

JAMES STRIDE



RANK:COMMANDER

JOINED:1991

SPECIALISATION:WARFARE

PREVIOUS UNITS:HMS SCOTT, HMS EXETER, HMS GLOUCESTER

Military experience

Educated at King Edward VI School in Southampton, Commander Stride joined the Royal Navy in 1991 as a University Cadet and spent three years at Southampton University reading Oceanography and Physical Geography.

Following professional training, he joined HMS Bicester as the Navigating Officer in 1996. He next completed Hydrographical and Meteorological training and was appointed in 1999 as a forecaster for the Portsmouth based Type 23 Frigate Squadron.

After Frigate Navigating Officer's Course he joined HMS Scott as the Navigating Officer and one of the Survey Managers – a rewarding 18 months followed conducting ocean surveying in the Indian Ocean, Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.

Selected to be the Flag Lieutenant to the Commander-in-Chief Fleet / Commander-in-Chief Eastern Atlantic in 2002 he worked for Admiral Sir Jonathan Band for two busy years.

Completing Principle Warfare Officers' course in 2005, he joined HMS Exeter as initially the Gunnery Officer then subsequently as the Operations Officer. During his time on board, the ship conducted a number of operations and exercises in European and North African waters before deploying to the South Atlantic.

Two years at the Permanent Joint Headquarters (PJHQ) followed where he undertook a number of appointments in the Operations Division including working for the Afghanistan Operational Team, a detachment to Helmand as the PJHQ Liaison Officer to 52 Infantry Brigade and a year as the Military Assistant to the Brigadier charged with the day-to-day running of overseas joint operations.

Joining HMS Gloucester as the Executive Officer in 2009, he enjoyed a rewarding appointment including two deployments to the South Atlantic and decommissioning her in August 2011.

After successfully completing Advanced Command and Staff Course he joined HMS Duncan in December 2012 as her first Commanding Officer.

A Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society his other interests, when time allows, centre on maintaining fitness, getting on the water (he owns a variety of watercraft including a small yacht, some dinghies and a number of canoes) and generally being outdoors.