

Dolphin

Corvette

Massachusetts Privateer Schooner

Commander Joseph Knowlton

14 July 1781-

Commissioned/First Date:

14 July 1781

Out of Service/Cause:

[July] 1782/wrecked on Cape Sable

Owners:

William Homan et al of Beverly, Massachusetts

Tonnage:

40

Battery:

Date Reported: 14 July 1781

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

6/

Total: 6 cannon/

Broadside: 3 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

14 July 1781: 36 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: The 40-ton¹ Massachusetts Privateer Schooner *Dolphin* was commissioned on 14 July 1781 under Commander Joseph Knowlton of Beverly, Massachusetts. She was listed as having a battery of six guns and a crew of thirty-five men. *Dolphin's* \$20000 bond was signed by Knowlton and by William Homan and Benjamin Lovett, Jr., both of Beverly.²

On 12 August 1782 she was reported to have been lost on Cape Sable.³

¹ Howe, *Beverly Privateers in the Revolution*, 408

² NRAR, 273; Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 118

³ Howe, *Beverly Privateers in the Revolution*, 408