



# Seaside News



## Shipwrecks off the Outer Banks



There are over 2,000 shipwrecks off the Outer Banks of North Carolina due to nature, location, war, and human error. That is why they call it the Graveyard of the Atlantic. Storms can cause shipwrecks. They produce strong winds and big waves that can push a ship onto a sandbar also called a shoal. Diamond Shoals was formed at the tip of Cape Hatteras and is a dangerous area for ships. Shoals are not easy to see as they are covered with water. When a ship is stuck on a sandbar, waves and wind from a storm can make the ship break apart. War was another reason ships sank off the Outer Banks. During World War II, many merchant ships were sunk off Cape Hatteras by German submarines. Ships also ran into each other during heavy fog when they were moving without lights or going too fast because enemy ships were in the area. Ships also can sink because of choices people make. Sometimes captains have sailed into a storm when they should have waited for it to pass. Not as many ships wreck today because we have more advanced technology, and ships are built better. But sometimes shipwrecks occur even in modern days for the same conditions exist that did long ago: storms, shoals, wind, and currents.

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### Questions:

1. Why was the area off the Outer Banks called the Graveyard of the Atlantic?
2. Name four things that could cause a shipwreck.
3. What is the name of the sandbars located at the tip of Cape Hatteras?

## Joke of the Month!

What is the best day to go to the beach?

Sun-day!

3. Diamond Shoals

2. nature, location, war, and human error.

1. A lot of ships sunk in that area

Answers

