



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER R L KEMP ROYAL NAVY
COMMANDER FASLANE PATROL BOAT SQUADRON
COMMANDING OFFICER HMS RAIDER

Rich Kemp was born in Essex and joined the Royal Navy in 2002 after reading International Relations and Politics at the University of Portsmouth.

Following initial officer training at Britannia Royal Naval College and Fleet Time onboard HMS EDINBURGH in the Mediterranean, he was appointed as a Gunnery Officer and British Sea Fisheries Officer in HMS MERSEY, boarding and inspecting fishing vessels operating in UK waters. Subsequently, he was appointed to HMS CHATHAM as the Signal Communications Officer and Officer of the Watch 1. This was a busy and demanding appointment which culminated with an Op TELIC deployment to the Northern Arabian Gulf, where CHATHAM acted as the flagship for the RN Command of CTF 158, responsible for the protection of Iraqi waters and oil infrastructure. During this time CHATHAM was also involved in a major narcotics interdiction in the Arabian Sea.

Returning to the UK, Rich undertook navigation training prior to being appointed to HMS YORK as the Navigating Officer. The next two years saw YORK return to the Fleet following a major refit, participate in multi-national exercises, and then conduct a challenging seven month deployment on Atlantic Patrol Task (South), which was mainly spent in and around the Falkland Islands. The highlight of this time was the chance to navigate through the Antarctic ice to the remote South Sandwich Islands before visiting the stunning wilderness of South Georgia.

Upon return to the UK he was selected to serve on the staff of Flag Officer Sea Training as a navigation sea-rider, responsible for the training and development of bridge teams within the small ship community.

Rich joined the Faslane Patrol Boat Squadron in September 2012, assuming Command of first HMS DASHER and then HMS RAIDER. In July 2013 he was promoted and assumed Command of the Faslane Patrol Boat Squadron. He lives in Scotland with his wife and young family.