



# Seaside News

## Outer Banks Heroes



The Outer Banks has heroes in their history. This includes the United States Life-Saving Service Station men who kept watch on the sea for shipwrecks.

These lifesavers were called surfmen. They patrolled the beaches looking for ships in distress. If they saw a ship in trouble, they went back to the station to get help. Help could mean getting more men to rescue sailors from ships that got stuck on a shoal or were breaking apart in a storm due to high winds and rough waves. Shoals are underwater sandbars where ships could be pushed then beaten to pieces from stormy seas and wind. The sailors had to be rescued quickly. The surfmen could shoot a line out of a canon called a Lyle gun to the ship, and the line would be tied to the highest part of the ship by the sailors in trouble. A breeches buoy – a pair of canvas pants hooked onto the line were sent out to the ship. The people in trouble would get in the breeches buoy one at a time and be pulled over the waves to shore. If the storm wasn't too rough, the men would use a lifeboat and row out to the ship carrying the sailors back to the shore. The lifesavers risked their lives every time they did a rescue. Some of them even swam through hurricane seas to do a rescue when it was too rough for the lifeboat or the breeches buoy to make it out to the ship safely. Some men were so courageous, they were awarded medals of honor for their rescues.

## Outer Banks Heroes Word Search

P A N T S Y K Q L A B V S N F  
 C H O U S O B U O Y F C Z C D  
 O C O K H E N I L M M C L E E  
 U D H N S E H C E E R B I W U  
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 A U J Y R R M T L H L X E E E  
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 E P Z J D O E S H P A B O N A  
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Line  
 Lifeboat  
 Honor  
 Medal  
 Patrol  
 Shipwrecks  
 Heroes  
 Surfmen  
 Shoal  
 Ship  
 Wave  
 Wind  
 Trouble  
 Courageous  
 Sandbar  
 Sailors  
 Lyle  
 Breeches  
 Buoy  
 Canvas  
 Pants

1. What were the lifesavers called who rescued sailors in trouble?
2. What is another name for a sandbar?
3. What is the name for the canon used in rescue missions?
4. Why did sailors grounded on a shoal have to be rescued quickly?

1. Surfmen
2. Shoal
3. Lyle Gun
4. Their ship could break apart quickly.

## JOKE OF THE MONTH!

What did the pig say when it was lying on the sand?

I'm bacon!

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