

Florida, 1822

Type/Rig/Class: Topsail Schooner
Builder: New York
Length: 63' 3"
Beam: 17' 5"
Draft: 7'
Displacement: 74 tons
Cost: \$
Commissioned: 1822
Decommissioned: 1831
Disposition: Sold
Complement: 19
Armament: 2 6-pounders; 4 4-pounders

Cutter History:

Florida first appears in the records in 1822 while she was assigned to Key West, Florida. On 7 June 1824 it was reported that she captured the Spanish schooner *Nuestra Leonora De Los Angeles* while attempting to smuggle sugar at one of the Keys, to the westward of Thompson's Island.

In 1825 she exchanged places with the cutter *Pulaski* and was stationed at Wilmington, Delaware. In 1827 she again exchanged places with *Pulaski* but was found to be too small for the Key West station and carried too little water. In 1828 she was ordered to Wilmington to exchange officers and crew for those of *Pulaski*.

She saw some service in the Chesapeake under the control of the Wilmington Collector before being ordered sold in 1829.

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