

Diana

Corvette

Massachusetts Privateer Brigantine [Brig]

(1) Commander Robert Barker

12 December 1781-[5] January 1782

(2) Commander Thorndike Deland

August 1782-3 September 1782

Commissioned/First Date:

12 December 1781

Out of Service/Cause:

3 September 1782/captured by HM Frigate *Perseverance*

Owners:

Nathan Goodale et al of Salem, Massachusetts

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 12 December 1781

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

6/

Total: 6 cannon/

Broadside: 3 cannon/

Swivels:

Date Reported: August 1782

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

(1) 12 December 1781: 17 [total]

(2) August 1782: 19 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

(1) Salem, Massachusetts to Nantucket, Massachusetts, 30 December 1781-[3] January 1782

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Brigantine *Diana* was commissioned on 12 December 1781 under Commander Robert Barker of Salem, Massachusetts. She was listed as having a battery of six guns and a crew of sixteen men. Her \$20000 bond was signed by Barker and by Nathan Goodale and William West, Jr., both of Salem.¹

Diana sailed 30 December from Salem bound for Virginia. En route *Diana* stopped at Nantucket Island where Barker and some others of his crew went ashore. In returning to the *Diana* the boat was overset and Barker and five more men were drowned.²

Diana was recommissioned in August 1782 under Commander Thorndike Deland of Salem. *Diana* was now listed as a brig. Her battery was increased to eight guns and her crew to eighteen men. Her new \$20000 bond was executed by Deland and by M.

¹ NRAR, 268; Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 113

² *The Salem Gazette*, Thursday, January 10, 1782

Lafitte of Salem and Daniel Bigelow of Boston, Massachusetts.³ On 3 September 1782 *Diana* was captured by HM Frigate *Perseverance* and taken into New York.⁴ She was tried and condemned at New York.⁵

³ NRAR, 269; Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 113

⁴ Claghorn, *Naval Officers of the American Revolution*, 87

⁵ HCA 32/307/4/1-10