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Red Hot RNP!



Royal Naval Parade (RNP) Debrief

On Wednesday, **16th July 2025**, the Area Officer, **Commander Gary Mills (RN)**, accompanied by several members of the District Team and local dignitaries, attended the **Royal Naval Parade** at the Unit. We were delighted to welcome the **Mayor and Mayoress of Tewkesbury**, as well as representatives from the **Masonic Lodge**. All our dignitaries were given tours of the Unit and got to watch our cadets in action. We are delighted to say that we received excellent feedback about our unit, our cadets and our volunteers.

During his RNP address, **Commander Mills** reminded everyone that there are **76 Sea Cadet** units with **3 embryo units** and **27 Royal Marine Detachments** in the **South West**. **TS Otter** is at the very top of the list in terms of delivery of the **Sea Cadet Experience** and quality of training. Meeting cadets at an RNP is the Area Officer's favourite part of his role, and he loved the variety of activities displayed during the evening, the confidence with which the cadets spoke and their demeanour when interacting with staff, other cadets and himself.

Since the parade, the Area Officer asked our CO, **S/Lt (SCC) Anderson (RNR)**, to say that he very much enjoyed his visit and to pass on his thanks to all the Volunteers, Cadets, and Parents for their dedication to the **Sea Cadet Corps** and in supporting **TS Otter**. **Commander Mills** confirms that we are a:

"Top Performing Unit in the South West Area".

BRAVO ZULU TO EVERYONE!

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Random Navy Fact:

Over **13,000** vessels have served in the **Royal Navy**, with many tales to tell. Arguably, the “luckiest” **Royal Navy** ship was **HMS Jervis**, a J-Class Destroyer that served during WW2.

HMS Jervis served for **5 ½ years** and in **13** major actions throughout the war without losing a single member of the crew to enemy action. An example of her luck can be seen in her actions at **Anzio** in **1944**. Supporting the landing with gunfire, **Jervis** and her sister ship, **Janus**, were attacked by enemy aircraft. Both were hit; **Janus**’ forward magazine exploded, sinking her with the loss of nearly 160 of her crew; **Jervis**’ bow was blown off, but the destroyer was able to return to port safely. Astonishingly, not one of her crew was harmed in this incident, and she was able to rescue over 80 of **Janus**’ crew.

UNIT NEWS!

At the **Royal Naval Parade**, **Commander Mills** made the following awards to the unit:

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award: **PPO N Anderson**

Recent Promotion Boards: Able Cadet to Leading Cadet: **LC Jack LC Brendan**

Commodore's Broad Pennant awarded to: **Leading Junior Cadet Nathan**

YSS 2 and YSS 3: **OC Keira**

YSS 3: **Cadet Louie**

YSS 2: **Cadet First Class Esme**

YSS1: **Cadet Will**

RYA Powerboat 2: **OC Emilia**

RYA Powerboat 1: **Cadet Louie**

Row 3: **OC Izzy Cadet Sophie**

Row 2: **Cadet Adam**

Row 1: **JC Blake JC Oscar**

Go Row 3 Sliding seat: **LC Brendan LC Jack OC Izzy** Offshore Sail Seaman: **LC Jon**

From the Commanding Officer.

I would like to thank everyone who has welcomed me back as **Commanding Officer** of the unit. Although my tenure is limited while a new OiC is found, I am determined to ensure **TS Otter** continues with its good record and has a steady hand on the tiller until any future transitions of command.

All the Area Regattas have now finished, and I have been most impressed with the effort put in by our Volunteers, Cadets and the support of parents that make the regattas such a success. Successes in the Yole, Rowing, Sailing and Kayaking have heavily contributed to the high standing of **Severn District** within the **South West Area**. Make no mistake, we contribute massively to the inter-district competition and, once again, we did not disappoint. Well done to all involved.

Event Dates Ahead!

25th August, Bank Holiday, the unit will be closed

29th - 31st August, National Combined Regatta at the Excel Centre, London

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

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