

## Native Sailors in the English Fishing and Merchant Fleet, New England, 1636-1700

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Year	Name and servitude status of Indians	Watercraft	Location	Source
1636	Part of mixed crew, status unknown	Small boat (crew: 2 English boys, 2 Indians)	Connecticut coast	<i>YMS</i> , 20
1666	50 to 60 free Indians	50 to 60 Indians aboard 2 ships seize an English shallop and ship	Gayhead, Martha's Vineyard	<i>MAC</i> , 60:277a
1667	Thomas Indian, "seaman in the vessel," status unknown	Vessel of 15 tons	Near Martha's Vineyard	<i>NYCD</i> , 3:168-69
1671	John Wompas, free, first self-identification as "seaman"		Boston	<i>SD</i> , 8:421
1675	Christian Indians, free. Daniel Henschman authorized to assign Christian Indians otherwise exiled on Deer Island as seamen to English who request them	Privately held English boats	Massachusetts Bay Colony	<i>MAC</i> , 30:195
1675	13 Indians, hired as whaling crew	Commercial whaling	Easthampton, Long Island	<i>EHR</i> , 1:379
1675	11 Indians, hired as whaling crew on half shares of bone and blubber	Commercial whaling	Easthampton, Long Island	<i>EHR</i> , 1:382-83
1677	Easthampton Indians, hired as whaling crew on half shares of bone and blubber, first year's wages to go	Commercial whaling	Easthampton, Long Island	<i>EHR</i> , 2:407

	toward debts			
1677	David the Indian, sailor, status unknown	Ship owned by Nicholas Paige	Boston	SCR, 2:778
1679	"An Indian," ship crewman earning 1£/month, servant of Thomas Clowter	Ship to Newfoundland	Boston	SCR, 2:1092
1690	"The Indian," mariner earning 22s/month, status unknown	Ship to Jamaica	Boston	John Whalley Papers, NEHGS
circa 1700	"Several" Natick Indians "lately gone to sea," status unknown		Massachusetts Bay Colony	Natick Petition, ca. 1700, NEHGS

Sources:

- EHR* *Records of the Town of East-Hampton*, 2 vols. (Sag Harbor, N.Y.: John H. Hunt, printer, 1887).
- MAC* Massachusetts Archives Collection, Massachusetts State Archives, Columbia Point, Massachusetts.
- NEHGS* New England Historical and Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.
- NYCD* Brodhead, John Romeyn, ed. *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New-York*. Albany: Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers, 1853.
- SCR* *Records of the Suffolk County Court, 1671–1680*. 2 vols. Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vols. 29–30. Boston: Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1933.
- SD* Suffolk Deeds. [The first fourteen volumes of the Suffolk Deeds are published as John Tyler Hassam, ed., *Suffolk Deeds* (Boston: 1899). The remaining volumes are in manuscript at the MA.]
- YMS* Vickers, Daniel, with Vince Walsh. *Young Men and the Sea: Yankee Seafarers in the Age of Sail*. New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 2005.