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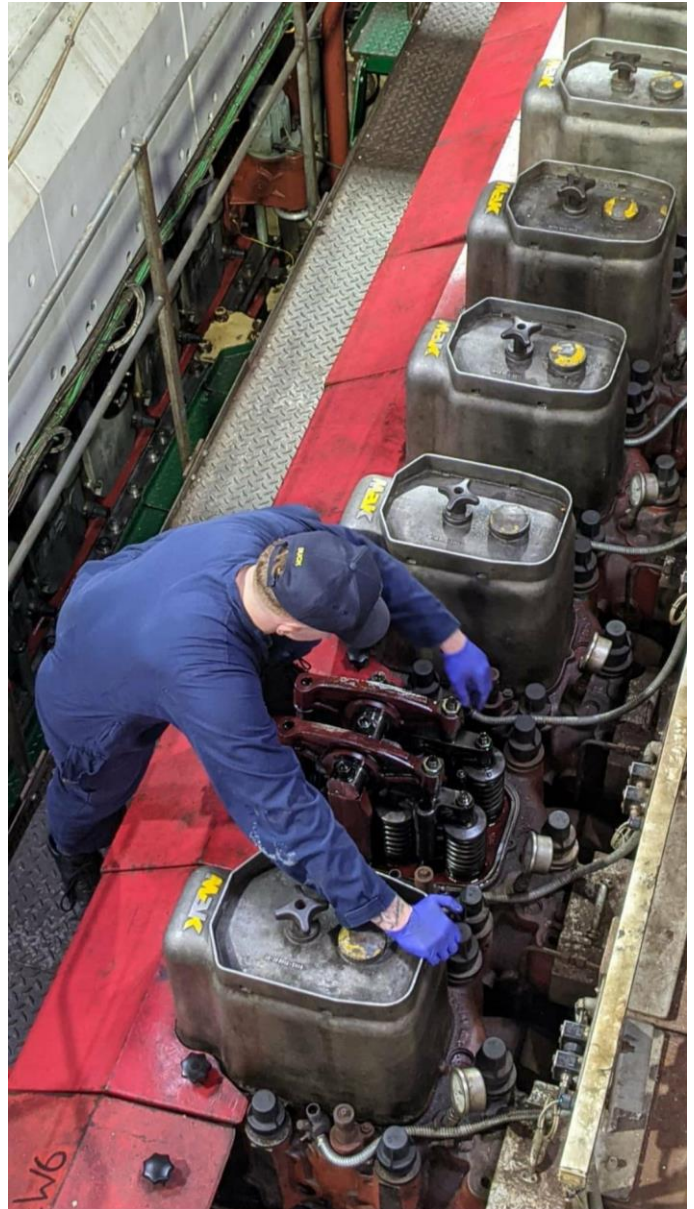
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RECORD BREAKING YEAR

Welcome to the latest edition of the PP, where we bring you all the news from HMS SCOTT, Europe's largest deep water survey vessel.

The main headline is that it's been an incredibly successful year for the crew. SCOTT has surveyed a massive 214,000km² during the summer survey season – an area 10 times the size of Wales. It has been the most successful survey season since the ship was commissioned 24 years ago. The professionalism, teamwork and determination of the whole crew produced this resounding success.

After the record breaking summer the ship needed to recover from the relentless attacks of the salty sea and get some love and attention. In October SCOTT came alongside Gibraltar for the second maintenance period of the year. Engines need to rest and relax as much as any sailor! The crew worked around the clock to maintain and repair equipment and preserve and repair the upperdeck. The engines got their paint and the upperdeck got its gears...or was that the other way around?



Anyway, with the repairs and maintenance complete the ship looks better than ever, ready to tackle the next challenge.

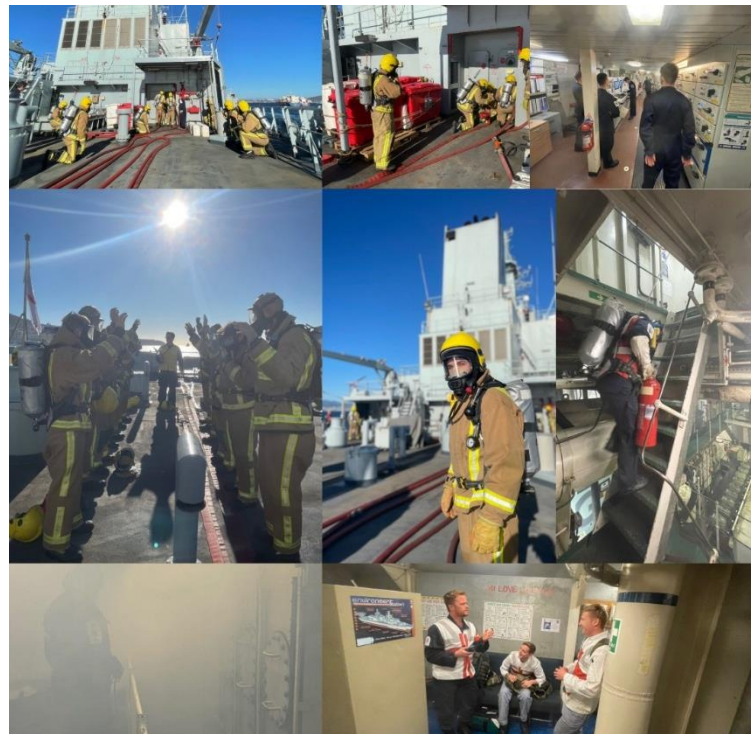


FOST IN TIME

SCOTT continues her deployment and is operating from a forward position – this means we need support and training delivered to us many thousands of miles from UK waters. By the end of 2021, SCOTT was long overdue a visit from the FOST (Fleet Operational Sea Training) staff. The FOST teams visit ships to ensure they are all adequately trained and ready to face the rigours of operating safely and effectively.

Preparations to ready the ship for the FOST inspections were completed well in advance. For many months the crew had followed a training plan to be ready for the worst that the FOST staff could throw at us. The 'Qs' (the ship's staff responsible for the on board damage control training) had drilled the crew to respond with 'controlled aggression' to extinguish fires and deal with floods in an enthusiastic yet careful manner.

While the affectionately named 'Fosties' were on board, SCOTT's crew engaged in firefighting exercises, seamanship tests, leak stopping training and in an exercise in which the ship supposedly suffers a collision which results in damage and multiple fires and floods. Great resolve and courage was shown, and points to improve on were hoisted in and quickly rectified. SCOTT was deemed safe to perform her duties and our FOST friends departed, greatly impressed with the team's motivation and determination to achieve good results.



HOLIDAYS AWAY

Life in the Royal Navy and seeing the world as part of your career means sometimes you have to be away from home at Christmas. And while this can be quite hard, the crew makes an effort to come together and get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

One of the Navy's long standing traditions at Christmas is to have the officers serve the junior rates as a thank you for all the hard work they do throughout the year. From preparing to serving to clearing up after, the officers do it all. Look how happy Lt Settle and Surg Lt Zhao looked to be doing the dishes. Even the Captain gets involved in carving and serving so that everyone gets a little spoiled at Christmas time.

After dinner everyone retired to their respective messes and exchanged all their secret Santa presents and gifts from the Operation Christmas Box charity, which provides deployed personnel around the world with a little present to open.



***From all on board HMS SCOTT
we wish you a Happy New Year!***



“SPELUNKING” IS NOT A RUDE WORD

Whilst alongside in Gibraltar, the crew have enjoyed many of the activities and delights that the Rock has to offer, be that the delicious local food or the cave exploring within the Rock itself. Exploring the gorgeous natural formations and mysterious tunnels within the Rock was certainly a highlight for some, and despite the variety of climbing skills present in the ship's company, no one got lost and everyone returned in one piece.

Alas, Gibraltar was not forever and the ship sailed for her next survey leg. It was yet again another incredibly successful survey mission with the ship arriving in sunny Lisbon for a watch handover and more importantly; some well-earned time ashore. A few of the more athletic members of ship's company took on the local football team and while they gave it their best efforts, were ultimately bested by the professionals. Best get practising on the foredeck then!

Yet again our time ashore was short but refreshing as we headed off back to sea for another leg of surveying in the North Atlantic. But this time we had the honour of SLt Smith, our resident musician, play us out with his incredible bagpipe performance on the foredeck. Naturally, the locals loved the subtle and graceful notes of Britain's most iconic musical instrument, as we sailed away into the blue yonder.



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*To strive, to seek, to
find... and not to
yield.*

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