

Defiance

Corvette
Massachusetts Privateer Brigantine

Commander Jonathan Parsons

4 January 1779-

Commissioned/First Date:

4 January 1779

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

Nathaniel Tracy of Newburyport, Massachusetts

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 4 January 1779

<u>Number/Caliber</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Broadside</u>
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6/

Total: 6 cannon/

Broadside: 3 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

4 January 1779: 16 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Brigantine *Defiance* was commissioned on 4 January 1779 under Commander Jonathan Parsons of Newburyport, Massachusetts. She was listed as being armed with six guns and as having a crew of fifteen men. *Defiance's* \$10000 Continental and £4000 Massachusetts bonds were signed by Parsons and by William Foster and Nathaniel Tracy of Newburyport.¹

¹ Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 111