



Texas Navy Association

Historical Article



Ships of the First Texas Navy - 1836

	Vessel	Original Name
Commanders	<p style="text-align: center;">Liberty</p> <p>Captain William S. Brown (January – May 1836)</p> <p>Captain George Wheelright (May – July 1836)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">William Robbins</p> <p>Purchased: Galveston Commissioned: January 5, 1836 Class: Schooner Complement: 20-50 Length: 60 ft. Tons: 75 Guns: 6 small Disposition: Sold July 1836</p>
Commanders	<p style="text-align: center;">Invincible</p> <p>Captain Jeremiah Brown (August 27, 1837, March 1836 - April 1837)</p> <p>Captain Henry L. Thompson (April – August 27, 1837)</p> <p>Flagship, April – August 1837)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Invincible</p> <p>Purchased: Commissioned: January 18, 1836 Class: Schooner Complement: 70 Length: 75 ft. Tons: 125 Guns: 1 – 18 pounder 2 – 9 pounders 4 – 6 pounders Disposition: Wrecked</p>
Commanders	<p style="text-align: center;">Brutus</p> <p>Captain William A. Hurd (March 1836 – April 1837)</p> <p>Captain James D. Boyle (April – August 1837)</p> <p>Captain L. E. Herby (August – October 1837)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brutus</p> <p>Purchased: Commissioned: January 25, 1836 Class: Schooner Complement: 40 Length: 90 ft. Tons: 125 Guns: 1 – 18 pound swivel 9 – smaller guns Disposition: Wrecked</p>
Commanders	<p style="text-align: center;">Independence</p> <p>Com. Charles E. Hawkins (Jan. 10, 1836 – Jan. 1837)</p> <p>Captain George Wheelright (Jan. – Apr. 1837)</p> <p>Flagship (Jan. – Apr. 1837)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ingram <i>Ex Revenue Cutter</i></p> <p>Purchased: Commissioned: January 1836 Class: Schooner Complement: 40 Length: 89 ft. Tons: 125 Guns: 6 – 6 pounders 1 long 9 pounder Disposition: Surrendered</p>

Ships of the 2nd Texas Navy - 1838

	Vessel	Original Name
Commanders	<u>Potomac</u>	<u>Potomac</u> Purchased: Galveston and never left Galveston Commissioned: Early 1838 Class: Ex Merchant Brig Complement: 28 Length: Tons: Guns: Disposition: Served as station and receiving ship
Commanders	<u>Zavala</u> Captain A. C. Hinton Captain J. T. K. Lothrop First Steam War Ship in North America	<u>Charleston</u> Purchased: Philadelphia Commissioned: March 23, 1839 Class: Steam-ship of War Complement: 24 Officers Length: 201 ft. Tons: 569 Guns: 4 – 12 pound medium 1 – 9 pound long Disposition: Grounded June 1842 Scrapped June 1843
Commanders	<u>San Jacinto</u> Lt. W. R. Postell (September 1840) Lt. J. O'Shaunessy Built in Baltimore	<u>Viper</u> Purchased: Commissioned: June 27, 1839 Class: Schooner Complement: 13 Officers; 69 sailors & marines Length: 66 ft. Tons: 170 Guns: 4 – 12 pound medium 1 – 9 pound long Disposition: wrecked in storm at Aracas Island, October 31, 1840
Commanders	<u>San Antonio</u> Lt. Alexander Moore Lt. William Seeger Built in Baltimore	<u>Asp</u> Purchased: Commissioned: June 27, 1839 Class: Schooner Complement: 13 Officers; 69 sailors & marines Length: 66 ft Tons: 170 Guns: 4 – 12 pound medium 1 – 12 pound long Disposition: Lost at sea September 1842

Commanders **San Bernard**
Lt. W. S. Williamson

Lt. T. A. Taylor

Lt. D. H. Crisp

Scorpion
Purchased:
Commissioned: August 31, 1839
Class: Schooner
Complement: 13 Officers; 69 sailors & marines
Length: 66 ft
Tons: 170
Guns: 4 – 12 pound medium
 1 – 12 pound long
Disposition: Beached at Galveston, Sept., 1842
Sold for \$150

Commanders **Warton**
Captain George Wheelright

Captain J. T. K. Lothrop

Built in Baltimore

Colorado
Purchased:
Commissioned: October 18, 1839
Class: Brig
Complement: 17 Officers; 123 sailors & marines
Length: 110 ft
Tons: 405
Guns: 15 – 18 pounders
 1 – 12 pound long
Disposition: Transferred to US Navy May 11,
1846. Sold to Galveston for \$55

Commanders **Austin**
Com. Edwin W. Moore
(Dec, 1839-Jul, 1843)

Flagship, Dec, 1839-
Jun, 1846

Built in Baltimore

Texas
Purchased:
Commissioned: Jan 5, 1840
Class: Sloop-of-War
Complement: 23 officers, 151 enlisted
Length: 125 ft.
Tons: 600
Guns: 16-18 pounders
 2-18 pounders, medium
 20-24 pounders
Disposition: Transferred to US Navy, May 11,
1846; towed to Pensacola; ran aground and
broken up, 1848

Commanders **Archer**
Capt. J. Clark

Built in Baltimore

Galveston
Purchased:
Commissioned: Apr 25, 1840
Class: Brig
Complement: 17 officers, 123 enlisted
Length: 110 ft.
Tons: 400
Guns: 14-18 pounders medium
Disposition: Trans to US Navy May 11, 1846
sold for \$450 Nov. 30, 1846

Commanders **Louisville**

Striped Pig
Purchased:
Commissioned: Sep 25, 1839
Class: Schooner (Tender)
Complement:
Length:
Tons: 95
Guns: Unarmed
Disposition: Unknown

NOTE: The Republic of Texas was admitted to the United States on December 29, 1845, as the 28th state. Vessels remaining in Texas Navy were transferred to the United States Navy in May, 1846.