Captain James Cook R.N.
Crew Database

First Voyage: Endeavour 1768 - 1771

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**Personal Details:**
Born in Ipswich, about 1741.

**Position On-Board:** AB seaman, promoted to Boatswain’s mate.

**Biographical Summary:**
Parker appears to have done his duty and behaved well on *Endeavour* as he is not mentioned in any of the ship’s logs or journals. After *Endeavour* returned to the UK in July 1771, he continued his career in the Royal Navy.

By 1776 he was serving on *HMS Monarch*, and was described as “one of the most exemplary men in that ship.”

By 1790, Parker was in Plymouth where he was ship-keeper of the frigate *HMS Melampus*.

In 1791, Parker appeared before a Parliamentary committee and informed them of his involvement in the slave trade. In 1765, he had been on the *Lathom*, under Captain George Coley. It was a slave ship. He also served on *Ohara* another slave ship. His evidence was used in the movement to abolish the slave trade (see “Cook’s Log” Vol.36, No.1, 2013).

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