

Captain Peter Laughton MBE Royal Navy The Captain HMS ALBION



Captain Peter Laughton assumed command of HMS Albion on 15 January 2019.

Joining the Royal Navy in 1992, Peter has spent the majority of his career at sea in frigates, destroyers and minehunters. He specialised as a Mine Warfare, Diving and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer in 1998, and qualified as a Principal Warfare Officer (Above Water) in 2006. His overseas deployments have included: maritime security operations in Hong Kong (1993); maritime interdiction and boarding operations in the Adriatic during the Bosnian Crisis (1994); the Arabian Gulf in 2003 for Operation Telic; and the Falkland Islands on five occasions (1996-2015) for Atlantic Patrol Task (South). He was appointed MBE in the Operational Honours List in October 2003.

As a Lieutenant, he commanded the Northern Ireland Patrol Vessel, HMS Dulverton (2003-2005) conducting counter-terrorism patrols in support of Operation Banner. Post promotion to Commander in 2012 and attendance on the Advanced Command and Staff Course (where he gained an MA in Defence studies), he spent 27 months in command of HMS Lancaster (The Queen's frigate).

His shore appointments have included the UK Permanent Joint Headquarters, Navy Command Headquarters, and more recently the Ministry of Defence as the Naval Assistant to the First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff. Returning to Portsmouth Flotilla in May 17, he enjoyed 19 months as Captain Surface Ships.

Peter lives in West Sussex with his wife and two children – he enjoys reading, road/mountain biking and sailing the family boat (April Day) in Chichester Harbour.