

Dragon

Corvette
Maryland Privateer Schooner

(1) Commander Thomas Johnson
25 December 1778-
(2) Commander Alexander Cain
15 June 1779-
(3) Commander James Handy
7 July 1781-

Commissioned/First Date: 25 December 1778
Out of Service/Cause:

Owners: Hugh Young et al of Baltimore, Maryland

Tonnage: 40, 95

Battery: Date Reported: 25 December 1778
Number/Caliber Weight Broadside
2/
Total: 4 cannon/
Broadside: 1 cannon/
Swivels: two

Date Reported: 15 June 1779
Number/Caliber Weight Broadside
2/
Total: 2 cannon/
Broadside: 1 cannon/
Swivels: two

Date Reported: 7 July 1781
Number/Caliber Weight Broadside
6/
Total: 6 cannon/
Broadside: 3 cannon/
Swivels:

Crew: (1) 25 December 1778: 11 [total]
(2) 15 June 1779: 17 [total]
(3) 7 July 1781: 26 [total]

Description:

Officers: (1) First Mate John Dougherty, 15 June 1779-

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: The 40-ton Maryland Privateer Schooner *Dragon* was commissioned on 25 December 1778 under Commander

Thomas Johnson,¹ possibly of Baltimore, Maryland.² She was listed as having a battery of two guns, with two swivel guns,³ and a crew of ten men.⁴ Her owners are listed as Hugh Young and others of Baltimore.⁵ Her \$5000 bond was signed by Johnson and by John Davidson of Annapolis, Maryland.⁶

Dragon was recommissioned on 15 June 1779 under Commander Alexander Cain⁷ of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Serving aboard as First Mate was John Dougherty, possibly of Baltimore.⁸ *Dragon's* battery was listed as two guns, with two swivel guns,⁹ and her crew as thirteen men.¹⁰ She was said to measure 40 tons. Her owners are listed as Hugh Young & Co. of Baltimore.¹¹ Her new \$5000 bond was signed by Cain and by David Plunket of Baltimore.¹²

Dragon was again commissioned on 7 July 1781, under Commander James Handy¹³ of Baltimore.¹⁴ Her battery was increased to six guns and her crew to twenty-five men. She was said to measure 95 tons. Her owners are given as Hugh Young & Co. of Baltimore.¹⁵ *Dragon's* \$20000 bond was executed by Handy and by Joseph Williams of Annapolis.¹⁶

¹ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, April 1, 1778 through October 26, 1779*, 21:273

² NRAR, 276

³ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, April 1, 1778 through October 26, 1779*, 21:273

⁴ NRAR, 276

⁵ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, April 1, 1778 through October 26, 1779*, 21:273

⁶ NRAR, 276

⁷ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, April 1, 1778 through October 26, 1779*, 21:455

⁸ NRAR, 277

⁹ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, April 1, 1778 through October 26, 1779*, 21:455

¹⁰ NRAR, 277

¹¹ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, April 1, 1778 through October 26, 1779*, 21:455

¹² NRAR, 277

¹³ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, 1780-1781*, 45:495

¹⁴ NRAR, 277

¹⁵ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, 1780-1781*, 45:495

¹⁶ NRAR, 277