A Bibliography of British whaling in the South Seas

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The following bibliography lists works on British whaling ships in the South Seas whaling in 18th and 19th centuries. That is, pelagic (deep sea) whalers that set out from ports in Britain to "fish" for whales in the southern seas and returned to their home port, usually London, with oil and baleen.

It draws on earlier bibliographies by Jenkins (1948) and Forster (1985 & 1991) and includes a few items missed by those writers, as well as other works that have appeared since.

Most entries are for published books and articles, but there are some unpublished items, such as relevant university thesis. Some general works, such as published lists of ship arrivals and departures at ports visited by British whalers, are also included.

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