

Kestrel

Type

Sixteen-gun, unrated, flush-decked ship-sloop. Ex 8-pounder Dutch privateer *Torenvalk*.

Complement

Total complement 125: captain, lieutenant, master, bosun, gunner, carpenter, surgeon, purser, 2 master's mates, 2 midshipmen, marine second lieutenant, marine sergeant, marine corporal, 25 marine privates

Armament

16 x 6 pdr guns, 12 x ½ pdr swivels. three port-lids each side, the remaining five guns each side have open ports.

Dimensions

93ft on the gundeck, 78ft on the keel, 27ft beam, 300 tons (builder's measurement), 12ft draught (shallow because she's Dutch).

Rig

Ship-rigged with a gaff driver on the mizzen and no royals. Tiller instead of wheel and windlass instead of capstan.

Boats

Longboat, yawl and gig.

Reference

British Warships in the Age of Sail 1714-1793 by Rif Winfield. The ship-sloop *Falcon* of 1770 on page 280 is a good comparison although *Kestrel* is Dutch-built to a privateer specification and so differs in some details.