



## Crampton Library Index to Shipping House Flags

This Index includes only flags described in books or articles held in the Crampton Library - it is not intended as a complete index to all published house flags.

To aid retrieval, every source document has its own alphanumeric code (listed in full below).

Other than correcting the most obvious spelling or typographical errors, and using the modern names listed below, the names of the companies and home ports are exactly as given in the respective sources.

The Index is arranged in a number of columns.

**A Name (1):** all non-specific names that indicate type of undertaking or business and may precede the company name, e.g. Aktiebolaget, Aktiengesellschaft, Maatschappij, Société Anonyme, Sociedad Anonima, Società Anonima, or Dampskibsselskab, Rederi, Rhederi, Steam Ship, Steam Shipping, Stoomboot, Stoomvaart etc. It also includes forenames and initials, where these form part of the company name, e.g. 'Fred' Olsen, A.O. Andersen

**B Name (2):** the main company name

**C Country:** the ISO alpha-2 code for the country of the home port, as per ISO 3188. Following Crampton Library practice, this is the modern country not the country when the source was published.

**D Port:** the home port of the company

**E Activity:** single-letter code to indicate the main business of the company, as follows:  
B shipbuilding; C containers; F fishing; G general cargo; I inland waterways / barges; O oil; P passenger; R port / river authority; T tugs; W whaling; Y ferry

**F-AE Source/s:** alphanumeric code and related source, as follows:

- APN *Album des pavillons nationaux et des marques distinctives des marines de guerre et de commerce* (Paris: Service Hydrographique, 1885)
- BFF2 Wedge, F.J.N. *Brown's Flags and Funnels of British and Foreign Steamship Companies*, revised and enlarged ed. (Glasgow: Brown, Son & Ferguson, 1929)
- BFF5 Wedge, F.J.N. *Brown's Flags and Funnels of British and Foreign Steamship Companies*, 5th ed. (Glasgow: Brown, Son & Ferguson, 1951)
- BFF6 Wedge, Philip L. *Brown's Flags and Funnels of British and Foreign Steamship Companies*, 6th ed. (Glasgow: Brown, Son & Ferguson, 1958)
- BHF1 Talbot-Booth, E.C. *House Flags and Funnels of British and Foreign Shipping Companies* (London: Sampson, Low, Marston, 1937)
- BMC Beale, Penrose. *Mersey Commercial Code of Signals, comprising the house flags and funnels of steamers ...* (Liverpool: S.W. Wood & P. Beale, 1871) ms. notes
- BVG Biette, Emile. 'De quelque pavillons d'armements maritimes', in: *Vexillologia* 4 (2): 43-46

- CPS Crothers, William L. *Directory of private signals flown by American merchant sail* (from the Mystic Seaport Library website)
- CSB Cooper, F.S. *A Handbook of Sailing Barges* (Southampton: Adlard Coles, 1955)
- FAR4 *Flaggen auf den Rhein*, 4th ed. (Duisburg: Rhein-Verlag, 1952)
- FBS6 *Flaggen der Binnenschifffahrt*, 6th ed. (Duisburg-Ruhrort: Binnenschifffahrt Verlag, 1973)
- FFD *Flags and Funnels of the Dutch Shipping Companies* (n.pl.: n.pub., n.d.)
- FFF1 Fenton, R.S. 'Flags, funnels and fleets 1: George Bazeley & Sons of Penzance...', in: *Marine News*, July 1980: 272-73
- FFF2 Fenton, R.S. 'Flags, funnels and fleets 2: Robert Gilchrist & Co. of Liverpool and Glasgow', in: *Marine News*, February 1981: 69-70
- FLB28 Reichsministerium. Marineleitung. *Flaggenbuch* (Berlin: the Ministry, 1928)
- FMG Faul, M. & Gamble, F. *The mariner's guide to house flags: a twentieth century sampler* (Santa Barbara: Channel Crossings Press, 2000)
- FMH1 'House flags then and now 1', in: *Flagmaster* 89: 5-7
- FMH2 'House flags then and now 2', in: *Flagmaster* 91: 8-9
- FMH3 'House flags then and now 3', in: *Flagmaster* 93: 8-9
- FMH4 'House flags then and now 4', in: *Flagmaster* 95: 8-9
- FMH5 'House flags then and now 5: the great liners of the North Atlantic', in: *Flagmaster* 97: 1-2
- FMH6 'House flags then and now 6: the African route and the Indian Ocean', in: *Flagmaster* 99: 12-13
- FMH7 'House flags then and now 7: China', in: *Flagmaster* 102: 20-21
- FMH8 'House flags then and now 8: Japan', in: *Flagmaster* 104: 16-18
- FMH9 'House flags then and now 9: Japan (continued)', in: *Flagmaster* 106: 4-5
- FPP *Falmouth Post Office packets and commanders in 1828* (modern print in the Crampton Library)
- FSV1 *House flags of sailing vessels (1910) (Flag Series 4 No.1)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- FSV2 *House flags of sailing vessels (1910) (Flag Series 4 No.2)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- FSV3 *House flags of sailing vessels (1910) (Flag Series 4 No.3)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- FSV4 *House flags of sailing vessels (1910) (Flag Series 4 No.4)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- FSV5 *House flags of sailing vessels (1910) (Flag Series 4 No.5)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- GFN91 Griffin, James. *Flags national and mercantile* (Portsmouth: Griffin & Co., 1891)
- GFN95 Griffin, James. *Flags national and mercantile*, 3rd ed. (Portsmouth: Griffin & Co., 1895) [note: items in its Supplementary Index signified by the suffix -s]
- GPO Günther, Erwin. *Wappen und Flaggen der Kreise und Kreisstädte in Pommern* (Limbach-Oberfrohna: the author, 2000)
- GSA Günther, Erwin. *Wappen, Flaggen und Symbole in Sachsen und seinen Stadt- und Landkreisen* (Limbach-Oberfrohna: the author, 2001)
- HFF2 *House flags and funnels (Flag Series No. 2 Passenger Lines)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- HFF3 *House flags and funnels (Flag Series No.3 Trawlers)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- HFF4 *House flags and funnels (Flag Series No.4 Trawlers)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- HFF5 *House flags and funnels (Flag Series No.5 Trawlers)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- HFF6 *House flags and funnels (Flag Series No.6 Trawlers)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- HFF7 *House flags and funnels (Flag Series No.7 General Cargo)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- HFF8 *House flags and funnels (Flag Series No.8 General Cargo)* (postcard published by Marine Art Posters, Hull, 1989)
- HPC Harrington, Kevin. 'Pavillons de compagnies maritimes bretonnes en 1928 et 1980', in:

- Ar Banniel* 4 (1997): 20-22
- HSE Harrington, Kevin. *Sweden: Sweden's story in over 450 flags* (Toronto: Canadian Flag Association, 2005)
- IPO Isaic, Vladimir. *Pomorski Obicaji I Tradicije* (selected pages only)
- JCF *Contoirflage og skorsteenmaerker, som oftet sees ved Kjøbenhavn ... samlet og tegnet af T.I. Johnson* (Copenhagen: 1872?) ms. notes
- JFF1 *The Liverpool Journal of Commerce Flag Sheet* (Liverpool: Journal of Commerce, n.d. [1885])
- JFF2 *The Liverpool Journal of Commerce Flag Sheet* (Liverpool: Journal of Commerce, n.d. [1909])
- JFF3 *Flags and Funnels of the British Merchant Fleet* (Liverpool: Journal of Commerce, n.d. [c.1930])
- JFF4 *Flags and funnels of British and Commonwealth merchant fleets* (Liverpool: Journal of Commerce, 1980)
- JMF *Merchant Fleets of Britain and the Commonwealth: houseflags and funnel markings* (Liverpool: Journal of Commerce, 1966)
- KGD Kervella, Divi & Bodloré-Penlaez, Mikael. *Guide des drapeaux bretons et celtes* (Fouenant: Yoran Embanner, 2008)
- KHP Harrington, Kevin. 'The grand flags of the Great P & O (Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.)', in: *Flagnaut* 9 (2000)
- KVR Kelly, Ralph. 'Vexillological ramblings through the Apple Isle [Tasmania]', in: *Crux Australis* 6 (1990): 12-19
- LBF *Lloyd's Book of House Flags and Funnels of the Principal Steamship Lines of the World and the House Flags of Various Lines of Sailing Vessels* (London: Lloyd's, 1912)
- LLV Laurila, Kari K. 'Oni Vuori', in: *Liehuvat Väril* 1/1984: 15
- LRF *Lloyd Reedereiflaggen: der Welthandelsflotte* (Bremen: Brinckmann, n.d.)
- LSB1 Loughran, J.L. 'Thereby hangs a tale', in: *Sea Breezes* February 1970: 90-93
- LSB2 Loughran, J.L. 'The developing nations', in: *Sea Breezes* April 1970: 243-46
- LSB3 Loughran, J.L. 'Charterers and others', in: *Sea Breezes* June 1970: 357-60
- LSB4 Loughran, J.L. 'The changing scene', in: *Sea Breezes* August 1970: 505-8
- LSB5 Loughran, J.L. 'Ocean towage and salvage', in: *Sea Breezes* October 1970: 613-18
- LSB6 Loughran, J.L. 'Combines and consortia', in: *Sea Breezes* December 1970: 739-43
- LSB7 Loughran, J.L. 'Some by-ways of the shipping world', in: *Sea Breezes* February 1971: 95-98
- LSB8 Loughran, J.L. 'The flags of the Salem merchants', in: *Sea Breezes* April 1971: 265-69
- LSB9 Loughran, J.L. 'Some striking designs', in: *Sea Breezes* June 1971: 454-58
- LSB10 Loughran, J.L. 'A notable merger', in: *Sea Breezes* August 1971: 593-96
- LSB11 Loughran, J.L. 'A mixed bag', in: *Sea Breezes* October 1971: 739-43
- LSB12 Loughran, J.L. 'Ferry companies and others', in: *Sea Breezes* February 1972: 93-99
- LSB13 Loughran, J.L. 'Some loose ends', in: *Sea Breezes* April 1972: 238-43
- LSB14 Loughran, J.L. 'More charter markings', in: *Sea Breezes* June 1972: 379-85
- LSB15 Loughran, J.L. 'Newcomers to the maritime scene', in: *Sea Breezes* August 1972: 518-24
- LSB16 Loughran, J.L. 'Changing the image', in: *Sea Breezes* October 1972: 654-61
- LSB17 Loughran, J.L. 'Something old, something new', in: *Sea Breezes* December 1972 pp 781-88
- LSB18 Loughran, J.L. 'A banner with a strange device', in: *Sea Breezes* February 1973: 93-99
- LSB19 Loughran, J.L. 'Under one hat', in: *Sea Breezes* April 1973: 223-29
- LSB20 Loughran, J.L. 'Harbour craft: pleasure steamers and dredgers', in: *Sea Breezes* June 1973: 347-54
- LSB21 Loughran, J.L. 'From a correspondent', in: *Sea Breezes* August 1973: 475-81
- LSB22 Loughran, J.L. 'Flags of the clippers' in: *Sea Breezes* October 1973 pp610-15
- LSB23 Loughran, J.L. 'Strange emblems' in: *Sea Breezes* October 1974: 619-24
- LSB24 Loughran, J.L. 'A tangled web', in: *Sea Breezes* December 1974: 750-55
- LSB25 Loughran, J.L. 'Teller of tales', in: *Sea Breezes* February 1975: 77-82
- LSB26 Loughran, J.L. 'Comings and goings', in: *Sea Breezes* June 1975: 317-22
- LSB27 Loughran, J.L. 'Yankee sail', in: *Sea Breezes* August 1975: 441-45
- LSB28 Loughran, J.L. 'In the days of the Czar', in: *Sea Breezes* December 1975: 664-68
- LSB29 Loughran, J.L. 'Mainly coastal', in: *Sea Breezes* February 1976: 88-93

- LSB30 Loughran, J.L. 'Out of the ordinary', in: *Sea Breezes* April 1976: 204-9
- LSB31 Loughran, J.L. 'Of former days', in: *Sea Breezes* August 1976: 455-60
- LSB32 Loughran, J.L. 'Personal preferences', in: *Sea Breezes* December 1976: 726-32
- LSB33 Loughran, J.L. 'The Sealink story (1)', in: *Sea Breezes* February 1977: 93-96
- LSB34 Loughran, J.L. 'The Sealink story (2)', in: *Sea Breezes* April 1977: 219-23
- LSB35 Loughran, J.L. 'From Africa to Arabia', in: *Sea Breezes* April 1978: 222-26
- LSB36 Loughran, J.L. 'Survivors and new arrivals', in: *Sea Breezes* July 1978: 435-39
- LSB37 Loughran, J.L. 'Early days of steam at Hull', in: *Sea Breezes* October 1978: 606-11
- LSB38 Loughran, J.L. 'Inland craft: Germany', in: *Sea Breezes* March 1979: 138-43
- LSB39 Loughran, J.L. 'New Zealand companies', in: *Sea Breezes* June 1979: 332-37
- LSB40 Loughran, J.L. 'The Finnlines story', in: *Sea Breezes* December 1979: 768-72
- LSB41 Loughran, J.L. 'One day at Bordeaux', in: *Sea Breezes* June 1980: 332-38
- LSB42 Loughran, J.L. 'Markings worth noting', in: *Sea Breezes* November 1980: 688-93
- LSB43 Loughran, J.L. 'A matter of detail', in: *Sea Breezes* February 1981: 103-8
- LSB44 Loughran, J.L. 'Danes of days gone by', in: *Sea Breezes* June 1981: 381-87
- LSB45 Loughran, J.L. 'Almost a century', in: *Sea Breezes* September 1981: 600-5
- LSB46 Loughran, J.L. 'South of the border', in: *Sea Breezes* May 1982: 311-18
- LSB47 Loughran, J.L. 'Facts behind the funnels', in: *Sea Breezes* October 1983: 689-92
- LSM Loughran, J.L. *A survey of mercantile houseflags and funnels* (Wolverhampton: Waine Research Publications, 1979)
- MFM Massary Zigarettenfabrik. *Flaggen die über Meere Völker verbinden* (n.d., but 1920s or 30s; cigarette cards)
- MHB *House flags: British*, anonymous, undated manuscript in the Crampton Library
- MHF *House flags: Foreign*, anonymous, undated manuscript in the Crampton Library
- MMF *Merchant marine house flags and stack insignia* (Washington: US Navy Hydrographic Office, 1961)
- MRF *Die Reederei-Flaggen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland* (Hamburg: Mobil, n.d.)
- NGM Grosvenor, Gilbert & Showalter, William J., 'Flags of the World', in: *National Geographic Magazine* 65 (1934): 339-96 [flags 656-735 steamship funnels and flags]
- NRF Norges Rederforbund. *Norske Rederiflagg / Norwegian flags*, new ed. (Oslo: Nautisk Forlag, 1952)
- OCF Oswald, Harry. 'Cannery flags: the British Columbia salmon canneries', in: *Flags from sea to sea: proceedings of the 18th International Congress on Vexillology*: A37-44
- OFN *Olsen's Fisherman's Nautical Almanack* (Scarborough: E.T.W. Dennis, 1911)
- RHF2 *Reed's House Flags and Funnels of English and foreign steamship companies and private firms* [2nd ed.] (Sunderland: Reed & Co., 1896)
- RHF3 *Reed's House Flags and Funnels of English and foreign steamship companies and private firms*, 3rd ed. (Sunderland: Reed & Co., 1900) (manuscript additions distinguished by suffix -m)
- RJA *Royal Jersey Almanac* (Jersey: 'British Press' Office, 1852) ms. notes
- RNS Ridley, Donald E. *Nantucket signals: private signal flags, owners' flags and house flags of Nantucket whalers* (New Bedford: New Bedford Whaling Museum, 2004)
- RVG 'Districts fluviaux de l'URSS', in: *Vexillologia* 3 (2): 63-65 [all indexed under Soviet Union....]
- SFF3 Stewart, Colin. *Flags, funnels and hull colours*, 3rd corrected impression (London: Adlard Coles, 1956)
- WBCa 'Bandeiras e chaminés: principais companhias de navegação do Brasil até 1950', from [www.naufragiosdobrasil.com.br/Naviosvaporchaminenaci.htm](http://www.naufragiosdobrasil.com.br/Naviosvaporchaminenaci.htm)
- WBCb 'Bandeiras e chaminés: principais companhias de navegação estrangeiras até 1950', from [www.naufragiosdobrasil.com.br/Naviosvaporchamineest.htm](http://www.naufragiosdobrasil.com.br/Naviosvaporchamineest.htm)
- WDH 'Deutsche Handelsmarine', from [320063494330-0002.bei.t-online.de/dhandel.htm](http://320063494330-0002.bei.t-online.de/dhandel.htm)
- WFE Fischbach, Heinrich. 'Flaggenwechsel in über 100 Jahren Elbschiffahrt', from [home.t-online.de/home/flaggenarchiv/fk43.htm](http://home.t-online.de/home/flaggenarchiv/fk43.htm)
- WFK 'Die Fischkombinate der DDR und ihre Flaggen im Wandel der Zeit', from [home.arcor.de/seefahrt+hochseefischerei/hiev-up/DFK-Flaggen/dfk-flaggen.html](http://home.arcor.de/seefahrt+hochseefischerei/hiev-up/DFK-Flaggen/dfk-flaggen.html)
- WHF 'Flags and funnels', from [home.t-online.de/home/h.fischbach/...](http://home.t-online.de/home/h.fischbach/)
- WJF 'Maatschappij vlaggen en schoorstenen', from [users.skynet.be/florisjan/vlaggen/rederijen.html](http://users.skynet.be/florisjan/vlaggen/rederijen.html)
- WJN 'Flags and funnels', from [home.t-online.de/home/Josef.Nuesse/...](http://home.t-online.de/home/Josef.Nuesse/)

- WJP 'Eigene internationale Marine-Tischflaggen-Übersicht', from [home.t-online.de/home/jo.petersen/flaggen/flaggen.htm](http://home.t-online.de/home/jo.petersen/flaggen/flaggen.htm)
- WMV 'Maatschappij-vlaggen en schoorsteenen der voornaamste reederijen in Rotterdam in 1925', from [www.rotterdamers.nl/bedrijven/mijen.htm](http://www.rotterdamers.nl/bedrijven/mijen.htm)
- WWM *Wegweiser für Bundesmarine*, 9th ed. (Hamburg: Edition Maritim, 2002)