

Lieutenant Commander John Blake FRIN RN

Author and speaker on maritime history

will be selling his books (signed) at the In & Out main entrance from 4pm to 9pm on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 (the Naval & Military Carol Service) to raise money for Seafarers UK charity.

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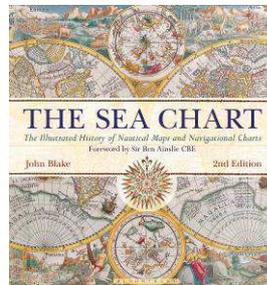
John Blake was born in Tenby, Pembrokeshire and went to Brighton College, then on to Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. He served in the Royal Navy and in the Reserve for nearly 16 years as an executive, air defence and navigating officer. On leaving the service he gained a business diploma and moved into retailing, opening retail stores in Covent Garden, London; Boston, Massachusetts and later in Osaka, Japan, featuring exclusively British hand-made craft and gift products.

In 1991 John Blake and his wife helped initiate and ran the licensing of the *United Kingdom Hydrographic Office* archives, producers of the Admiralty sea charts, as their Licensing Agent for six years under the brand name "*The Admiralty Collection*®".

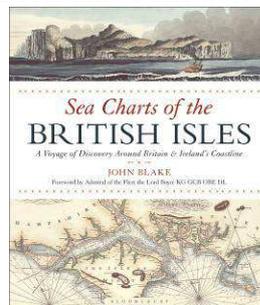
He is a keen maritime historian and a *Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation* and writes regularly on maritime history for yachting and maritime magazines. He is a member of the *Society of Authors*.

His books published by Bloomsbury include

The Sea Chart (2nd Edition) (an expanded and up-dated version of the original published in 2004) published in hard back in 2016 with a foreword by ***Sir Ben Ainslie CBE***, It was short listed for the Mountbatten Maritime Award.

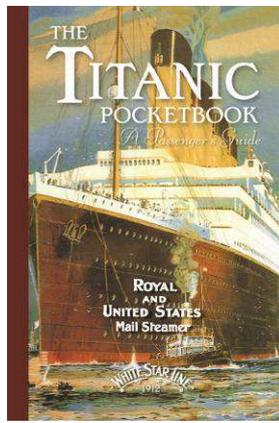


Sea Charts of the British Isles, with a foreword by ***Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Boyce*** (Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and Constable of Dover Castle),



Charts of War looks at the role of navigational charts in maritime battle and sea warfare throughout the ages and was short listed for the Mountbatten Maritime Award. It was selected in 2009 by Nauticalia for their mail order catalogue.

The Titanic Passenger's Guide, published in 2012 is a compilation from contemporary material on this famous ship describing her design, launch, passenger facilities and operation



HMS Belfast Pocket Manual is filled with operational guidance and personal anecdotes from those who served on board her during the Second World War, Korean War and the 1960s.



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