



Louisiana, 1819

Originally named by the French to honor King Louis XIV, Louisiana was admitted to the Union 30 April 1812 as the 18th State.

TYPE/RIG/CLASS: Alabama-Class topsail schooner

COMMISSIONED: 1819

DECOMMISSIONED: Sold in 1824

DISPLACEMENT: 56 tons

PROPULSION: Sail

LENGTH: 52-feet (keel)

BEAM: 18' 6"

DRAFT: 5' 9"

COMPLEMENT: ?

ARMAMENT: 1 pivot

History:

The cutter cost \$4,500 and was built by Christian Bergh of New York. She was assigned to New Orleans, Louisiana. On 31 August 1819 she captured the pirate schooner *Bravo* in concert with the cutter *Alabama*. On 19 April 1820, again in

concert with the *Alabama*, she destroyed a "Piratical Rendezvous on Breton Island." Revenue Captain Jairus, then commanding the *Louisiana*, reported on 10 July 1820 that that he had captured four pirate vessels off the coast of Belize. On 2 November 1822 it was reported that the *Louisiana*, along with the British schooner *Speedwell* and the USS *Peacock*, had captured five pirate vessels near Havana, Cuba.

On 24 March 1824 the Collector at New Orleans ordered that the cutter be sold at auction.

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