# Captain James Cook R.N.
## Crew Database

**First Voyage: Endeavour 1768 - 1771**

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**Position On-Board:** Servant to the ship’s surgeon

**Biographical Summary:**

Nicholas Young was one of several boys who sailed on *Endeavour*. They were too young to be listed amongst the crew, and probably acted as servants to some of the junior members of the crew.

He first appears on the ship’s muster role on 18 April 1769, whilst the ship was anchored in Matavai Bay, Tahiti. Joseph Banks took him into his party, in place of Buchan, the artist, who had died the previous day.

Nicholas Young became famous as the person to first sight New Zealand on 7 October 1769. Cook had promised the crew that the first person to sight land would have it named in his honour. The southern headland at Poverty Bay was subsequently named by Cook as – *Young Nick’s head*. But the youngster was not given the gallon of rum which Cook had also promised as part of the prize!

Another result of his sighting was his added him to the crew of *Endeavour*, being entered on the muster role on 7 October 1769, and assigned as a servant to the ship’s surgeon, William Perry.

Young did not sail again with Cook, but joined Bank’s entourage for his tour of Iceland.

**Sources:**

Beaglehole, *The Voyage of Endeavour, 1768-1771*.

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