



## *Pulaski*, 1825

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The cutter *Pulaski* was named for the American Revolutionary War hero Casimir Pulaski, a Polish cavalry officer who served with the Continental Army. He organized and commanded the Pulaski Legion, a corps of light cavalry and infantry, as authorized by the Continental Congress. He was killed in action during the assault on Savannah, Georgia, in October, 1779.

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Builder: Baltimore, Maryland

Commissioned: 1825

Decommissioned: 1833

Disposition: Sold

Cost: \$15,000

Rig: Schooner

Length: 78' 8"

Beam: 19' 6"

Draft: 9' 6"

Displacement: 115-tons

Propulsion: Sail

Performance:

Max:

Economic:

Complement:

Armament: 6 x 12-pounders

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### **Cutter History:**

The *Pulaski* was one of two *Marion*-class cutters, the other being *Marion*, that entered service in 1825. Their construction was supervised by Revenue Captain Isaiah Doane. Both were elaborately decorated vessels. The *Pulaski* was initially stationed at Key West, Florida, although she had a deeper draft than was convenient for those waters. In 1827 she sailed for Wilmington, Delaware and the cutter *Florida* replaced her at Key West. On 19 August 1828 she returned to Key West and exchanged her officers and crew for those aboard the *Florida*.

She was transferred to Mobile, Alabama in 1832. Her place was taken by the cutter *McLane*. *Pulaski* was to be ordered to Philadelphia but was instead sold in 1833.

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