

Defence

Schooner
Massachusetts Privateer Schooner

Commander James Nevins

[October] 1781-

Commissioned/First Date:

[October] 1781

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported:

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

Total:

Broadside:

Swivels:

Crew:

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments:

[Massachusetts] Privateer Schooner *Defence* was service about October 1781 under Commander James Nevins. She captured the 45-ton schooner *Three Friends* (Ebenezer Farnum¹ [Farnam]) bound from Nova Scotia with a cargo of fish.² The prize was presumably sent into Boston, Massachusetts, where *Three Friends* was libeled on 29 October with her trial set for 10 November 1781 in the Maritime Court of the Middle District.³

¹ *The Boston Gazette, and the Country Journal*, Monday, October 29, 1781

² Faibisy, *A Compilation of Nova Scotia Vessels . . .*, in NDAR, X, 1201-1210

³ *The Boston Gazette, and the Country Journal*, Monday, October 29, 1781