Volunteer Training Course
Typical Suggested Reading List

New Bedford and Old Dartmouth, selected sections


The Business of Whaling in America in the 1850s, David Moment

Suggested Readings

Ashley, C. W., The Yankee Whaler, chapters 1 – V

Bockstoce, J., Whales, Ice and Men

Dolin, E. J., Leviathan

Ellis, Richard, Men and Whales, pp.131-147, 158-168, 223-247

Kugler, R.C., “The Whale Oil Trade, 1750 – 1775”

Melville, Herman, Moby-Dick, chapters 1-9

New Bedford and Old Dartmouth

Songini, M., The Lost Fleet

Men and Whales, Richard Ellis, Selected Chapters

First Encounters
The Dutch Ascendant
Britannia Rules the Waves
Bay Whaling in Japan

The Urban Whale, Edited by Scott Kraus and Rosalind M. Rolland, Chapter 1: Right Whales in the Urban Ocean

On the Altar of Freedom: A Black Soldier’s Civil War Letters from the Front, Corporal James H. Gooding

“Expressly Place to Facilitate Navigation”: North Atlantic Islands, their Advantages and Impacts, 1769-1924, Michael P. Dyer

The Penetration of the Pacific by American Whalemens in the 19th Century, Richard Kugler

Whaling Linked our Nations, Michael P. Dyer

Incidents of a Whaling Voyage, by Francis Allyn Olmsted

Narrative of the United States Exploring Expedition, by Charles Wilkes

Children of the Light: The Rise and Fall of New Bedford Whaling and the Death of the Arctic Fleet, Everett S. Allen

The Piazza Tales and other Prose Pieces, 1839-1860, Herman Melville

Explanations and Sailing Directions, Hon. William A. Graham

Introduction to Museum Work, George Ellis Burcaw, Chapters 1-5

Making Museums Matter, Stephen E. Weil, Selected Readings