Captain James Cook R.N.  
Crew Database

First Voyage: Endeavour 1768 - 1771

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**Personal Details:**
Born 1747 in Plymouth.

**Position on board:** Able Seaman

**Biographical Summary:**
Joined the *Endeavour* on 27 May 1768.
There is some confusion in the records about his age. The muster role of *Endeavour* records him as 21 years old when he joined. But he is said to have completed 16 years of service in 1771, when he was discharged, enabling him to become a pensioner of the Chatham Chest.

In August 1771, after the return of the *Endeavour*, Captain Cook recommended Ramsey to serve as a cook in the Navy, and he was appointed to serve on *HMS Scorpion*.

In December 1771, Cook arranged for Ramsay to be transferred to Cook’s new ship *Resolution*, to serve on his second voyage of exploration.
He even served under Cook on his third voyage.

**Sources:**
Beaglehole, The Voyage of the Endeavour 1768-1771

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