PRESS RELEASE

Naval Air Squadrons Receive Top Aviation Awards

The Royal Navy Search and Rescue Flight at HMS Gannet, Prestwick in Scotland and 815 Naval Air Squadron based at RNAS Yeovilton were both Navigators at the Guild annual trophies and awards ceremony in London on 23 October 2008.

HMS Gannet Search and Rescue Flight was awarded the Prince Philip Helicopter Rescue Award for exemplary courage and tenacity in a particularly complex, hazardous and protracted rescue of three climbers on Ben Nevis in May 2007 and 815 Naval Air Squadron was presented with the Johnston Memorial Trophy for an outstanding performance in the development of navigation techniques for the maritime Lynx helicopter in preparation for a four month tour of duty providing aviation support to Headquarters Northern Ireland in 2007.

HMS Gannet Search and Rescue Flight routinely responds to more than 250 Search and Rescue missions every year and is the busiest Search and Rescue unit in the UK. Speaking after the awards ceremony, Admiral Simon Charlier, Rear Admiral Fleet Air Arm, praised the mettle and moral fortitude of the crew of Rescue 177. ‘It was a rescue that pushed them to their absolute limits. Their airmanship, grit and sheer determination was exceptional.’

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750 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON
MOTTO
‘Teach and Strike’
ROLE
Basic Observer and Observer Instructor Training
BASE
RNAS Culdrose

SQUADRON HISTORY

750 Naval Air Squadron was formed at Ford in 1939 from the Royal Navy’s Observer School. The Squadron was equipped with Hawker Ospreys and Blackburn Sharks. From November 1940 the Squadron was sent to Trinidad, its Ospreys and Sharks were replaced with Fairey Barracudas in late 1940. The Squadron was disbanded in 1945.

In 1952, 750 NAS reformed at St. Merryn with Barracudas and Ansons until 1953, which saw the introduction of the Firefly T7 and Sea Prince. The school moved to RNAS Culdrose in 1953 where it became the Observer and Air Signal School.

The Squadron moved to Malta and stayed there until 1965 when it was sent to RNAS Lossiemouth in Scotland. In 1972 the Squadron moved back to Culdrose and replaced their Sea Princes with Jetstreams in 1978.

PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES
Shark, Albacore, Barracuda, Harvard, Anson, Firefly, Oxford, Sea Vampire, Sea Venom, sea Devon, Sea Prince, Jetstream T Mk 1, Mk 2, Mk 3

BATTLE HONOURS
None

JETSTREAM T Mk 2

Primary Role
Observer Training
Max Speed
210 Knots
Crew
1x Pilot, 1x Observer, 1x Student Observer
Max Takeoff Weight
6,000 kg
Endurance
5 Hours
Weapons
None

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