS Echo, joining in Dubai before sailing almost immediately to conduct National Tasking in the Gulf of Aden, Southern Red Sea and Northern Indian Ocean. After three months, Morgan returned to the UK and joined HMS Express for her Easter deployment along the UK South coast and on to the Netherlands, culminating in a return to London in time for the Army-Navy rugby match. Morgan then re-joined Echo in Oman for the remainder of his SFT and the ship's return to the UK.

After successful completion of Nav Sea Week and Initial Warfare Officer's Course at HMS Collingwood, Morgan was deployed to HMS Scott as an additional Officer of the Watch (OOW). Joining in the Eastern Mediterranean, his four months onboard included Military Data Gathering (MDG) and National Tasking in the Gulf of Aden and Northern Indian Ocean before once again returning with the ship to the UK.

Then followed Preliminary Navigating Officer's Course, and the H2 Hydrographic Surveyor's Course at FOST HM before a 6-month assignment to HMS Enterprise. This period saw ENTP conduct survey tasking in the North Atlantic Ocean followed by work-up towards, and successful completion of Operational Sea Training (OST), during which Morgan was utilised as a back-up to the Navigating Officers and as Action Officer of the Watch.

Morgan then moved on to Fleet Navigating Officer's Course, conducting sea assessment week on HMS Lancaster before returning to HMS Enterprise in May 2014 as one of the two Navigating Officers onboard. His return to ENTP saw involvement in varied and interesting tasking, navigating the ship twice through the Suez Canal and into a large number of ports in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean. In addition to the Military Data Gathering the ship is designed to conduct, the deployment highlights include Op Overleap (evacuation of British personnel from Tripoli), wider regional engagement activities in India and ENTP's invaluable involvement in Op Litten (the UK's contribution to the EUNAVFOR Med mission tackling migration in the Mediterranean).

Born and raised in the South Wales Valleys, Morgan continues to live there with his wife, son and dog (Vinnie). Willing to try his hand at most sports, his hobbies include 5-a-side football, running and mountain biking with the intention to complete a number of triathlons during the 2017 season.