## LT CDR PHIL CARROLL RN (Retd)

## Date and place of birth 27 Nov 58, Gosport

#### Education

Sep 70-Jul 77: Brune Park Comprehensive, Military Rd, Gosport (opposite end to HMS Sultan)

Oct 77-Jun 80: University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne (BSc (Hons) Geography)

### **Careers**

## Sep 80-Mar 84 Blue Star Ship Management Ltd

4-year Merchant Navy deck cadetship, worldwide sea-time accrued on merchantmen (general cargo, fridge cargo, containers, heavy-lift) plus college phases at Liverpool Poly culminating in 2<sup>nd</sup> Mates Foreign-Going Cert of Competency.

# Apr 84-Aug 08 Royal Navy

Apr 84-Dec 84 BRNC (Direct Graduate Entry Seaman Officer, Hydrography)

Jan 85-Dec 85 Fleet Time in Gavinton and Brinton, then Exeter (Armilla Patrol)

Jan 86-Mar 86 OOW Course

Apr 86-Sep 86 Fawn/Gleaner (Probationary H)

Sep 86-Dec 86 RN Hydrographic School, HMS Drake (Officers' Basic H Course)

Dec 86-Dec 88 Fox (Survey Officer / OOW)

Dec 88-Dec 89 Hecla (Geophysical Officer / OOW)

Jan 90-Feb 92 BRNC (DO, Hawke Division)

Mar 92-Mar 93 NP 1008 (mv Marine Explorer) (XO / Survey Officer)

Apr 93-Oct 93 RN Hydrographic School, HMS Drake (Officers' Long H Course)

Oct 93-Nov 95 Hecla (Ops Officer / OOW)

Jan 96-Oct 96 Beagle (XO)

Oct 96-Jul 97 Scott (XO)

Aug 97-May 00 Loan Service to Royal Navy of Oman (OiC, Hydrographic Training Unit)

May 00- Jul 02 JCSE, Izmir, Turkey (Deputy Chief, Operational Planning Group)

Sep 00-Mar 21 KFOR (Deputy Chief, CIMIC KFOR Rear, Skopje, FYROM)

Sep 02-Jul 03 Defence School of Languages, JHQ Rheindahlen (German language training)

Sep 03-Aug 06 Marineschule Murwik, Flensburg, Germany (Exchange Officer)

Sep 06-Mar 07 Defence School of Languages, Beaconsfield (Russian language training)

Mar 07-Aug 08 Joint Arms Control Implementation Group, RAF Henlow (Arms Control Inspector)

### Aug 08-May 09 Gems Survey Ltd

Party Chief conducting/managing fibre optic cable route surveys from UK to Gibraltar / Nigeria

### Jun 09-Nov 18 Royal Australian Navy

Jul 09-Jul 13 Leeuwin and Melville (Senior Assistant Surveyor)

Jul 13-Jul 18 HQJOC, Bungendore, NSW (Watch Commander, J33)

Nov 18 Retired

#### Nov 18 to date Retirement

10 Dec 18 Lynne and I returned permanently to UK

22 Mar 19 bought and moved into cottage outside Crediton

Enjoying a blissful retirement in glorious Devon countryside.

Gardening.

Daily gym sessions.

Racketball 2 or 3 times per week.

National Trust volunteer ranger at Killerton on Mondays.

Volunteer groundsman at Crediton Rugby Club on Saturday mornings.

First volume of memoirs recently published "Under a Big Blue Star" Currently scribbling second volume.



Lynne and me, October 2022



Lt Cdr RN, Gorch Fock 2004



Lt RN 1986



Deck Cadet 1980