



Commander Simon Rogers Royal Navy



Simon Rogers grew up in Sussex, England and joined the Royal Marines in 1995 but after a training accident transferred to the Navy, joining Britannia Royal Navy College in 1997 as a Warfare Officer. Initial training appointments included deploying to the Falkland Islands in HMS Brave, and a North Atlantic/Caribbean counter narcotics deployment in HMS Sheffield.

Selected as a minor warship navigator, he joined the minehunter HMS Cromer in 1999 conducting two NATO Baltic MCM deployments including a transit of the Norwegian inner leads north of the Arctic circle. He then served in HMS Chatham as Senior Officer of the Watch and Communications Officer. During this time, he completed Baltic and Mediterranean deployments and Op TELIC in 2003 where HMS Chatham conducted Naval Gunfire Support for the Royal Marines landings in southern Iraq. He returned to Basra, Iraq in 2004 as the Operations Officer of the RN Team responsible for training and mentoring the Iraqi Inland Waterways Police.

After further deployments in HMS Grafton conducting Gulf and Indian ocean operations and successfully completing the Principal Warfare Officers' (PWO) Course, he joined the helicopter assault ship HMS Ocean as the PWO(Comms/EW) in 2006. In HMS Ocean he conducted Op VELA, an amphibious deployment to West Africa and another counter narcotics North Atlantic/Caribbean deployment as the Operations Officer (OPSO). He then joined the frigate HMS Cumberland as OPSO bringing her out of refit, through Operational Sea Training and on to a NATO Mediterranean deployment which included Counter Piracy operations off Somalia and East Africa.

Appointed to Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) in 2009 as a warfare SWO he was responsible for delivering UK based warfare training to Ship Command teams across RN and foreign platforms as well as responsibility for coordinating RN sea training worldwide.

Selected for sea command he took Command of the minehunter HMS Hurworth in August 2011 and completed two operational Gulf deployments between 2011-2013 before returning to the UK for a shore-based N1 manpower appointment. Promoted Commander in 2016 and again selected for sea command he was appointed to FOST Mine warfare and Patrol Vessels as Commander Sea Training where he was responsible for planning and delivering all operational sea training for RN minor war vessels and diving teams. He then served as the Commander on the RN Presentation Team for a year before being appointed to the US Naval War College.