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NAVIGATION CADET SAILS AWAY WITH TOP HONOUR



PICTURE CAPTION: Sub Lieutenant Aimee Moore is pictured right receiving the award from the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, Chief Executive, Mike Robinson.

A cadet at the Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) has been recognised for her top navigational skills.

Sub Lieutenant Aimee Moore has won a prestigious navigation award from the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) for showing the most improvement, progress and potential in coastal navigation and Bridge Watchkeeping skills whilst under training at the Dartmouth-based college.

UKHO, the leading chart and nautical services and products provider, sponsors the coveted prize in a bid to highlight the importance of navigation skills required by future Bridge Watchkeeping Officers.

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And to honour her achievement UKHO Chief Executive Mike Robinson was on hand to present Sub Lt Moore with her prize of a framed copy of a UKHO chart of Dartmouth Harbour surveyed by Captain Martin White RN in 1826.

Mr Robinson said: “It is a huge pleasure to present this prestigious navigation award from the UKHO in recognition of the ‘Young Officer’ who shows the most improvement and greatest potential in navigation and Watchkeeping skills.

“The UKHO enjoys a special relationship with BRNC, which has been training RN officers since 1863. It is important we work closely together to ensure a greater understanding of the maritime environment in which UKHO charts and publications are used.

“The quality of training at BRNC is world class and it is of no surprise that a number of other navies elect to train their officers here.”

The UKHO has close ties with BRNC as staff teach navigation at Initial Officer Training level and the college’s Bridge Simulator is used by staff to further understand the maritime environment in which UKHO charts and publications are used. In addition UKHO provides charts and publications in support of the training.

During his visit to BRNC, Mr Robinson visited various areas of the college including the RN Leadership Academy and Navigation Department, he also met with Commodore Jake Moores, the Commanding Officer of the Naval Core Training Stream and navigation staff. A demonstration of the Bridge Simulator in action was also provided by the Cadets.. Whilst at the college Mr Robinson was also able to meet a group of University of Plymouth lecturers who are based at BRNC specialising in the marine environment and who are keen to forge training and education links with UKHO.

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Since passing out of BRNC, Sub Lt Moore has completed Initial Warfare Officer training and is moving on to a Common Fleet Training Appointment with HMS Daring.

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Notes to Editors

1. The UKHO, which is part of the Ministry of Defence, has been charting the world's oceans for more than 200 years with the primary aim of providing navigational services for the Royal Navy and merchant mariners to save and protect lives at sea. In addition it also serves the small craft and leisure mariners and provides a range of consultancy services.
2. The UKHO produces a worldwide series of some 3,300 paper nautical charts and 160 publications under the Admiralty brand and has a growing portfolio of Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs). These charts are sold globally and used by nearly 70 per cent of international shipping.
3. The UKHO is a Trading Fund which means it is a government agency owned by the MoD with the freedom to trade commercially to generate revenue and cover running costs.
4. The UKHO also plays a central role, in support of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in discharging the navigation element of the UK's Safety of Life at Sea Treaty obligations for waters of UK national responsibility.