

# IN OTTER NEWS

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## We're Going Green!!!



### A Sunny Future

Thanks to the efforts of the Unit Chair and the UMT, **TS Otter** was lucky enough to be awarded a grant towards the installation of **3.08 kWh** solar panels and a **10 kWh** battery storage system.

Aside from looking great on our stores building, the system is already up and running. Thanks to the software data generated from the system, we have already identified where the unit was using unnecessary energy.

It's exciting to announce that with the new system and the energy efficiency efforts, the unit was able to be completely **off-grid** for electricity for several days in the last few weeks. So far in March, the system has generated **160 kWhs** of electricity, and has already helped us to start carbon saving to the equivalent of two trees being planted!

We are hoping to find a way of displaying the energy saving and solar generation so everyone can see how the unit is doing. It's certainly exciting times as **TS Otter** enters a **greener** future.

Listen out for announcements about a **VIP event in April** to showcase our latest addition to the unit!

### Random Navy Fact:

The world's first recognised **aircraft carrier** was **HMS Argus**, which was converted from an ocean liner to have a flight deck. She was commissioned in **1918** and even saw limited service in **WW2**.

The first ship to be designed as an aircraft carrier from the keel up was **HMS Hermes**, which was commissioned in **1924**. She also saw service in **WW2** and was sunk in **1942**.

### UNIT NEWS!

There was another busy divisions on **February 26<sup>th</sup> 2025** with lots of awards.

**Water Safety test:** JC Riley

**Water Safety test and Swim test:** JC Alex, JC Marika, Cadet Sophie

**Intermediate First Aid:** CFC Harvey, Johnny, Esme, Issy

**Advanced Peer Educator:** LC Jon

**Cadet Drill Instructor:** LC Jon (Who was first in the class and is invited to the National Drill Competition in April!)

**BZ** to everyone for their achievements! And we have exciting news about even more cadets being accepted to offshore places in April!

OC Emily and OC Emilia will be going from Weymouth to Plymouth on **T.S. John Jerwood**.

CFC Luke will be going Weymouth to Plymouth, while CFC Esme and OC Kiera will be going from Plymouth to Plymouth aboard the yachts **TS City of London** and **TS Sir Stelios**.

We can't wait to hear all about it!

### A Word from the Commanding Officer.

I would like to start by saying a massive "BZ" ("Well Done!") to those who have attended courses this month. Cadets have travelled far and wide to gain qualifications in disciplines such as Physical Training, First Aid and Catering. As always, if there are any courses that you are interested in, please speak to the **TO** or register your interest on the **Portal**.

Another BZ – this time to our **Armed Drill Team** on their fantastic performance at the **Area Drill & Piping Competition** earlier this month. After only 4 weeks of training, I am pleased to report we placed **fourth** in the Armed Guard category, with our Guard Commander also placing **fourth** individually. In the recording, you may be able to hear the crying from myself and the **First Lieutenant** in the background, as we were overcome with pride!

Heading in to April, it's the last push with CTP and Specialisations before the boating season – only a few weeks to go! We will shortly be asking for your boating preferences – **so get thinking!**

### Training Dates Ahead!

There are **many** new training courses and opportunities coming up.

At **Evening Colours**, listen out to announcements from **Lt. Harrison**, the **Training Officer**, and keep checking out the **Portal** and online.

**If in doubt – just ask!**