



727 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

MOTTO

'Regere mare regite caelum' - 'To rule the sea, one must rule the sky'

ROLE

Royal Navy Pilot Grading

BASE

RNAS Yeovilton



SQUADRON HISTORY

727 Naval Air Squadron was originally formed in 1943 at Gibraltar. The aircraft used were Defiants, Hurricane and Swordfish aircraft until the Squadron disbanded in 1944.

The Squadron was reformed in 1946 at Gosport, providing air courses for non-flying Royal Naval Officers, using Tiger Moths, Seafires, Harvards and a Firefly FR4 aircraft, disbanding in 1950. Six years later, the Squadron reformed as the Dartmouth Cadet Air Training Squadron and operated out of RNAS Brawdy, disbanding in 1960.

In 2001 the Royal Naval Flying Training Flight was commissioned 727 Naval Air Squadron. Pilot grading remains the primary task of the squadron but a variety of other courses are still run including the Royal Navy Special Flying Award Scheme, designed to encourage and enthuse young people to become a naval pilot or observer. The Squadron is now a fully integrated military and civilian (VT Aerospace) Unit.

PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Defiant, Hurricane, Swordfish, Tiger Moth, Seafire, Harvard, Oxford, Firefly, Sea Balliol, Sea Prince, Sea Vampire, Dragonfly, Sea Devon, Tutor

BATTLE HONOURS

None



GROB 115E TUTOR

Primary Role

Pilot Grading

Max Speed

185 Knots

Crew

1x Pilot, 1x Student Pilot

Max Takeoff Weight

990 kg

Endurance

4 Hours

Weapons

None



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