

# Driver

Corvette

Massachusetts Privateer Sloop

(1) Commander Daniel Adams

1 September 1779-

(2) Commander Robert Haskell  
1779-

Commissioned/First Date:

1 September 1779

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

Josiah Batchelder of Beverly, Massachusetts

Tonnage:

70

Battery:

Date Reported: 1 September 1779

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside  
8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

1 September 1779: 21 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: The 70-ton<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Privateer Sloop *Driver* was commissioned on 1 September 1779<sup>2</sup> (but in 1777 according to other sources)<sup>3</sup> under Commander Daniel Adams. She was listed as having eight guns and twenty men. Her \$5000 Continental and £4000 Massachusetts bonds were signed by Adams and by Josiah Batchelder and Livermore Whittridge, all of Beverly, Massachusetts.<sup>4</sup>

*Driver* was commanded in 1779 by Robert Haskell of Beverly.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Howe, *Beverly Privateers in the Revolution*, 408

<sup>2</sup> Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 120

<sup>3</sup> Howe, *Beverly Privateers in the Revolution*, 408

<sup>4</sup> Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 120

<sup>5</sup> Howe, *Beverly Privateers in the Revolution*, 408