

Delight

Corvette

Connecticut Privateer Brigantine

(1) Commander Ebenezer Sage

20 November 1780-

(2) Commander Nathan Post

10 April 1781-

(3) Commander Samuel Johnston

26 July 1781-[1 November 1782]

Commissioned/First Date:

10 April 1781

Out of Service/Cause:

[October] 1782/captured by the British

Owners:

Comfort Sage & Co. of Middletown, Connecticut

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: November 1780

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Date Reported: 10 April 1781

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Date Reported: 26 July 1781

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

(1) November 1780: 18 [total]

(2) 10 April 1781: 21 [total]

(3) 14 April 1781: 18 [total]

(4) 17 June 1780: 19 [total]

(5) 26 July 1781: 21 [total]

Description:

Officers:

(1) First Mate Thomas Bassett, 12 November 1780-; (2) Second Mate James Lanphier, 14 April 1781-

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Connecticut Privateer Brigantine *Delight* was commissioned in November 1780, under Commander Ebenezer Sage

of Middletown, Connecticut. She had a battery of eight guns. Her crew list indicates the first sailor enlisted on 12 November, and that Sage entered on 20 November, and First Mate Thomas Bassett the next day. The last two sailors entered on 18 December 1780, a total crew of eighteen men.¹

Following this cruise, *Delight* was re-commissioned, on 10 April 1781 under Commander Nathan Post of Saybrook, Connecticut. She was listed as having a battery of eight guns and a crew of twenty men. *Delight's* \$20000 bond was signed by Post and by Edward Hallam of New London, Connecticut and Ebenezer Sage of Middletown, Connecticut.² The crew list for this cruise indicates that Post entered aboard on 2 April, First Mate Thomas Bassett entered on 9 April, and Second Mate James Lanphier on 14 April. The last sailors entered on 14 April. The total crew was eighteen. The voyage was from New London, Connecticut to Guadeloupe, French West Indies and return. One sailor entered aboard on 17 June 1781, probably at Guadeloupe.³

Delight was recommissioned on 26 July 1781 under Commander Samuel Johnston⁴ (or Johnson)⁵ of Middletown. Her battery and crew were unchanged. Her new \$20000 bond was executed by Johnston and by Comfort Sage and George Starr, both of Middletown.⁶ The voyage was made to the West Indies. *Delight* returned to New London on 4 September 1782, from St. Kitts.⁷

Johnston started another cruise, but, on 1 November 1782 the *Connecticut Gazette* noted that the *Delight* was captured by the British and taken in to New York.⁸

¹ Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, 69-70, where the crew list is printed.

² NRAR, 266; Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, 70

³ Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, 70, where the crew list is printed.

⁴ NRAR, 266

⁵ NRAR, 266; Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, 71

⁶ NRAR, 266; NRAR, 266; Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, 71

⁷ Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, 71

⁸ Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, 71