



Commander Patrick Mowatt Royal Navy

Born and educated in West Yorkshire, Pat Mowatt joined Britannia Royal Naval College as a Midshipman in January 1992. After Fleet time experience and Junior Warfare Officer training he read for the in-service BA degree in Maritime Defence, Management and Technology, graduating with honours in 1996. Sub specialising in military Hydrographic Surveying, Meteorology and Oceanography (HM), Pat completed a period as the Gunnery Officer in HMS BEAGLE before undertaking a highly rewarding appointment in the Ice Patrol Ship HMS ENDURANCE, planning and managing detached survey operations in the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia and Falkland Islands.

This was followed in 1999 by an appointment as the Operations Officer of HMS BULLDOG, undertaking Military Data Gathering (MDG) around the UK, the Mediterranean and the Arabian Gulf. This period also encompassed NATO duties in the Adriatic acting as the Mine Counter Measures (MCM) Command platform during Operation ALLIED HARVEST.

After completing advanced specialist training in 2001 he became the first Operations Officer of HMS ECHO, co-ordinating her extensive first of class sea trials and taking her through commissioning and sea training in preparation to undertake her operational duties.

An exchange appointment with the Royal Australian Navy followed in 2003 during which he served as the senior surveyor in both HMAS MELVILLE and HMAS LEEUWIN conducting Maritime Security patrols and MDG around Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia.

Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 2004 he returned to UK duties the following year on the staff of the Maritime Warfare School, instructing Officers in military survey principles and techniques. This was followed in 2007 by a short period in the Joint Operational environment at the Intelligence Collection Group (ICG).

Returning to sea in 2008 as the Executive Officer in HMS ENTERPRISE, the watch rotational manning afforded him extensive periods in Command whilst undertaking MDG off West Africa, the Arabian Gulf and Gulf of Oman. In Dec 2010 he joined the staff of the Above Water Capability area in the MoD with the responsibility for the planning and delivery oversight of future inshore and offshore Patrol (including Ice Patrol), HM and pan-Defence small boat capability.

Promoted to Commander in 2012, he was subsequently selected to take Command of the Ocean Survey Vessel HMS SCOTT.

Having reluctantly hung up his Rugby Union boots Pat now keeps himself fit in the gym as well as walking, swimming and rowing. Despite his Yorkshire blood, he has settled in Devon with his wife and three young children.