



Commanding Officer HMNZS ENDEAVOUR



Commander Martin Doolan, RNZN

Welsh-born Commander Martine Doolan was educated at Whitchurch High School and later at the University of East Anglia. He joined the Royal Navy in 1984. After completing basic training at Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth, his first appointment was to HMS NAIAD as Officer of the Watch in 1986, where he was awarded his Bridge Watch-keeping Certificate whilst conducting duties within the Standing Naval Force Atlantic.

Having completed the Ships' Diving Officers Course he was appointed to HMS ACHILLES also as Officer of the Watch, before joining HMS ALACRITY in 1989 as the Navigating Officer.

He completed the Initial Staff Course in 1991 at the Royal Naval College Greenwich and Principal Warfare Officer (PWO) course, specialising in Under Water Warfare (U) in 1992.

He subsequently joined HMS CHATHAM as PWO(U) and Operations Officer acting as the Flagship for the Commander Standing Naval Force Mediterranean during Operation Sharp Guard (Adriatic). At the end of this appointment he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1994. Returning to HMS DRYAD to complete the Force Anti Submarine Warfare Course he was then appointed to HMS MARLBOROUGH also as PWO(U) and Operations Officer, before joining Captain Fourth Frigate Squadron Staff as Staff Warfare Officer (SWO) and Squadron Operations Officer in 1995.

An appointment to Flag Officer Sea Training, again as SWO(U), followed before joining HMS NEWCASTLE as Executive Officer in 1998, which included involvement in both Operations Bolton (Gulf) and Kingower (Kosovo).

Further staff training followed in the form of the Advanced Command and Staff Course at the Joint Staff Command and Staff College in 1999 where he also gained a Masters Degree in Defence Studies. In 2000 he was selected for promotion to Commander and appointed to the UK Maritime Battle Staff before moving ashore to take up the appointment as Commander Under Water Warfare at the Maritime Warfare Centre. In 2003 CDR Doolan joined the staff at the Maritime Warfare School during which time he also gained an MSc before completing his final appointment in the Royal Navy at the Directorate of Naval Career Management.

On joining the Royal New Zealand Navy in 2009, LT CDR Doolan was posted to sea in HMNZS TE MANA as the Operations Officer before taking up a shore posting as Operations Training Officer. He completed a short posting as the Commanding Officer in HMNZS WELLINGTON prior to joining the Maritime Operational Evaluation Team in 2011 initially as the Fleet Warfare Officer and then following promotion to Commander taking up the Fleet Seamanship and Executive Officer post in 2012.

CDR Doolan is a keen sportsman with a positive attitude towards physical fitness. In 2010 he

became the Coach for the RNZN soccer team before stepping up to the NZDF Assistant Coach in 2014. He is married to Julie and they have twin daughters.