

## Hatteras Island Life

### Vocabulary List

**boat pilots:** Boat pilots are people that steered a boat around sand bars and through shallow water. Big boats followed them. Boat pilots helped ships not get stuck on sandbars

**breeches buoy:** A breeches buoy is a pair of pants made from strong cloth. The breeches buoy was attached to a rope that ran from the beach to a ship in trouble. The breeches buoy would slide along the rope. A person from the shipwreck would sit in the pants. They were brought safely to shore.

**charter boats:** Charter boats are boats that take people fishing. A boat captain drives the boat.

**coastal:** Coastal means land close to the ocean.

**Hatteras Island:** Hatteras Island is an island surrounded by water. It lays off the coast off North Carolina.

**kayaks:** A kayak is a simple boat that one or a few people can paddle in the water for fun.

**keepers:** Keepers were people who were in charge of lighthouses. They kept the lighthouse light glowing at night. They also watched for shipwrecks. They kept the lighthouse clean.

**lens:** The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse had a big lens. It was made up of many pieces of glass. Light from the lens' lamp bounced off the glass. It could be seen for twenty miles.

**Cape Hatteras Lighthouse:** The lighthouse is a tall brick building. It has a shape like a cone. It is painted with black and white spirals. It has a bright light that shines. It helps sailors find their way in the dark.

**sandbar:** A sandbar is sand that is found in water that isn't very deep. A ship can get stuck on a sandbar. Sandbars are hard to see.

**shad:** Shad is a fish that coastal North Carolina people caught to sell.

**shellfish:** Shellfish are clams, oysters, shrimp, and scallops. They are called shellfish because the creature that people eat has one or two shells. The shell protects them.

**ship-to-shore radio:** A ship-to-shore radio is a radio that fishermen and sailors used to talk to other boats and people on land. They could use it to call for help.

**shipwrecks:** Shipwrecks are boats that sank. Boats can sink when caught in a bad storm. They also can sink when pushed onto a sandbar. Some boats sank during war.