

Designated Commander TG 441.01
CAPT Joaquin Ruiz Escagedo, ESP-N



Captain Joaquín Ruiz Escagedo is a Graduate of the Spanish Navy Naval School (1992) and the Spanish Armed Forces Staff College (2006).

Captain Joaquín Ruiz Escagedo is an Under Water Warfare Officer by trade, and served as ASWO and OPSO on board ESP VICTORIA (F-82) and as Head of ASW Department in the Navy Qualification & Evaluation Centre (CEVACO), but before his specialization he was posted on board ESP PRÍNCIPE DE ASTURIAS (R-11) as Deck Officer and Navigation Officer, then performed AEW Observer training in Rota NB and RNAS Culdrose (UK) and served 3 years and 500+ flight hours in 5th Squadron of SEA KING AEW helicopters.

He has been Commanding Officer of light patrol boat ESP TABARCA (P-28), minehunter ESP TURIA (M-34), frigate ÁLVARO DE BAZÁN (F-101) and LPD GALICIA (L-51), for nearly 6.5 years of Command at sea, and up to 17 years in embarked posts.

His posts as staff officer include a tour as Navy liaison officer in the Spanish Army Staff, 5 years in the Spanish Joint Operations Command (MOPS) in Current Ops and as Military Assistant to CMOPS, a tour in the Spanish Chief of the Navy Cabinet, and lastly served as Head of Capability Development Section within the Plans & Policy Division of the Spanish Navy Staff.

Captain Joaquín Ruiz Escagedo has been Spanish representative to NATO MAROPSWG several years between 2004 and 2010 (Head of Delegation (HOD) in 2010), and also representative to NATO ASW Tactical Workshop (ASW TWS) and to NATO Electronic Warfare Advisory Committee (NEWAC) in different periods.

He has been deployed as part of STANAVFORLANT, Enduring Freedom in the Indian Ocean, and US Central Command (CENTCOM) Coalition. He is married and father of one son and one daughter.