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The Torpoint Sea Cadets Continuity Drill Team were presented gold medals by Princess Anne for winning the Sea Cadet National Drill Competition at HMS Raleigh last Saturday. The team of eight cadets from Torpoint Sea Cadet Unit went head-to-head against teams from across the UK after winning the county and regional finals earlier this year, performing an eight-minute choreographed drill display to music with over 400 movements from memory. Their display was assessed by drill judges in accordance with the Royal Navy's ceremonial regulations, which was set to military music, including pieces such as 'Colonel Bogey', 'The Stars and Stripes Forever' and 'Clash of the Dreadnaughts'.

The team of eight have been practicing for the competition since the start of January 2024; rehearsing every week and on weekends for nearly five months. The team were motivated to retain their national title having also won the 2023 competition at HMS Raleigh.

The cadets were surprised when they realised that HRH The Princess Royal, Admiral of the Sea Cadet Corps, was attending the competition. Princess Anne watched a series of the displays before addressing the cadets, where she remarked that she was "impressed with the high standards of drill and self-discipline" the cadets had shown. She then presented the Torpoint Sea Cadets Continuity Team with their trophy and gold medals after they were announced as the winners.

Leading Cadet Ella, from Torpoint, who was personally congratulated by the Princess said: "Princess Anne said she was very impressed with our routine and asked how we managed to remember all of the moves".

Able Cadet Jack, from Millbrook, added: "we've had a fantastic time training as a close-knit team over the past five months, and it has certainly paid off."

Lieutenant Rhys Tanner Royal Navy, the instructor who trained the team remarked: "the cadets pulled it out of the bag to deliver a mesmerising display with immaculate drill. Their training over the past five months has been tough, and they should be immensely proud of their fantastic achievement."

Torpoint Sea Cadets is based within HMS Raleigh and is currently recruiting adventurous young people between the ages of 10 and 17. Email TSRamehead@gmail.com for more information.

Video of display: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOyX1Mllvso&lc=UgwP7xfEdFdJaZlj8qR4AaABAg>

Additional photos are available on their
Sea Cadet Facebook page.