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Meet The New Boss!



Introducing Our New OIC.

It is with pleasure that we are delighted to announce that, following a long selection process, **PO(SCC) Alex Duncan** will be taking over as Officer in Charge (OIC) of **TS Otter** with effect from 1st October 2025.

PO Duncan is joining us from Stroud Unit, **TS Severn**, and will be a familiar face as he has been instructing through the boating season at **Tewkesbury Cruising and Sailing Club**.

The newsletter team has reached out to **PO Duncan** to introduce himself, in his own words:

“Greetings all,

Thank you for the warm welcome to the wonderful unit that is **TS Otter**. My name is **PO(SCC) Duncan**, and I’m delighted to be your new Officer in Charge. I can’t wait to get to know each of you.

I’ve been with the Corps since my own cadet days—from Juniors through Seniors—and I’ve volunteered as an adult for over six years. I’m happiest on (and in!) the water: I love waterborne activities, especially powerboating and sailing, and I’m always up for an offshore adventure. I love seeing our cadets having fun and getting stuck into the huge variety of Sea Cadets activities. I’m excited to work with you to help shape the future of our unit.”

— **PO(SCC) A. Duncan**

Welcome to TS Otter!

Commanding Officer: S/Lt David Anderson

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Random Navy Fact:

With over **400** years of history, the **Royal Navy** has been home to many sailors. We know of the famous Admirals, like **Nelson**, but what about others who served but became famous in other fields?

Sean Connery – the original 007 actor – joined the RN at 16.

Ian Fleming – the author of **James Bond** – served in the Royal Naval Intelligence Service

Sir Alec Guinness – the original **Obi-Wan Kenobi** – commanded a landing craft in WW2

Even two Doctor Who actors, **Patrick Troughton** (Second Doctor) and **Jon Pertwee** (Third Doctor) served during WW2 in the RN.

More recently, **Duncan Bannatyne**, of **Dragon's Den** fame, served after leaving school.



From Claire, the Chair.

TS Otter needs you!

We need volunteers!

There we go. Short and simple, but it is truer today than at any other stage since the unit was formed in 1942. This Unit relies on volunteers for everything. Every event, every regatta, every function, and every instructional session depends on the willingness of volunteers. The hard work and dedication of the cadets and their achievements are matched by that of the volunteers behind the scenes.

Without cadets, there is no unit. Without the volunteers, there is no Sea Cadet Experience.

We are desperate for more volunteers. Perhaps you feel you could help with instruction. Fabulous! Come and speak to me or the CO.

Perhaps you would like to help run the unit on the operational side. Wonderful – come and speak to me or the CO.

Perhaps you don't have the time and can only help occasionally. We are grateful for any contribution, so please come and speak to me or the CO.

We need YOU!



NATIONALS CANCELLED

It was with sadness that we received the news that the National Regatta at the Excel Centre in London had been cancelled due to the prospect of extreme weather.

Our current Commanding Officer, **SLt (SCC) David Anderson RNR**, has taken this opportunity to share his own disappointment for our cadets who have worked and trained so hard to represent the Unit at this showpiece event. The cadets have put in the hours of training, sweat and sheer dedication to be competition-ready.

If any more news comes through, the Command Team will let you know as soon as possible.

Event Dates Ahead!

19th October Trafalgar Parade, compulsory attendance, Ross-on-Wye

TS Otter (Tewkesbury Sea Cadets), Trinity Walk, Oldbury Road, Tewkesbury GL20 5NP