

Defiance

Corvette

Massachusetts Privateer [unknown]

Commissioned/First Date: [May] 1779

Out of Service/Cause: [May] 1779/captured by the British

Owners:

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 24 June 1779

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

12/

Total: 12 cannon/

Broadside: 6 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer [unknown] *Defiance* was at sea, out of Salem, Massachusetts, when she encountered a British letter-of-marque vessel. After a two hour fight the American was captured and was taken in to New York. She was listed as having twelve guns.¹

¹ Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 111, from the *London Chronicle* of June 24, 1779