

Lt Cdr BE (Ted) Seath RN

I was educated At Cheltenham Grammar School and was a member of Tewkesbury Sea Cadets rising to the rate of Petty Officer.

Joined Royal Naval College Dartmouth Sept 1956. Graduated January 1959.

Joined Air Picket destroyer HMS Crossbow as Sub Lieutenant under training and Deputy Air Control officer.

Minelayer HMS PLOVER as Navigating officer March 1961 to March 1962. Generally employed minelaying for UK and NATO minesweeping exercises in N European waters. Promoted Lieutenant 1961. HMS REDOUBT Tank Landing Craft participated in the first landings in Kuwait to throw out Iraq in 1962. HMS WOTTON home division Fishery Protection Squadron as First Lieutenant Aug 1963-November 1964. HMS CHICHESTER (Frigate as Navigating Officer. Based in Singapore and deeply involved in Malayan/Indonesian Confrontation July 1965-April 1966.

The remaining dates are uncertain but involved HMS WAKEFUL (Navigation training ship) as navigating officer and navigating training officer.

HMS DARTINGTON as 1st Lieutenant and spare CO inshore Flotilla to the end of Confrontation. HMS DUNCAN (Frigate) as 1st Lt. General duties including some highly classified work in the Denmark Strait between Greenland and Iceland.

Promoted to Lt Cdr in Sept. 1969.

HMS BELTON in command. The pacesetter of the Fishery Protection according to annual inspection report.

Student at the Canadian Joint Services Staff College from Sept. 1971-June 1972 under a NATO exchange agreement

HMS SCYLLA as 1st Lt. and Squadron Seamanship Officer. Deployed worldwide.

HMS OSPREY as Staff NBCD officer to Flag Officer Sea Training.

HMS JURA Offshore patrol ship in command.

HMS JERSEY Offshore patrol ship in command.

HMS TAMAR Naval Base Hong Kong as 1st Lt. Staff seamanship Officer to The HONG KONG Squadron and l/c locally entered personnel's training school.

Senior Officer Standby Squadron Chatham. A collection of ships in operational reserve consisting of 7 frigates 1 cruiser and 1 heavy repair ship (former aircraft carrier). The frigates were commissioned for service periodically under my command for trials usually lasting a couple of months. The closure of Chatham Dockyard in early 1983 coincided with my retirement from RN.

In all I spent 27 years in the RN followed by 5 years training the reserves and a further 5 years as a Master Mariner in the merchant navy.

