



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Portsmouth, 1829

A city in Rockingham County, New Hampshire.

Builder: Built at "mouth of Connecticut River"

Cost: Unknown

Rig: Schooner

Length: 60' 6"

Beam: 17' 5"

Draft: 6' 10" forward; 9' 2" aft

Displacement: 61.5 tons

Keel Laid: Unknown

Launched: 1820

Purchased: 1829

Decommissioned: Unknown

Disposition: Sold 1 May 1833

Complement: three officers, five seaman, one cook, one steward (10 total)

Armament: Eight 4-pdrs (only 2 mounted), 11 swivels (only 2 mounted), the rest of the guns were used for ballast; six pistols, 11 cutlasses, five boarding pikes (as of 6 November 1829).

Cutter History:

Originally named *Hiram*, this vessel was constructed as a pilot boat. She was “built of white oak frame.”

Hiram was purchased for the Revenue Marine for service at Portsmouth, New Hampshire (and renamed after that city) for \$1,635.00 in 1829. The major complaints about *Portsmouth* were that she was too small, very tender, wet and had no wardroom for the ship's officers.

The cutter was sold 1 May 1833 in Portsmouth.

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