

# Diana

Corvette  
Massachusetts Privateer Ship

Commander Richard Chilcott  
20 January 1783-[February] 1783

Commissioned/First Date: 20 January 1783  
Out of Service/Cause: [February] 1783/captured by the British

Owners: Leonard Jarvis and Joseph Russell, both of Boston, Massachusetts

Tonnage:

Battery: Date Reported: 20 January 1783  
Number/Caliber Weight Broadside  
10/  
Total: 10 cannon/  
Broadside: 5 cannon/  
Swivels:

Crew: 20 January 1783: 31 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Ship *Diana* was commissioned on 20 January 1783 under Commander Richard Chilcott of Boston, Massachusetts. She was listed as having a battery of ten guns and a crew of thirty men. Her \$20000 bond was signed by Chilcott and by Leonard Jarvis and Joseph Russell, Jr., both of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

*Diana* was captured by the British about February 1783 and sent into New York, New York, where she was tried and condemned. *Diana* was described as an American merchant vessel in the court records. The exact date of her capture is unknown.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> NRAR, 269; Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 113

<sup>2</sup> HCA 32/307/3/1-8