

Dolphin

Corvette
Virginia Privateer Brig

Commander Madett Engs

7 November 1781-

Commissioned/First Date:

7 November 1781

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

James Neilson, possibly of Richmond, Virginia

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 7 November 1781

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

10/

Total: 10 cannon/

Broadside: 5 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

7 November 1781: 41 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Virginia Privateer Brig *Dolphin* was commissioned on 7 November 1781 under Commander Madett Engs of Virginia,¹ but actually from Boston, Massachusetts.² She was listed as having a battery of ten guns and a crew of forty men. Her \$20000 bond was signed by Engs and by Henry Banks, possibly of Richmond, Virginia.³

¹ NRAR, 273

² Claghorn, *Naval Officers of the American Revolution*, 103

³ NRAR, 273