

# John Cunane

## Cdr (RNR)

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Born in Bury, Lancashire in 1964 John Cunane joined the Merchant Navy aged 17 qualifying as a Deck Officer prior to joining the RN in 1985.

His early career was as the Logistics Officer of three submarines culminating in bringing the UK's first Trident Class submarine (HMS VANGUARD) into service. In 1996, he attended the Advanced Logistics Officers Course before his appointment to Rosyth, overseeing the logistical aspects of the refitting 3 x Type 42s Destroyers, after which he joined HMS SOUTHAMPTON for extensive post refit trials and Sea Training.

A most enjoyable 3 year appointment as Deputy Base Logistics Officer at RNAS CULDROSE in Cornwall, was followed by an even more enjoyable three years as Assistant Naval Adviser in the Defence Liaison Staff within the British High Commission in Ottawa.

Returning to the UK in Jul 2006, he worked initially supporting front line maritime logistics within CINCFLEET Northwood, before a 2-year appointment as Deputy Base Logistics in Clyde Submarine Base, directly involved in the operational support to the UK's nuclear deterrent. Prior to assuming Command of UKJSU Lisbon, he completed an Operational Tour as Deputy Chief of Staff in Camp Bastion (Afghanistan) responsible for Real Life Support to 6000 personnel.

His last 3 years in the Royal Navy were based in Bristol (Abbey wood) as Project Manager within the Joint Support Chain. He left in Jun 16 and is currently a MOD civil servant working alongside BAE on the T26 Frigate programme.

In May 2017, he had the privilege of being appointed Commanding Officer of HMS DALRIADA, the Maritime Reserves Unit for those working and living in the West of Scotland

