

Dauphin

Corvette
Massachusetts Privateer Schooner

Commander Thomas Powars

11 July 1779-

Commissioned/First Date: 11 July 1779

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners: Benjamin Call et al of Boston, Massachusetts

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 11 July 1779

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

6/

Total: 6 cannon/

Broadside: 3 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew: 11 July 1779: 13 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Schooner *Dauphin* was commissioned on 11 July 1779 under Commander Thomas Powars of Boston, Massachusetts. She was listed as being armed with six guns and having a crew of twelve men. *Dauphin*'s \$5000 Continental and £4000 Massachusetts bonds were signed by Powars and by Daniel Rogers and Benjamin Call, both of Boston. Another owner was John Rowe.¹

Rhode Island Privateer Sloop² *Abigail* was commissioned on 2 October 1779 under Commander John Hall³ [Halis].⁴ Her owner was listed as Nathan Miller⁵ of Warren, Rhode Island.

Sloop *Abigail* was at Cap François, Saint-Domingue in mid 1780. She sailed from there about 26 May 1780 with four other American vessels. One of these, Massachusetts Privateer Schooner *Dauphin* (Commander Thomas Powars) parted at 35°N,30°W on 31 May.⁶

¹ Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 109

² *The American Journal And General Advertiser* [Providence], Wednesday, June 14, 1780, datelined Boston, June 12

³ Sheffield, *An Address Delivered by William P. Sheffield before the Rhode Island Historical Society*, 61

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