

# Defiance

Patrol Craft  
Massachusetts Privateer Boat

Commander William Read  
12 October 1782-

Commissioned/First Date: 12 October 1782  
Out of Service/Cause:

Owners: Benjamin Weaver et al of Freetown, Massachusetts

Tonnage:  
Battery:

Date Reported: 12 October 1782  
Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

Total:  
Broadside:  
Swivels: (small arms only)

Crew: 12 October 1782: 10 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Boat *Defiance* was commissioned on 12 October 1782 under Commander William Read of Freetown, Massachusetts. She was listed as being armed only with small arms and as having a crew of nine men. *Defiance*'s \$20000 bond was signed by Read and by Robert Bagnall and Samuel Montgomery of Boston, Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> NRAR, 265; Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 111