

Defence

Corvette

Massachusetts Privateer Boat

Commander Silas Hatch, Jr.

13 May 1779-

Commissioned/First Date:

13 May 1779

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

Joseph Dimuck et al of Falmouth, Massachusetts

Tonnage:

8

Battery:

Date Reported: 13 May 1779

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

Total:

Broadside:

Swivels: six

Crew:

13 May 1779: 16 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Boat *Defence* was commissioned on 13 May 1779 under Commander Silas Hatch, Jr. of Falmouth, Massachusetts. She was listed as having a battery of six swivel guns and a crew of fifteen men. Her \$5000 Continental and £4000 Massachusetts bonds were signed by Hatch and by Nathaniel Freeman and Joseph Dimick [Dimuck] of Falmouth. The intention of the owners was to cruise in Vineyard Sound.¹

¹ Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 110