

## PART II

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#### ADAMS

Frigate, 28 guns

Built at Brooklyn, N. Y. under Act of Congress, April 27, 1798. Cost \$76,622. Designed by William Sheffield. Agent: J. & E. Watson. Builder: John Jackson and William Sheffield. Keel laid: July 30, 1798. Launched: June 8, 1799. In commission by September 23, 1799. Carvings by Daniel N. Train.  
 Principal dimensions: Length 128' 4". Breadth 35'. Depth 15' 6½".  
 Tonnage: 530.

Complement: 220. Battery: (1799) 24-12 pounders and ?. Plans: Not known. Spar dimensions: (1805)

Fore mast	74' 6" head 11' 9"	Main mast	82' head 12'	Mizen mast	69' head 9'
Topmast	44' 6" head 6' 6"	Topmast	49' head 7'	Topmast	35' head 5' 3"
Topgalt	22' 4" pole 17'	Topgalt	24' pole 17'	Topgalt	18' head 5' 3"
Bowsprit	33' 4"	Jibboom	37' 6"	F. j' boom	14' 6"
Fore yard	64' 6" arms 3' 6"	Main yard	71' arms 3' 6"	Crossjack	54' arms 4'
Topgalt yd	48' arms 3' 6"	Topgalt yd	54' arms 4'	Topgalt yd	33' arms 2' 6"
Topgalt yd	28' arms 1' 3"	Topgalt yd	32' 6" arms 1' 3"	Topgalt yd	22' arms 1'
Royal yard	21' 9" arms 1'	Royal yard	24' 6" arms 1'	Royal yard	17' 9" arms 9"
Spritsail yd	48'	Gaff	36'	Boom	48' 6"
Jack staff,	13'	Ensign staff	19'		

Commanded by Captains Richard V. Morris and Thomas Robinson during Quasi-War with France. In ordinary at New York, 1801-

1802. In the Mediterranean, 1802-1803, under Captains Hugh G. Campbell and Richard V. Morris. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, November 1803. Recommissioned, July 1805, and cruised in home waters, Capt. Alexander Murray, commanding. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, 1806-1807.

### ARGUS

Brig, 18 guns

Built at Boston under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$37,428. Designed by Joseph Hartt. Agent: Samuel Brown. Builder: Edmund Hartt. Keel laid: May 12, 1803. Launched: August 21, 1803. In commission by September 6, 1803.

Principal dimensions: Length 95' 10". Breadth 28' 2". Depth in hold 12' 8".

Complement: 142. Battery: (1803) 16-24 pound carronades. Plans: National Archives 40-10-2B. Spar dimensions: (1803).

Fore mast	60'	head 9' 9"	Main mast	69'	head 10'	Bowsprit	40'
Topmast	38'	head 5' 6"	Topmast	33'	head 5' 6"	Jibboom	33'
Topgallant	32'	pole 12'	Topgallant	32'	pole 12'		
Fore yard	56'	arms 2' 4"	Main yard	50'	arms 2' 4"	Spritsail yard	31' 6" arms 2 1/4
Topsail yard	37'	arms 2' 8"	Topsail yard	37'	arms 2' 8"	Gaff	30'
Topgalt yard	26'	arms 1' 6"	Topgalt yard	26'	arms 1' 6"	Boom	53'
Royal yard	17'		Royal yard	17'		Ringtail	20'

In Mediterranean, 1803-1806, under Captains Stephen Decatur, Jr. and Isaac Hull; participated in the operations off Tripoli and in the attacks against Tripolitan gunboats and shore batteries, 1804; took part in the attack on Derne, April 1805. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, July 1806-1807.

### BOSTON

Frigate, 28 guns

Built at Boston, for U. S. Government by Citizens of Boston under Act of Congress, June 30, 1798. Cost \$119,570. Designed by Edmund Hartt. Builder: Edmund Hartt. Keel laid: August 22

1798. Launched: May 20, 1799. In commission by July 24, 1799.

Principal dimensions: Length 133'. Breadth 35' 6". Depth 17' 1".

Complement: 220. Battery: (1801) 26-12 pounders, 6-9 pounders, and 12-32 pound carronades.

Plans: National Archives 107-11-10. Spar dimensions: (1804)

Fore mast	74' 2"	Main mast	81' 8"	Mizen mast	72'	Bowsprit	52' 6"
Topmast	44'	Topmast	49'	Topmast	35'	Jibboom	44'
Topgalt mast	22' 3"	Topgalt mast	24' 6"	Topgalt mast	19' 9"	Flying j'boom	48'
Royal mast	18' 8"	Royal mast	18' 4"	Royal mast	13' 4"		
Fore yard	63' 6"	Main yard	70'	Cross jack	52' 6"		
Topsail yard	48'	Topsail yard	56'	Topsail yard	38'	Boom	56'

No others found.

Commanded by Captain George Little during Quasi-War with France. Sent to France with American Minister October 28, 1801, under Captain Daniel McNeill. In Mediterranean, 1801-1802. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, October 1802-1807.

## CHESAPEAKE

Frigate, 36 guns

Built at Norfolk, Va. under Act of Congress, March 27, 1794 and April 30, 1796. Cost \$200,678. Designed by Josiah Fox. Agent: William Pennock. Builder: Josiah Fox.

Keel laid: December 10, 1798. Launched: December 2, 1799. In commission by May 22, 1800. Carvings: Figurehead by William Rush; trail boards by Henry Wells.

Principal dimensions: Length perpendiculars 152' 8". Breadth 41' 3". Depth 20' 1".

Tonnage: 1244. Complement: 340. Battery: (1800) 30-18 pounders and 12-32 pound carronades.

Plans: (1798) Fox Papers, Peabody Museum. (1813) National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, England, photostat Navy Department Archives. Spar dimensions: (1800)

Fore mast	84' 6"	head	11' 8"	Main mast	94'	head	13'	Mizen mast	80' 6"	head	9'
Topmast	50' 6"	head	6' 9"	Topmast	56' 6"	head	7' 7"	Topmast	42'	head	5' 9"
Topgalt	24' 3"	pole	20'	Topgalt	27' 3"	pole	23'	Topgalt	50'	pole	16'
Bowsprit	60'	out	40'	Jibboom	45'	out	30'	Flying j'boom	25'	out	20'
Fore yard	75' 9"	arms	3'	Main yard	84' 6"	arms	3' 6"	Crossjack	60' 3"	arms	2' 9"
Topsail yard	54'	arms	4' 6"	Topsail yard	60' 3"	arms	5'	Topsail yard	40'	arms	2' 8"
Topgalt yard	36'	arms	2' 3"	Topgalt yard	40'	arms	2' 6"	Topgalt yard	28'	arms	1' 11"
Royal yard	27'	arms	1'	Royal yard	30'	arms	1'	Royal yard	19' 6"	arms	8"
Spritsail yard	54'	arms	2' 6"	Martingale	15'			Ensign staff	35'		
Gaff	38'			Boom	54'			Jack staff	15' 6"		

Commanded by Captain Samuel Barron during Quasi-War with France. Retained under P. E. A. and laid up at Norfolk, 1801-1802. Flagship of Commodore Richard V. Morris in the Mediterranean, 1802-1803. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, June 1803-1806. Preparing for service in Mediterranean, 1807, Commodore James Barron in command. Fired on by H. M. S. Leopard off Cape Henry, June 22, 1807. In home waters, Captain Stephen Decatur, Jr., commanding rest of 1807.

## CONGRESS

Frigate, 36 guns

Built at Portsmouth, N. H., under Act of Congress, March 27, 1794, and April 30, 1796. Cost \$197,246. Designed by Joshua Humphreys. Agent: Jacob Sheaffe. Builders: James Hackett and William Badger. Launched: August 15, 1799. In commission by November 7, 1799.

Carvings: Figurehead by William Rush. Stern by William Dearing. Principal dimensions: Length 165' 7". Breadth 41' 6". Depth in hold 14' 3". Tonnage: 1268. Complement: 340. Battery: (1799) 28-18 pounders and 12-9 pounders. Plans: Fox Papers, Peabody Museum; National Archives 40-7-11 AB. Spar dimensions: (1799)

Fore mast	84'	head	12' 6"	Main mast	93' 4"	head	12' 9"	Mizen mast	81' 6"	head	9' 8"
Topmast	52'	head	7'	Topmast	56'	head	7' 6"	Topmast	43' 11"	head	5' 8"
Topgalt	26' 6"			Topgalt	29' 8"			Topgalt	23' 10"		
Royal	15' 6"			Royal	16'			Royal	11' 6"		
Bowsprit	60'			Jibboom	45'			Flying j'boom	18'		
Fore yard	74'	arms	4' 3"	Main yard	82' 4"	arms	4' 3"	Crossjack	55' 6"	arms	3' 2"
Topsail yard	52' 5"	arms	4'	Topsail yard	58' 4"	arms	4' 9"	Topsail yard	41'	arms	3' 2"
Topgalt yard	37' 7"	arms	2' 2"	Topgalt yard	41' 4"	arms	2' 2"	Topgalt yard	31'	arms	1' 8"
Royal yard	28' 3"	arms	1' 6"	Royal yard	31'	arms	1' 8"	Royal yard	23' 3"	arms	1' 3"
Gaff	41'			Boom	54'						

Commanded by Captain James Sever during Quasi-War with France. In Ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, 1801-1804. Recommis-

sioned, April 4, 1804. Participated in operations against Tripoli under Captains John Rodgers and Stephen Decatur, Jr., 1804-1805. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, November 1805-1807.

### CONSTELLATION

Frigate, 36 guns

Built at Baltimore under Act of Congress, March 27, 1794. Cost \$314,212. Designed by Joshua Humphreys. Agent: S. & J. Sterrett. Builder: David Stodder. Launched: September 7, 1797. In commission by June 26, 1798. Carvings by William Rush. Principal dimensions: Length 162' 10". Breadth 41' 2". Depth 18' 9". Tonnage: 1278. Complement: 320. Battery: (1800) 28-18 pounders and 10-24 pound carronades. Plans: United States Naval Academy Museum and National Archives 40-7-11 A & B. Spar dimensions: (1800).

Fore mast		head		Main mast	96'	head 13' 6"	Mizen mast	82'	head
Topmast	53'	head 7' 6"		Topmast	58'	head 7' 6"	Topmast	45'	head 6'
Topgalt	43'	pole 15'		Topgalt	45'	pole 17'	Topgalt	34'	pole 12'
Bowsprit				Jibboom	43'		Flying j'boom	44'	
Fore yard	76'	arms 4' 6"		Main yard	84'	arms 4' 6"	Crossjack	57'	arms 3' 6"
Topsail yard	54'	arms 5'		Topsail yard	60'	arms 5'	Topsail yard	42'	arms 3'
Topgalt yard	38'	arms 2'		Topgalt yard	40'	arms 2'	Topgalt yard	31'	arms 2'
Royal yard	29'	arms 1' 6"		Royal yard	30'	arms 1' 6"	Royal yard	22'	arms 2'
Martingale	15'			Gaff	40'		Boom	54'	

Commanded by Captain Thomas Truxtun to August 1799, and again from November 1799 to April 1800, Captain Samuel Barron, August to November 1799, and Captain Alexander Murray to end of Quasi-War with France. In ordinary at Philadelphia Navy Yard, 1801-1802. In the Mediterranean, 1802-1803, Capt. Alexander Murray, commanding. Returned to Washington, March 1803, and placed in ordinary. In the Mediterranean, 1804-1805, under Captains Hugh G. Campbell and Master commandant Charles Stewart. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, November 1805-1807.

### CONSTITUTION

Frigate, 44 guns

Built at Boston under Act of Congress, March 27, 1794. Cost \$302,719. Designed by Joshua Humphreys. Agent: Henry Jackson. Builder: George Claghorn. Launched: October 21, 1797. In commission by July 2, 1798. Carvings by John & S. Skillen on designs by William Rush. Principal dimensions: Length gun deck 175'. Breadth 44' 6". Depth \*14' 3". Tonnage: 1576. Complement: 400. Battery: (1804) 30-24 pounders, 14-12 pounders and 8-32 pound carronades. Plans: National Archives 40-15-6 and 40-15-6B. Spar dimensions: (1803)

Fore mast	96'	head 14'		Main mast	105' 6"	head 15' 6"	Mizen mast	90'	head 10'
Topmast	50' 6"	head 7' 9"		Topmast	61' 6"	head 8' 9"	Topmast	50' 10"	head 7'
Topgalt	32' 9"	pole 17'		Topgalt	34' 6"	pole 18' 6"	Topgalt	28'	pole 12'
Bowsprit	64'			Jibboom	51'		Flying j'boom	60'	
Fore yard	84'			Main yard	92'		Crossjack	64'	
Topsail yard	60'			Topsail yard	64'		Topsail yard	48'	
Topgalt yard	40' 6"			Topgalt yard	44'		Topgalt yard	30'	
Royal yard	29'			Royal yard	31'		Royal yard	20' 6"	
Spritsail yard	60'			Martingale	21'				
Gaff				Boom	50'				

Commanded by Captain Samuel Nicholson to May 1799, and Captain Silas Talbot to September 1801. Retained under P. E. A. and sent to Boston for repairs. In ordinary at Boston, 1801-1803. In the Mediterranean, 1803-1807: Flagship of Commodore Edward Preble, May 1803 to October 1804; commanded by Captain Stephen Decatur, Jr., October to November 1804; Flagship of Commodore John Rodgers, May 1805 to May 1806; preliminary articles of treaty with Tripoli signed on board, June 3, 1805. Flagship of Captain Hugh G. Campbell, May 1806 to December 1807. Placed out of commission at New York, November 1807.

\*See Preface.

### ENTERPRIZE

Schooner, 12 guns

Built on Eastern Shore of Maryland under Act of Congress, April 27, 1798. Cost \$16,240. Designer: not known. Agent: Jeremiah Yellott. Builder: Henry Spencer.

Principal dimensions: Length deck 84' keel 60'. Breadth \*22' 6". Depth in hold 9' 6". Tonnage: 135. Complement: 76. Battery: (1800) 12-6 pounders. Plans: Not known. Spar dimensions: Not known.

Commanded by Lieutenant John Shaw during Quasi-War with France. Retained under P. E. A.; cruise to the Mediterranean, June to November 1801, under Lieutenant Andrew Sterett. Again in the Mediterranean, 1802-1807, where she did valiant service under Lieutenant Andrew Sterett, February 1802 to March 1803; Lieutenant Isaac Hull, March to November 1803; Stephen Decatur, Jr., November 1803 to September 1804; Master Commandant Thomas Robinson, September 1804 to August 1805 and Lieutenant David Porter, August 1805 to July 1807. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, July to December 1807.

\*See Preface.

### ESSEX

Frigate, 32 guns

Built at Salem, Mass., for U. S. Government by Citizens of Salem under Act of Congress, June 30, 1798. Cost \$139,362. Designed by William Hackett. Agent: Joseph Waters. Builder: Enos Briggs. Keel laid: April 13, 1799. Launched: September 30, 1799. In commission by December 17, 1799. Carvings by Samuel McIntire.

Principal dimensions: Length 141' 5". Breadth 37' 8". Depth 18' 11½". Tonnage: 850. Complement: 228. Battery: (1799) 26-12 pounders and 10-6 pounders. Plans: National Archives 41-9-1L. Spar dimensions: (1799)

Fore mast	75' 6"	head 11' 6"	Main mast	85'	head 12'	Mizen mast	71' 6"	head 10'
Topmast	51'	head 7'	Topmast	55'	head 7' 6"	Topmast	40'	head 6'
Topgalt	37'	pole 14'	Topgalt	40'	pole 15'	Topgalt	33'	pole 12'
Bowsprit	54'		Jibboom	40'				
Fore yard	72'		Main yard	80'		Crossjack	52'	
Topsail yard	52'		Topsail yard	58'		Topsail yard	40'	
Topgalt yard	35'		Topgalt yard	37'		Topgalt yard	28'	
Royal yard	27'		Royal yard	30'		Royal yard	20'	
Spritsail yard	52'		Spritsail topsail yard.	35'				
Gaff	40'		Boom	57'				

Commanded by Captain Edward Preble during Quasi-War with France. Retained under P. E. A. Cruise to the Mediterranean, under Captain William Bainbridge, June 1801–August 1802. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard to April, 1804. In Mediterranean, 1804–1806, under command of Captain James Barron, April 1804–May 1805; Master Commandant George Cox, commanding, May–July 1805; Master Commandant Charles Stewart, July–August 1805; Captain Hugh G. Campbell, Aug. 1805–May 1806; Captain John Rodgers, May–July 1806. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, July 1806–1807.

### ETNA

#### Bomb ketch

Built at Portland, Me. under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$24,063.

Designed by Jacob Coffin and Commodore Edward Preble. Agent: Commodore Edward Preble.

Builder: William Moulton. Launched: June 18, 1806. In commission by July 19, 1806.

Carvings by Elihu Deering.

Principal dimensions: Length \*83' 6". Breadth \*24'. Depth in hold 8'. Tonnage: 139. Complement: 30. Battery: (1806) 1—13" mortar, 2—8" howitzers, and 8 long 9 pounds. Plans: Not known. Spar. dimensions: (1806)

Main mast	58'	head 9' 6"	Mizen mast	44' 6"	head 7' 6"
Topmast	33'	" 5"	Topmast	19' 6"	pole 12' 6"
Topgalt	17'	pole 12' 6"			
Bowsprit	33'	out 23'	Jibboom	28' 6"	
Main yard	47'		Crossjack	20' 6"	
Topsail yard	35' 6"		Topsail yard	18' 6"	
Topgalt yard	23' 6"		Gaff	17'	
Royal yard	13'		Boom	30'	
Sweeps 16	25'				

New Orleans Station, 1806–1807, under Lieut. Jacob Jones. Returned to New York in command of Lieut. Joseph Bainbridge, September 1807, with marines.

\*See Preface.

### FRANKLIN

#### Brig, 8 guns

Built at Philadelphia in 1795 as a merchant vessel. Purchased at Trieste, April 27, 1805. Cost £928.4.6. Principal dimensions: Custom house measurements, length 72'4" beam 22'4" depth not given. Tonnage: 155. No other data known.

In the Mediterranean, 1805. Came home November 1805 under Midn. Charles Robinson. Two cruises to New Orleans with men and supplies, January and May 1806, under Master John Earle and Lt. P. C. Wederstrandt, respectively. New Orleans Station, 1806–1807. Sold, March 21, 1807, at New Orleans.

### GENERAL GREENE

#### Frigate, 28 guns

Built at Warren, R. I. under Act of Congress April 27, 1798. Cost \$105,492. Designer: unknown. Agent: Gibbs and Channing.

Builders: Benjamin Talman and James de Wolf. Launched: January 21, 1799. In commission by June 2, 1799. Carvings: Joseph Anthony & Co.

Principal dimensions: Length \*124'3". Breadth \*34'8". Depth in hold 17'4". Tonnage: 654. Complement: 220. Battery: (1799) 24-12 pounders and 6-6 pounders. No other data known.

Commanded by Capt. Christopher R. Perry to end of Quasi-War with France. Retained under P. E. A. and laid up at Washington Navy Yard where she was converted to a sheer hulk in 1805 and burned in 1814.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON

Ship, 24 guns

Built at Providence, R. I. as a merchant vessel 1793. Purchased at Providence under Act of Congress, April 27, 1798 from John Brown and John Francis on October 12, 1798. Cost \$69,024. Superintendent of conversion: Captain Silas Talbot. In commission about December 20, 1798.

Principal dimensions: Length keel 108'. Breadth \*32'6". Depth in hold 14'. Tonnage: 624. Complement: 220. Battery: (July 1801) 15-9 pounders. Plans: Not known. Spar dimensions: Not known.

Participated in operations against the French under command of Capt. Patrick Fletcher to April 1800. Made two cruises to the Mediterranean, the first June 1800 to April 1801, under Capt. William Bainbridge, during which she was forced to go to Constantinople by the Dey of Algiers; the second was from July 1801 to April 1802 under Master Commandant John Shaw, with stores and timber for the Dey of Algiers. Sold at Philadelphia, May 1802.

### HORNET

Brig, 16 guns

Built at Baltimore, Md. under Act of Congress, March 26, 1804. Cost \$52,603.

Designed by Josiah Fox. Agent: John Stricker. Builder: William Price. Launched: July 28, 1805. In commission by October 18, 1805. Carvings: unknown.

Principal dimensions: Length 106' 9". Breadth 31' 5". Depth in hold 14'. Tonnage: 440. Complement: 180. Battery: (1805) 16-9 pounders. Plans: Sister of WASP. Spar dimensions: (1805)

Fore mast	64' 6"	head	9' 9"	Main mast	74'	head	11'	Bowsprit	45' 9"
Topmast	39'	head	4' 11"	Topmast	39'	head	4' 11"	Jibboom	31'
Topgalt	20' 4"	pole	14'	Top galt	20' 4"	pole	14'		
Fore yard	56'			Main yard	62'			Spritsail yard	43'
Topsail yard	43'			Topsail yard	43'				
Topgalt yard	26'			Topgalt yard	26'				

On Atlantic coast, November 1805 to February 1806, under Master Commandant Isaac Chauncey. Cruised in the Mediterranean, May 1806 to 1807, under Master Commandant John H. Dent. In ordinary at Charleston, S. C., November 1807.

\*See Preface.

**HORNET**

Sloop, 10 guns

Built as a merchant vessel in Massachusetts in 1802, formerly named **Traveller**.

Purchased at Malta 1804-5. Tonnage: 71. No other data known. In the Mediterranean, 1804-1806. Participated in attack on Derne, April 1805, under Command of Lieut. Samuel Evans. Arrived at Philadelphia, August 9, 1806, under Lt. William Crane, much damaged by a gale. Sold at Philadelphia, September 3, 1806.

**INTREPID**

Bomb ketch

Captured by the U. S. S. **Enterprize** and **Constitution** on December 23, 1803. Formerly named **Mastico**.

Condemned as a prize and purchased for \$1,800. In commission by January 31, 1804.

Principal dimensions: Length 60'. Breadth 12'. Tonnage: 64. Complement: 70. Battery: 4-?. No other data known.

Participated in expedition for destruction of **Philadelphia** in harbor of Tripoli, February 16, 1804, under command of Lieut. Stephen Decatur, Jr. Prepared as an infernal and sent into the harbor of Tripoli, September 4, 1804, under command of Lt. Richard Somers, where she exploded prematurely, causing the loss of all on board.

**JOHN ADAMS**

Frigate, 28 guns

Built at Charleston, S. C., for U. S. Government by Citizens of Charleston under Act of Congress, June 30, 1798. Cost \$113,505. Designed by Josiah Fox but increased 5' in length by builder. Agent: William Crafts. Builder: Paul Pritchard. Launched: June 5, 1799. In commission by November 12, 1799. Carvings by William Rush.

Principal dimensions: Length 127' 9". Breadth 33' 3". Depth 16' 10". Tonnage: 544.

Complement: 220. Battery: (1807) 24-12 pounders and 8-24 pound carronades.

Spar dimensions: (1799).

Fore mast	69' 8"	head 11' 6"	Main mast	76' 8"	head 13'	Mizen mast	65'	head 10'
Topmast	41' 8"	head 6' 5"	Topmast	46' 6"	head 7' 1"	Topmast	34' 5"	head 5' 3"
Topgalt	20' 10"	pole 14' 9"	Topgalt	23' 3"	pole 16' 6"	Topgalt	17' 3"	pole 12' 3"
Bowsprit	50'	out 33' 3"	Jibboom	35' 5"	out 23' 8"	Flying j'boom	30' 8"	
Martingale	12'							
Fore yard	62'	arms 2' 7"	Main yard	69' 8"	arms 2' 10'	Crossjack	49' 9"	arms 2'
Topsail yard	44' 3"	arms 3' 8"	Topsail yard	49' 9"	arms 4' 1"	Topsail yard	33' 2"	arms 1' 10"
Topgalt yard	29' 6"	arms 1' 7"	Topgalt yard	33' 2"	arms 1' 10"	Topgalt yard	22' 1"	arms 1' 3"
Royal yard	22' 10"	arms 9'	Royal yard	24' 10"	arms 10'	Royal yard	16' 6"	arms 7"
Spritsail yard	44' 3"		Gaff	34' 4"		Boom	49' 9"	

Commanded by Captain George Cross to January 1801 and Lieutenant William Smith to end of Quasi-War with France. Retained under P. E. A. and laid up at Washington. In Mediterranean 1802-1803, under Captain John Rodgers and Captain Hugh G.



Campbell; participated in the operations against Tripoli. Returned to United States and placed in ordinary at Washington Navy Yard. Recommissioned, March 1804 and sent to Mediterranean, Master Commandant Isaac Chauncey commanding. Returned to United States February 1805. Ordered back to the Mediterranean June 1805, Master Commandant John Shaw commanding. Took part in the blockade of Tunis August 1805. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard December 1805–1807.

### NAUTILUS

Schooner, 12 guns

Built on Eastern Shore of Maryland as a merchant vessel in 1799.

Purchased at Baltimore May 1803 from Thomas Tennant under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$18,763. Designer: not known. Agent: John Stricker. Builder: ? Spencer. In commission by June 24, 1803.

Principal dimensions: Length 87' 6". Breadth 23' 8". Depth in hold 9' 10". Tonnage: 185. Complement: 103. Battery: (1803 14–12 pound carronades. Spar dimensions: (1806)

Fore mast	62'	head 7'	Main mast	62' 3"	head 7' 2"	Bowsprit	28' 10"
Topmast	36'	pole 14'	Topmast	36'	pole 14'	Jibboom	30' 9"
						Flying j'boom	19' 4"
Square sail yard	30'		Spritsail yard	30' 3"		Fore gaff	24'
Fore yard	47' 2"	arms 1'4"				Main gaff	25'
Topgalt yard	31' 7"	arms 1'6"				Main boom	57' 4"
Topgalt yard		Not given.					
Royal yard	20'	6' arms 10"					

In the Mediterranean, 1803–1806 under command of Lt. Richard Somers, Master Commandant John H. Dent and Lt. Samuel Evans, respectively. Participated in attack on Derne in April 1805 and in covering Hamet's army while in action in May 1805. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, July 1806–1807.

### NEW YORK

Frigate, 36 guns

Built at New York, for U. S. Government by Citizens of New York under Act of Congress, June 30, 1798. Cost \$159,639. Designed by Samuel Humphreys. Builder: Peck and Carpenter. Keel laid: ? August 1798. Launched: April 24, 1800. In commission by October 30, 1800. Carvings: not known.

Principal dimensions: Length 145'5". Breadth 38'1". Depth in hold 11'9". Complement: 340.

Battery: (1799) 26–18 pounders, 7–9 pounders. Plans: National Archives 41–9–1. Spar dimensions: (1799).

Fore mast	80' 4"	head 12' 6"	Main mast	87' 4"	head 13' 2"	Mizzen mast	80' 4"	head 9' 9"
Topmast	50' 2"	head 7' 3"	Topmast	52' 9"	head 7' 6"	Topmast	38'	head 5' 8"
	40'	pole 13' 4"	Topgalt	42'	pole 14'	Topgalt	30'	pole 10'
Bowsprit		out 37'	Jibboom	53'				
Fore yard	70'	arms 3'10"	Main yard	76'	arms 4'	Crossjack	55'	arms 3'
Topgalt yard	50'	arms 4' 3"	Topgalt yard	55'	arms 4' 6"	Topgalt yard	38'	arms 3'
Topgalt yard	35'	arms 1' 8"	Topgalt yard	30'	arms 1'10"	Topgalt yard	27'	arms 1' 6"
Royal yard	28'	arms 1'	Royal yard	27'	arms 1'	Royal yard		not given
Gaff	37' 4"		Boom	51'		Jack staff		13' 2"
Sp'ts'l yd.	50'	arms 4' 3"	Sp'ts'l t'sl yd.	35'	arms 1' 8"	Ensign staff		26' 5"

Commanded by Captain Thomas Robinson to August 1800, and Captain Richard V. Morris to end of Quasi-War with France. Retained under P. E. A. and laid up at Washington Navy Yard. Recommissioned, August 1802. Cruise to the Mediterranean, 1802-1803 with Capt. James Barron in command to April 1803. Flagship of Commodore Richard V. Morris, April to September 1803, and of Capt. John Rodgers, temporarily in command of the squadron to arrival of Commodore Edward Preble; participated in operations against Tripoli. Sailed for the United States, October 19, 1803. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, December 1803-1807.

### PHILADELPHIA

Frigate, 36 guns

Built at Philadelphia, for U. S. Government by Citizens of Philadelphia under Act of Congress, June 30, 1798. Cost \$179,349. Designed by Josiah Fox. Builders: Samuel Humphreys, Nathaniel Hutton, and John Delavue. Keel laid: about November 14, 1798. Launched: November 28, 1799. In commission by April 5, 1800. Carvings by William Rush.

Principal dimensions: Length keel 130'. Breadth \*39'. Depth in hold 13' 6". Tonnage: 1240. Complement: 307. Battery (1803) 28-18 pounders and 16-32 pound carronades. Plans: National Archives 41-9-1G; Lenthall Collection, Franklin Institute. Spar dimensions: (1800)

Fore mast	83' 3" head 12'	Main mast	92' 6" head 13'	Mizen mast	82' 3" head 9'
Topmast	50' head 6' 3"	Topmast	55' 6" head 7'	Topmast	41' head 5'
Topgalt	40' pole 16'	Topgalt	44' pole 17' 6"	Topgalt	33' pole 13'
Bowsprit	55' 6" out 39'	Jibboom	55' 6"	Martingale	14'
Fore yard	72' 6" arms 3' 9"	Main yard	81' 6" arms 4'	Crossjack	58' arms 4' 9"
Topsail yard	52' arms 4' 4"	Topsail yard	58' arms 4' 9"	Topsail yard	41' 6" arms 3'
Topgalt yard	34' 9" arms 2'	Topgalt yard	38' 8" arms 2'	Topgalt yard	27' 8" arms 1' 6"
Royal yard	26' arms 1' 6"	Royal yard	29' arms 1' 6"	Royal yard	20' 9" arms 1'
Spritsail yard	52'	Spritsail topsail yard.	34' 9" Gaff 36'	Boom	58'
Jack staff	14'	Ensign staff	28'		

Commanded by Captain Stephen Decatur, Sr., to May 1801. Retained under P. E. A. and sent to the Mediterranean in June 1801, under Captain Samuel Barron. On blockade duty off Gibraltar, 1801-1802. In ordinary at Philadelphia, 1802-1803. Cruised in Mediterranean, Capt. William Bainbridge, commanding, August to October 1803, when she ran on some uncharted rocks in harbor of Tripoli, and was captured. Boarded and burned by party under Lt. Stephen Decatur, Jr., February 16, 1804.

\*See Preface.

### PRESIDENT

Frigate, 44 guns

Built at New York under Act of Congress, March 27, 1794 and April 30, 1796. Cost \$220,910. Designed by Joshua Humphreys. Agent: John Blagge. Builder: Foreman Cheeseman. Launched: April 10, 1800. In commission by September 5, 1800. Carvings by Daniel N. Train.

Principal dimensions: Length 176'. Breadth 45'10". Depth 19'8".  
 Tonnage: 1576. Complement: 400. Battery: (1801) 30-24 pounders and ?. Plans: (1815) National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, England. Photostat, Navy Department Archives. Spar dimensions: (1801)

Fore mast	90'	head 14' 8"	Main mast	100'	head 15' 5"	Mizen mast	87'	head 11' 3"
Topmast	58'	head 7' 9"	Topmast	61' 7"	head 7' 9"	Topmast	45'	head 5' 8"
Topgalt	47'	pole 17'	Topgalt	50'	pole 18'	Topgalt	37'	pole 13' 3"
Bowsprit	67'	out 42'	Jibboom	64'		Flying j'boom	29'	
Fore yard	81'	arms 4' 3"	Main yard	90' 6"	arms 4' 6"	Crossjack	66'	arms 3' 8"
Topsail yard	60'	arms 5'	Topsail yard	66'	arms 5'	Topsail yard	45'	arms 3' 6"
Topgalt yard	41'	arms 2'	Topgalt yard	44'	arms 2'	Topgalt yard	32'	arms 1' 6"
Royal yard	30'	arms 1'	Royal yard	32'	arms 1'	Royal yard	24'	arms 1'
Spritsail yard	60'	arm 3' 6"	Spritsail top-sail yard	41'		Jack staff	16'	
Gaff	46'		Boom	67'		Ensign staff	30'	

Commanded by Captain Thomas Truxtun to May 1801. On cruise to the Mediterranean as Flagship of Commodore Richard Dale, June 1801 to April 1802. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard to April 1804. In the Mediterranean, 1804-1805; sailed from Hampton Roads as Flagship of Commodore Samuel Barron, July 4, 1804, Master Commandant George Cox in command. Commodore Barron relinquished command of the squadron, May 26, 1805 to Commodore John Rodgers and Captain James Barron assumed command of her May 29th. Returned to United States in September 1805. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, 1805-1807.

### REVENGE

Schooner, 10 guns

Purchased at New Orleans in December 1806. Complement: 43.

Battery: 10-6 pounders. No other data known.

New Orleans Station, December 1806 to June 1807. Brought to Baltimore and fitted for a cruise to Europe with dispatches, June to December 1807. Lt. Benjamin F. Read commanded her.

### SCOURGE

Brig, 16 guns

Captured by the U. S. S. *Siren* on March 18, 1804. Formerly named *Transfer*. Condemned as a prize and purchased for 5000 Spanish dollars. In commission by April 17, 1804.

Principal dimensions: not known. Complement: 41. Battery: (1804) 16-6 pounders. No other data known.

Operated in the Mediterranean 1804-1805 under Lieut. John H. Dent and Midn. Ralph Izard. In ordinary at Norfolk, Virginia, 1805-1807.

### SIREN

Brig, 16 guns

Built at Philadelphia under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$32,522. Designed by Benjamin Hutton. Agent: George Harrison. Builder: Nathaniel Hutton. Launched: August 6, 1803. In commission about September 1, 1803.

Principal dimensions: Length 94'6". Breadth 27'9". Depth in hold 12'. Tonnage: 240. Complement: 120. Battery: (1803) 16-24 pound carronades. Plans: National Archives 40-10-2A. Spar dimensions: (1806)

Fore mast	59'4"	head	10'5"	Main mast	64'	head	10'5"	Bowsprit	39'
Topmast	37'	head	6'	Topmast	37'	head	6'	Jibboom	32'10"
Topgalt	31'6"	pole	16'	Topgalt	31'6"	pole	16'	Flying j'boom	31'
Fore yard	53'8"	arms	2'6"	Main yard	53'8"	arms	2'6"	Spritsail yard	38'8"
Topsail yard	38'8"	arms	2'9"	Topsail yard	38'8"	arms	2'9"	Main gaff	31'
Topgalt yard	26'10"	arms	1'5"	Topgalt yard	26'10"	arms	1'5"	Main boom	57'
Royal yard	20'	arms	8"	Royal yard	20'	arms	8"		

Cruised in the Mediterranean, 1803-1806; participated in operations off Tripoli, 1804, and the expedition for destruction of *Philadelphia*, February 16, 1804; under command of Master Commandant Charles Stewart to July 1805, and Master Commandant John Smith to end of service in Mediterranean. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, August 1806-1807.

### SPITFIRE

#### Bomb ketch

Built as a merchant sloop in Connecticut in 1803. Purchased by Commodore Edward Preble under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803, at Boston on April 25, 1805. Converted at Boston Navy Yard by Rhodes and Page. Cost \$17,307. Conversion began: April 27, 1805. Launched: June 13, 1805. In commission by June 23, 1805.

Principal dimensions: Not known. Tonnage: 92. Complement: 25. Battery: (1805) 1-13" mortar and 2 long 9 pounders. Spar dimensions: (1805)

Main mast	56'6"	head	9'	Mizen mast	43'	head	7'
Topmast	31'6"	head	4'6"	Topmast	18'	pole	11'
Topgalt	16'	pole	11'6"				
Bowsprit	31'	out	22'6"	Jibboom	26'6"		
Main yard	44'			Crossjack	24'6"		
Topsail yard	33'			Topsail yard	16'6"		
Topgalt yard	21'			Topgalt yard	14'		
Royal yard	16'			Gaff	15'		
Spritsail yard	27'			Boom	26'		

In Mediterranean, 1805-1806 under Midshipman Daniel McNeill, Jr., and Lieutenant Theodore Hunt. Returned to United States and placed in ordinary at Norfolk, Va., August 1806. At Norfolk Station, in command of Midshipman F. Cornelius de Krafft, July to December 1807.

### UNITED STATES

#### Frigate, 44 guns

Built at Philadelphia under Act of Congress, March 27, 1794. Cost \$299,336. Designed by Joshua Humphreys. Agent: Gurney and Smith. Builder: Joshua Humphreys. Launched: May 10, 1797. In commission by July 11, 1798. Carvings by William Rush. Principal dimensions: Length 175'10". Breadth 44'7½". Depth 21'2". Tonnage: 1576.

**Complement:** 400. **Battery:** (1798) 30-24 pounders and 14-12 pounders. **Plans:** Lenthall Collection, Franklin Institute. **National Archives** 40-15-6 and 40-15-6B. **Fox Papers,** Peabody Museum. **Spar dimensions:** (1807)

Fore mast	90'	head	14' 7"	Main mast	100'	head	16' 3"	Mizen mast	86'	head	12' 8"
Topmast	54' 10"	head	8'	Topmast	60' 11"	head	8' 11"	Topmast	45' 8"	head	6' 8"
Topgalt	27' 5"	head	4'	Topgalt	30' 6"	head	4' 6"	Topgalt	22' 10"	head	3' 4"
Royal mast	19' 5"			Royal mast	21' 7"			Royal mast	16' 2"		
Bowsprit	64'	out	43' 6"	Jibboom	46' 7"	out	30' 8"	F. J' boom	51' 8"	out	20' 0"
Fore yard	81' 2"	arms	3' 5"	Main yard	91' 4"	arms	3' 10"	Cross jack	65' 3"	arms	2' 9"
Topsail yd	58'	arms	4' 10"	Topsail yd	65' 3"	arms	5' 5"	Topsail yd	43' 6"	arms	2' 9"
Topgalt yd	41'	arms	2' 1"	Topgalt yd	43' 6"	arms	2' 4"	Topgalt yd	29'	arms	1' 8"
Royal yard	29'	arms	1'	Royal yard	32' 7"	arms	1' 2"	Royal yard	21' 9"	arms	2"
Sp't s'l yd	58'	arms	2' 5"	Gaff	45' 8"			Boom	65' 3"		
Martingale	15' 6"			Jack staff	17'			Ensign staff	33' 10"		

**Commanded by** Captain John Barry to end of Quasi-War with France. Retained under P. E. A. and laid up at Washington Navy Yard. No service during Barbary Wars, 1801-1807.

## VENGEANCE

### Bomb ketch

Built as a merchant schooner in Connecticut in 1804. Purchased by Commodore Edward Preble under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803 at Boston on April 25, 1805. Cost \$18,443. Converted at Boston Navy Yard by Rhodes and Page. Conversion began: April 27, 1805. Launched: June 13, 1805. In commission by June 19, 1805.

**Principal dimensions:** Not known. **Tonnage:** 102. **Complement:** 25. **Battery:** (1805) 1-13" mortar and 2-9 pounders. **Spar dimensions:** (1805).

Mainmast	54'	head	9'	Mizen mast	42'	head	7'
Topmast	30'	"	4' 6"	Topmast	18'	pole	10'
Topgalt	15' 6"	pole	11'				
Bowsprit	30'	out	22'	Jibboom	26'		
Main yard	43'			Crossjack	24'		
Topsail yard	32'			Topsail yard	16'		
Topgalt yard	20'			Topgalt yard	13'		
Royal yard	15'			Spritsail yard	26'		
Gaff	15'			Boom	25'		

In Mediterranean, 1805-1806, under Midshipman William Lewis and Lieutenant Benjamin Smith. Returned to United States in July 1806. In ordinary at New York, 1806-1807.

## VESUVIUS

### Bomb ketch

Built at Newburyport, Mass. under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$29,659. Designed by Jacob Coffin and Commodore Edward Preble. Agent: Commodore Edward Preble. Builder: Jacob Coffin. Launched: May 31, 1806. In commission by September 1806. Carvings by William Gannon.

**Principal dimensions:** Length perpendiculars 82' 5". Breadth \*24' 5" Depth in hold 8' 4". **Tonnage:** 145. **Complement:** 30. **Battery:**.

\*See Preface.

(1806) 1-13'' mortar, 8-9 pounders and 2-24 pound carronades.  
Spar dimensions: (1806).

Main mast	58'	head	9' 6"	Mizen mast	44' 6"	head	7' 6"
Topmast	33'	head	5'	Topmast	19' 6"	pole	12' 6"
Topgalt	17'	pole	12' 6"				
Bowsprit	32'	out	23'	Jibboom	26' 6"		
Main yard	47'			Crossjack	26' 6"		
Topsail yard	35' 6"			Topsail yard	18' 6"		
Topgalt yard	23' 6"			Gaff	17'		
Sweeps 16	25'			Boom	30'		

Preparing for service, 1806. On New Orleans Station, Lt. James T. Leonard in command, November 1806 to June 1807. New York Station, August to December 1807.

### VIXEN

Schooner, later Brig, 12 guns

Built at Baltimore under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$20,872. Designed by Benjamin Hutton. Agent: John Stricker. Builder: William Price. Launched: June 25, 1803. In commission by August 3, 1803.

Principal dimensions: Length 83' 6". Breadth 23' 7½". Depth in hold 9' 6". Tonnage: 170. Complement: 111. Battery: (1803) 12-18 pound carronades. Plans: National Archives 109-4-15. Originally rigged as a schooner; re-rigged as a brig in September 1804. Spar Dimensions: (1806)

Fore mast	49' 7"	head	8' 5"	Main mast	55' 7"	head	9'	Bowsprit	29' 4"
Topmast	30' 9"	head	4' 11"	Topmast	30' 9"	head	4' 11"	Jibboom	23'
Topgalt	26' 4"	pole	12' 5"	Topgalt	26' 4"	pole	12' 5"	Flying j'boom	29' 3"
Fore yard	46'	arms	2' 2"	Main yard	46'	arms	2' 2"	Spritsail yard	32' arms 3' 4"
Topsail yard	32'	arms	3' 4"	Topsail yard	32'	arms	3' 4"	Main gaff	30'
Topgalt yard	21'	arms	1' 4"	Topgalt yard	21'	arms	1' 4"	Main boom	47'
Royal yard	15'	arms	5"	Royal yard	15'	arms	5"		

In the Mediterranean, 1803-1806, under command of Master Commandant John Smith to July 1805, and Master Commandant George Cox to August 1806. In ordinary at Washington Navy Yard, August 1806-1807.

### WASP

Ship sloop, 16 guns

Built at Washington Navy Yard under Act of Congress, March 26, 1804. Cost \$----- . Designed by Josiah Fox. Builder: Josiah Fox. Launched: April 21, 1806. In commission by May 1, 1807. Principal dimensions: Length 105' 7". Breadth 30' 11". Depth 14' 1½". Tonnage: 450.

Complement: 140. Battery: (1807) 16-32 pound carronades and 2-12 pounders. Plans: National Archives 40-10-2E. 109-8-2b-C-D-E-F-G. Originally designed as a brig, converted to ship sloop before launching. Spar dimensions: (1807)

Fore mast	63'	head	9' 10"	Main mast	70'	head	11'	Mizen mast	60'	head	8' 6"
Topmast	37' 9"	head	5' 6"	Topmast	42'	head	6' 1"	Topmast	31' 6"	head	4' 7"
Topgalt	18'	pole	15'	Topgalt	20'	pole	16'	Topgalt	15'	pole	12'
Bowsprit	43' 6"	out		Jibboom	34'			Flying j'boom	38' 4"		
Fore yard	56'	arms	2' 4"	Main yard	62'	arms	2' 7"	Crossjack	41'	arms	1' 8"
Topsail yard	41'	arms	3' 5"	Topsail yard	45'	arms	3' 9"	Topsail yard	30'	arms	1' 10"
Topgalt yard	27'	arms	2' 3"	Topgalt yard	30'	arms	2' 6"	Topgalt yard	20' 8"	arms	1' 8"
Royal yard	20'	arms	9"	Royal yard	22'	arms	10"	Royal yard	15' 6"	arms	7"
Spritsail yard	41'	arms	1' 8"	Martingale	11' 6"						
Main gaff	27'			Main boom	41'						

Cruise to Europe, May to October 1807, under Master Commandant John Smith. In home waters the rest of the year.

## #1

## Gunboat

Built at Washington Navy Yard under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$10,210. Designed by Captain John Rodgers. Superintendent: Captain John Rodgers. Builder: Peter Gardner. In commission by July 26, 1804.

Principal dimensions: Not known. Complement: 32. Battery: 1 long 32 pounder and 2—6 pound howitzers. Spar dimensions: Not known.

Commanders: Sailing Master John P. Lovell to November 1804. Sailing Master Humphrey Magrath to April 1805. Lt. Nathaniel Fanning to September 1805. Sailing Master Marmaduke Dove to January 1806. Lt. James Biddle to May 1806. Lt. William Ballard thereafter.

History: On patrol off South Atlantic States. Surveyed as unfit to cross the Atlantic April 1805 and continued on coastal patrol.

## #2

## Gunboat

Built at Hampton, Virginia under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$11,399. Designed by Captain James Barron. Superintendent: Captain James Barron. Builder: George Hope. Launched: August 16, 1804. In commission by May 8, 1805. Complement: 23. Battery: 1 long 32 pounder. Principal dimensions: not known. One mast lateen rig until departure for the Mediterranean, then as a ketch. Spar dimensions:

Main mast	54'	head	7'	Jigger	18'
Topmast	24'	head	4'	Sprit	19'
Bowsprit	15'	outboard		Boom out	13'
Square sl. Yd.	32'			Gaff	25'
Topsail yd.	23'			Boom	34' 6"

Oars 25' over-all with a blade 8' 6" long by 6½" wide.

Commanders: Lt. John B. Cordis to October 1804. Sailing Master Humphrey Magrath, Sailing Master Alexander C. Harrison, and Lt. James W. Murdoch to April 1805. Midshipman Ralph Izard to September 1806.

History: Sailed for Mediterranean May 1805. Off Tunis August to September 1805. Wintered at Syracuse 1805–1806. Returned to Charleston, S. C., and laid up.

## #3

## Gunboat

Built at Philadelphia under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$11,757. Designed by Josiah Fox (?). Agent: George Harrison. Builder: Nathaniel Hutton. Launched: December 3, 1804. In commission by May 1, 1805. Complement: 20. Battery: 2 long 24 pounders. Principal dimensions: Length between perpendiculars 71'. Breadth\* 18'. Depth\* 4' 8½". Plans: Preble Papers

\* See Preface.

3436, Library of Congress. Rigged and sparred as #2. Fitted with two lee boards for the Atlantic crossing.

Commanders: Lt. Joseph Maxwell to February 1806. Midshipman Arthur Sinclair to May 1806. Sailing Master Humphrey Magrath to July 1806.

History: Sailed for the Mediterranean May 1805. Seized by Spanish gunboats off Gibraltar but released the same day. Otherwise the same as #2.

## #4

## Gunboat

Built at Washington Navy Yard under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$11,989. Designed by Josiah Fox (?). Builder: Josiah Fox. Launched: March 5, 1805. In commission by April 20, 1805. Complement: 20. Battery: 2 long 32 pounders. Principal dimensions: as #3. Plans: as #3. Rigged and sparred as #2.

Commanders: Midshipman John D. Henley to August 1806.

History: The same as #2, except laid up at Norfolk.

## #5

## Gunboat

Built at Baltimore under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$12,293. Designed by Josiah Fox (?). Agent: John Stricker. Builder: William Price. Launched: Ca. November 9, 1804. In commission by March 1, 1805. Complement: 23. Battery: 2 long 32 pounders. Principal dimensions: as #3. Plans: as #3. Rigged and sparred as #2. Fitted with a false keel 20' deep for the Atlantic crossing.

Commanders: Sailing Master Alexander C. Harrison to August 1806.

History: Same as #2, except laid up at Norfolk.

## #6

## Gunboat

Built at New York under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$13,790. Designed by Josiah Fox (?). Agent: John Beekman. Launched: February 4, 1805. In commission by May 14, 1805. Complement: 20. Battery: 2 long 32 pounders. Principal dimensions: as #3. Plan: as #3. Rigged and sparred as #2.

Commander: Lt. James Lawrence to August 1806.

History: Sailed for Mediterranean May 1805. Had three men impressed by the British fleet on June 12, 1805. History otherwise the same as #2 except laid up at New York.

## #7

## Gunboat

Built at New York under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$12,729. Designed by Josiah Fox (?). Agent: John Beekman. Launched: February 6, 1805. In commission by May 14, 1805. Principal dimensions: As #3. Plans: as #3. Rigged and sparred as #2.



Commander: Lt. Peter S. Ogilvie.

History: Sailed for the Mediterranean, May 14, 1805. Returned New York with a sprung mast. Sailed, June 20, 1805 after being repaired and was never heard from thereafter.

## #8

## Gunboat

Built at Boston under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$13,090. Designed by Josiah Fox (?). Agent: Samuel Brown. Builder: ? Roads. Launched: April 24, 1805. In commission by May 4, 1805. Complement: 20. Battery: 2 long 32 pounders. Principal dimensions: as #3. Plans: as #3. After rudder 2' below the keel. Main keel 14' deep and two bilge keels 30' long 12' deep. Rigged and sparred as #2.

Commander: Sailing Master Nathaniel Haraden to August 1806.

History: The same as #2 except laid up at New York.

## #9

## Gunboat

Built at Fair Bank, Charleston, S. C. under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$12,792. Designed by Josiah Fox (?) with alterations by the builder. Agent: William Smith. Builder: Paul Pritchard. Launched: March 4, 1805. In commission by May 8, 1805. Complement: 20. Battery: 2 long 32 pounders. Principal dimensions: as altered, length between perpendiculars 71'. Breadth \*21'. Depth \*6'2½" with dead rise increased to 12". Two bilge keels fitted instead of false keel. Rigged as a ketch but not on the standard scheme. Spar dimensions: not known.

Commander: Lt. Nathaniel Fanning to March 1805. Lt. Samuel Elbert to July 1806.

History: The same as #2 except laid up at Charleston, S. C.

\* See Preface.

## #10

## Gunboat

Built at Washington Navy Yard under Act of Congress, February 23, 1803. Cost \$12,072. Designed by Josiah Fox (?). Builder: Josiah Fox. Launched: April 8, 1805. In commission by April 30, 1805. Complement: 20. Battery: 2 long 32 pounders. Principal dimensions: as #3. Plans: as #3. Rigged and sparred as #2.

Commanders: Lt. Seth Cartee to March 1806. Midshipman Arthur Sinclair to August 1806.

History: The same as #2, except laid up at Norfolk.

## OTHER GUNBOATS

The following gunboats were built or were under contract during the period up to December 31, 1807. Only a minimum of information concerning their building periods is available. The exact places of construction are doubtful in many instances and as some of the

contractors, particularly those on the Western Rivers, were politicians rather than shipbuilders, the real builders are rarely known. The launching dates are in most instances unknown, but those completed were usually laid up in ordinary and the few commissioned saw only patrol service. A schooner rig was given to #11 and #12, the plan of #12 being National Archives 80-7-18. A sloop rig was given to #13 through #22 with the following spar dimensions:

Main mast	57'	head 7'	Topmast	24'	head 4'
Bowsprit outboard	18'				
Crossjack yard	32'		Gaff	25'	
Topsail yard	23'		Boom	50'	

All were equipped to row either end foremost but the bow rudder was omitted. A plan of these boats is believed to be either that in the Fox Papers, Peabody Museum or that in the Preble Papers, 3436, Library of Congress. The remaining designs were built to at least three and perhaps five designs: #23 to 27 inclusive, design not known; #29 to 45 inclusive that of Commodore Edward Preble, plan National Archives 80-7-12; #46 to 57 inclusive that of Captain Charles Stewart, plan not known; #7 and #58 to 69 inclusive that of Captain James Barron, plan not known; and #79 to 88 inclusive and #93 to 115 inclusive, plan not known. The missing numbers were assigned to vessels built at a later period.

Number	Date of contract	Place built	Contractor (c) Builder (b)	Agent or Superintendent
7 (2nd)...	4 Nov. 1806#	Havre de Grace	Gabriel Christie (c) & Bennett Barnes (bc)	Com. John Rodgers.
11.....	15 Mar. 1805*	Portland	Nath'l Dyer (bc)	Com. Ed. Preble.
12.....	1 Jul. 1805*	Newburyport	Jacob Coffin (bc)	Com. Ed. Preble.
13 & 14.....	4 Apr. 1805*	Cincinnati	John Smith (c)	Henry Carbery.
			? Watson (b)	
15 & 16.....	4 Apr. 1805*	Eddyville, Ky	Mathew Lyon (c)	Henry Carbery.
17 & 18.....	?	Cincinnati	John Smith (c)	Henry Carbery.
19 & 20.....	25 Apr. 1805*	Louisville	John Jordan (c) & James Morrison (c)	Henry Carbery.
21 & 22.....	4 May 1805*	Marietta	Ed. W. Tupper (c)	Henry Carbery.
23.....	29 Aug. 1806#	Charleston, Va	John Connell (c) & Peter Mills (c)	Henry Carbery.
24.....	? Jul. 1806#	Cincinnati	Thomas Reagan (c)	Henry Carbery.
25-27.....	? Jan. 1806*	Eddyville, Ky	Mathew Lyon (c)	Henry Carbery.
29-36.....	10 Jul. 1806#	Portland	Com. Ed. Preble (c)	Com. Ed. Preble.
			3-Wm. Moulton (b)	
			2-Eleazer Higgins (b)	
		Brunswick, Me.....	Com. Ed. Preble (c) & Eph. Hunt (b) & Robt. Given (b)	Com. Ed. Preble.
37.....	9 Oct. 1806#	?	Com. Ed. Preble (c)	Com. Ed. Preble.
38-41.....	1 Sep. 1806#	Middletown, Ct.....	Wm. Van Deursen (c)	Capt. I. Hull.
			James & Thomas Childs (b)	
42 & 43.....	15 Aug. 1806#	Newport, R. I.	Benj. Marble (bc)	Capt. S. Decatur Jr.
44 & 45.....	15 Aug. 1806#	Greenwich, R. I.	John Glazier (bc)	Capt. S. Decatur Jr.
46-49.....	? Jul. 1806#	New York	A. & N. Brown (bc)	Capt. C. Stewart.
50-57.....	? Jul. 1806#	New York	Eckford & Beebee (bc) & Chris. Bergh (bc)	Capt. C. Stewart.
58 & 59.....	28 Jul. 1806#	Hampton, Va	George Hope (bc)	Capt. Sam. Barron.
60 & 61.....	28 Jul. 1806#	Hampton, Va	John Pool (c) & Richard Servant (c)	Capt. Sam. Barron.
62-65.....	23 Jul. 1806#	Mathews Co. Va.	John Patterson (c) & Hunley Gayle (c)	Capt. Sam. Barron.
66.....	? Jul. 1806#	Portsmouth, Va.	John & Joseph Forster (c)	D. Bedinger
67-69.....	?	Portsmouth, Va	?	D. Bedinger.
79-88.....	30 Dec. 1807 @	Portland	David Green (c)	Capt. Wm. Bainbridge.
93-115.....	30 Jul. 1807 @	New York	5-Eckford & Beebee (bc)	Capt. I. Chauncey.
	to		5-Christ. Bergh (bc)	
	28 Dec. 1807.....		5-Charles Browne (bc)	
			5-A. & N. Brown (bc)	
		Hudson, N. Y.	2-Robert Jenkins (c)	
		Schanks, N. Y.	1-Thomas Bell (c)	

\*Act Congress March 2, 1805.

#Act of Congress April 21, 1806.

@Act of Congress December 18, 1807.

## #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

## Sicilian (Neapolitan) Gunboats

Borrowed from the King of the Two Sicilies by Commodore Edward Preble on May 13, 1804, under Act of Congress, March 26, 1804. All commissioned at Messina, May 29, 1804. All apparently identical in characteristics. Complement: 35. Battery: 1 French long 24 pounder. Principal dimensions: Length \*56' 6". Breadth \*18'. Depth in hold 4' 6". Plan: National Archives, 80-7-21. Rig: one masted lateen with jib. Spar dimensions: Not known.

Commanders: #1 Lt. Richard Somers; #2 Lt. James Decatur; #3 Lt. Joshua Blake; #4 Captain Stephen Decatur, Jr.; #5 Midshipman Joseph Bainbridge; #6 Sailing Master John Trippe and Midn. Henry Wadsworth.

History: All arrived off Tripoli July 25, 1804 and took part in the actions on August 3, 7, 24, 28 and September 2-3, 1804. On August 3 #4 captured two Tripolitan gunboats and #6 captured one. Early in October, 1804 all six were returned to the King of the Two Sicilies.

## #7, 8, and 9

## Prize Gunboats

Captured from Tripoli on August 3, 1804. #7 and #8 by Sicilian gunboat #4; and #9 by Sicilian gunboat #6. Battery: #7 and #8, 1 brass 24 pounder and 2 brass 3 pound swivels; #9, 1 brass 18 pounder and 2 howitzers. Rigs altered from lateen to sloop. No other characteristics known, except #9: Length \*31' 1". Breadth \*14'. Depth \*5'.

Commanders: #7 Midn. Jonathan Thorn; #8 Lt. William M. Crane; #9 Lt. James R. Caldwell.

History: Commissioned 5 August 1804. Took part in the actions of August 7, 24, 28, and September 2-3, 1804 except #9 which blew up on August 7, 1804. Valued and paid for in Sicily for the benefit of the captors in 1804.

## #1 and 2

## Bombards

Borrowed from the King of the Two Sicilies by Commodore Edward Preble on May 13, 1804 under Act of Congress, March 26, 1804. Battery: 1 brass 13" sea mortar. No other characteristics known. Commissioned at Messina, July 8, 1804.

Commanders: #1 Lt. Thomas Robinson, Jr.; #2 Lt. John H. Dent and on August 28, 1804 Lt. Thomas Robinson Jr.

History: Arrived off Tripoli, July 25, 1804. #2 in actions of August 3, 7, 24, 28 and September 2-3, 1804; #1 damaged in the action of August 24, did not take part in the action of August 28, otherwise the same as #2. Early in October, 1804 both were returned to the King of the Two Sicilies.

\*See Preface.

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## #1, 2, 3, and 4

## Ancona Gunboats

Purchased by Captain James Barron and Master Commandant Thomas Robinson, Jr. at Ancona in the spring of 1805. Sailed unarmed from Ancona June 24, 1805, #1 commanded by Midn. Thomas Swarengen; #2 by Midn. Thomas C. Magruder; #3 by Quartermaster Reuben James; and #4 by Able Seaman Cyrel Bailey. Never commissioned as combat vessels but laid up at Syracuse and sold in August 1807. No characteristics known.

## #1 and 2

## Trabaccolos

Purchased by Captain James Barron and Master Commandant Thomas Robinson, Jr. at Ancona in the spring of 1805. Sailed from Ancona June 24, 1805. #1 under command of Lt. James S. Higinbotham and #2 under Midshipman Thomas Macdonough. Never commissioned as combat vessels but laid up at Syracuse and sold in August 1807. No characteristics known.

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