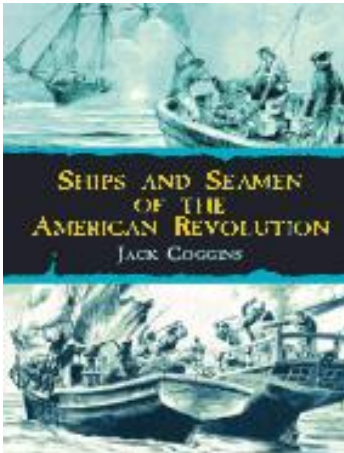


# **Ships and Seamen of the American Revolution**

## **Review by Mike Crane**

**T**his book was written and illustrated by one of my favorite authors, Jack Coggins. A master artist who specialized in maritime oil paintings, Coggins produced one of the greatest resource books available to students of naval warfare during the American Revolutionary War. I confess to being a visual learner, (in other words, I like books with pictures) and this book is filled with finely detailed drawings about sailing ships that even a landlubber such as I am can understand. This book is literally filled with illustrations (more



than 150 in all), charts, maps, uniforms, weapons, etc., and the written part is equally as interesting and historically correct.

Doing research with this book is like finding a treasure chest full of nautical information. Naval wargamers of sailing ships in any era will find this book to be interesting and informative. I heartily recommend it!

The book that I read was a large, unabridged paperback reprint by Dover Books (2002). It was originally printed by David and Charles in Great Britain and by Stackpole Books in the USA (1969). The book is 224 pages long with a table of contents and chronology in the front and a glossary, bibliography, and index in the back. The dimensions of the book are 10.8 x 8.3 x .06 inches. The ISBN number of the paperback is ISBN 0-486-42072-8. The book is available from amazon.com in paperback and hardback editions priced from \$0.79 to \$196.