

Decoy

Frigate
Massachusetts Privateer Schooner

Commander Silas Howell

11 May 1780-

Commissioned/First Date:

11 May 1780

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

Nathan Nichols and Jerathmeel Pierce of Salem, Massachusetts

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 11 May 1780

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

7/

Total: 7 cannon/

Broadside: 3 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

11 May 1780: 26 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Schooner *Decoy* was commissioned on 11 May 1780 under Commander Silas Howell of Manchester, Massachusetts. She was listed as being armed with seven guns and as having a crew of twenty-five men. Her \$5000 Continental and £4000 Massachusetts bonds were signed by Howell and by Nathan Nichols and Jerathmeel Pierce of Salem, Massachusetts.¹

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