

Distribution of vessels of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron March 1, 1865—Cont'd.

Vessel.	No. of guns.	Class.	Commanding officer.	Present duty or station.
Pontiac.....	11	Side-wheel gunboat.	Lieut. Comdr. S. B. Luce.....	Savannah River.
Potomack.....	6	Screw steamer.	Actg. Master F. M. Montell.....	Charleston.
Philadelphia.....	11	Side-wheel steamer.	Actg. Master W. T. Gillespie.....	Charleston, flag- steamer.
Petit.....	2	Side-wheeling schooner.	Actg. Ensign Chas. Grieve.....	Port Royal.
*Para.....	7	Schooner, mortar.	Actg. Master D. P. Heath.....	Ossabaw.
*Perry.....	9	Brig.	Actg. Vol. Lieut. G. W. Brown.....	Fernandina.
*Percy Drayton.....	3	Sloop, tender.	Actg. Master E. G. Martin.....	North Edisto.
*Racer.....	3	Schooner, mortar.	Actg. Master E. G. Martin.....	Savannah River.
Sonoma.....	8	Side-wheel gunboat.	Lieut. Comdr. T. S. Fillebrown.....	Charleston.
State of Georgia.....	8	Side-wheel steamer.	Comdr. Fabius Stanly.....	Do.
Shenandoah.....	8	Screw sloop.	Capt. D. B. Ridgely.....	Do.
*St. Louis.....	19	Sailing sloop.	Comdr. G. H. Preble.....	North Edisto.
South Carolina.....	8	Screw steamer.	Actg. Vol. Lieut. Wm. W. Kennison.	Charleston.
Saratoga.....	9	Sailing sloop.	Actg. Vol. Lieut. Comdr. E. Brodhead.	Doboy.
Sanford.....	15	Screw steamer.	Actg. Master Z. Kempton.....	Port Royal, repairing.
Sweet Brier.....	12	Screw tug.	Actg. Master Wm. Bailey.....	Georgetown.
Stetlin.....	15	Screw steamer.	Actg. Vol. Lieut. C. J. Van Alstine.	St. Helena.
*Smith.....	15	Schooner, mortar.	Actg. Master Barker Van Voorhis.	Stono Inlet.
*Swift.....	3	Schooner, tender.	.....	.....
*Thunder.....	15	Sloop, tender.	.....	.....
Ticonderoga.....	15	Screw sloop.	Capt. Chas. Steedman.....	Port Royal.
Tuscarora.....	10	do.	Comdr. J. M. Frailey.....	North, to tow Sangamon.
Valparaiso.....	5	Hulk, hospital.	Actg. Master H. S. Blanchard.....	Port Royal.
Wissahickon.....	5	Screw gunboat.	Lieut. Comdr. A. W. Johnson.....	Stono Inlet.
Winona.....	6	do.	Lieut. Comdr. Wm. H. Dana.....	Charleston.
Wamsutta.....	6	Screw steamer.	Actg. Master Chas. W. Lee.....	Do.
Wando.....	3	Side-wheel steamer.	Actg. Master Fredk. T. King.....	Do.
*Williams.....	6	Schooner, mortar.	Actg. Master Geo. W. Parker.....	Stono Inlet.
*Wild Cat.....	5	Tender.	.....	Port Royal.
Ward.....	5	Mortar.	Actg. Master R. T. Wyatt.....	Light-House Inlet.

\*Sailing vessels.

†Howitzers.

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Report of Rear-Admiral Dahlgren, U. S. Navy, regarding the loss of the U. S. S. *Harvest Moon* by the explosion of a torpedo.

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FLAG-STEAMER NIPSIC,  
Georgetown Roads, March 1, 1865.

Sir: My latest dispatches (Nos. 82 and 83) had been closed, and not hearing anything of General Sherman at this place, I was on my way to Charleston, but was interrupted for the time by the loss of my flag-ship, which was sunk by the explosion of a torpedo.

This took place at 7:45 a. m. to-day, and the best information I now have is from my own personal observation. What others may have noticed will be elicited by the court of enquiry which I shall order.

The *Harvest Moon* had been lying near Georgetown until yesterday afternoon, when I dropped down to Battery White, 2 or 3 miles below, intending to look at the work and leave the next day.

Accordingly, this morning early the *Harvest Moon* weighed anchor and steamed down the bay. She had not proceeded far when the explosion took place.

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