

Defiance

Corvette
Connecticut Privateer Sloop

Commander Thomas Park

1 November 1781-

Commissioned/First Date:

1 November 1781

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

Thomas Park & Co. of Groton, Connecticut

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 1 November 1781

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

1 November 1781: 21 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

(1) Sloop *Tartar*, 20 November 1781

(2) Boat [unknown], November 1781

(3) Boat [unknown], 14 July 1782, in Long Island Sound

Actions:

Comments: Connecticut Privateer Sloop *Defiance* was commissioned on 1 November 1781 under Commander Thomas Park,¹ Jr.² of Groton, Connecticut. She was listed as having a battery of eight guns and a crew of twenty men. *Defiance*'s \$20000 bond was signed by Park and by John Park of Groton and John Alden of Lebanon, Connecticut.³

Park captured the sloop *Tartar* on 20 November 1781, and another boat later in the month.⁴

On 15 May 1782 Park conducted a raid across Long Island Sound to Long Island and seized a herd of cattle belonging to the British. He libeled the cattle and they were duly condemned.⁵

¹ NRAR, 264

² Claghorn, *Naval Officers of the American Revolution*, 231

³ NRAR, 264; Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, 68

⁴ Claghorn, *Naval Officers of the American Revolution*, 231

⁵ Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, 69

On 14 July 1782 he captured (presumably still in the *Defiance*) a two-masted boat in Long Island Sound, with an assorted cargo.⁶

⁶ Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, 69