

Lieutenant Commander **Brian Drewett** Royal Navy

Commanding Officer
MCM1 Crew 5



Educated at The Henry Box School in Oxfordshire, Brian Drewett joined the Royal Navy in 2004 after reading for a BSc in Exploration Geology at Cardiff University and an MSc in Global Security at the Royal Military College of Science.

Post initial training he completed his specialist training in HM Ships MANCHESTER, CHIDDINGFOLD, NOTTINGHAM and with the Gibraltar Squadron. He was awarded the Queen's Binoculars and qualified in 2006, joining the Sandown Class Mine Hunter HMS BANGOR and latterly HMS RAMSEY as the Navigating Officer. On completion of Fleet Navigating Officers course in 2008 he first joined the destroyer HMS GLOUCESTER; moving to HMS EDINBURGH as Navigating Officer.

In 2009 he was selected for the US Personnel Exchange Programme and Navigating Officer of USS WINSTON S CHURCHILL, an Arleigh Burke Flight IIA destroyer, based in Norfolk, Virginia. He deployed with Carrier Strike Group 10 into the Fifth Fleet area (Middle East) and was awarded the Navy & Marine Corps commendation medal and a FLEET Commander's Commendation for his performance.

Brian returned to the UK in early 2011 and took Command of the Patrol Boat HMS TRACKER, and assumed duties as Officer-in-Charge of Oxford University Royal Naval Unit. Highlights of his time in Command include deployments around the UK and Europe, leading the Patrol Boat element attached to the London 2012 Olympic Games sailing venue in Portland, overseeing a hull swap to HMS SMITER and being a board member of the Guy Hudson Trust.

Completing Principal Warfare Officer (PWO) Course in 2014, Brian joined the newest Air Defence Destroyer, HMS DUNCAN, as PWO (Under water) and latterly Operations Officer. DUNCAN left for her maiden deployment in March 2015, integrating into Carrier Strike Group 12 as the alternate Air & Missile Defence Commander, where he was embarked in USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT, a Nimitz Class aircraft carrier, as the UK Liaison Officer to the Task Force Commander.

Brian joined the Staff of Flag Officer Sea Training (South) as a Staff Warfare Officer (Above water) in February 2016 and latterly the principal Staff Warfare Officer to Commander Sea Training, responsible for Above Water Tactical, Medium Calibre Gunnery, training of Norwegian vessels and the day to day management of the Warfare Department.

Living in Portsmouth, Brian is a trustee of MKC Heroes, a Royal British Legion Charity which focuses on support to the children of service personnel. Selected for Sea Command, he assumed command of MCM1 Crew 5 and HMS PEMBROKE in February 2017.