

Delight

Corvette

Massachusetts Privateer Brigantine

(1) Commander Moses Hale

6 January 1781-

(2) Commander Nathaniel Sargent

16 August 1781-

(3) Commander Nathaniel Goodwin

29 August 1782-

Commissioned/First Date:

6 January 1781

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

(1) Eben Parsons et al of Boston, Massachusetts; (2) William Parsons et al of Boston; (3) Eben Parsons et al of Boston

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 6 January 1781

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Date Reported: 16 August 1781

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Date Reported: 29 August 1782

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

6/

Total: 6 cannon/

Broadside: 3 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

(1) 6 January 1781: 16 [total]

(2) 16 August 1781: 21 [total]

(3) 29 August 1782: 21 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Brigantine *Delight* was commissioned on 6 January 1781 under Commander Moses Hale of Gloucester, Massachusetts. She was listed as having a battery of eight guns and a crew of fifteen men. *Delight's* \$20000 bond was signed by Hale and by Daniel Sargent and Eben Parsons, both of Boston, Massachusetts. *Delight* was recommissioned on 16 August 1781 under Commander Nathaniel Sargent of Cape Ann (Gloucester), Massachusetts. Her battery was unchanged

but her crew was increased to twenty men. Her new \$20000 bond was executed by Sargent and by William Parsons and Nehemiah Somes, both of Boston.¹ *Delight* was again recommissioned on 29 August 1782 under Commander Nathaniel Goodwin of Boston. Her battery was reduced to six guns and her crew remained at twenty men. The \$20000 bond was signed by Goodwin and by William and Eben Parsons.²

¹ NRAR, 266; Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 112

² NRAR, 267; Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 112