



# Seaside News

## War on the Outer Banks

The history of the Outer Banks includes multiple wars. This includes the War of 1812, Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI and WWII.

War brought hard times to the islanders who experienced soldiers stealing livestock they used for meat and even stealing furniture from their homes. During WWII, ships were torpedoed off the coast by German submarines called U-Boats. Some of the ships were oil tankers, and the oil would be washed up on the shore. The islander's once beautiful beaches would become black and sticky with oil. The oil also affected wildlife.

It was a scary time for the locals as they had to cover their windows at night so that no light could be seen by the enemy travelling the nearby sea. They saw explosions offshore that rattled their windows. Islanders were suspicious of strangers.

The Germans sunk 86 Allied vessels and the Allies sunk 4 U-boats. This included U-85 that was the first U-Boat sunk during the battle that was fought along the East Coast. It was called the Battle of the Atlantic. Allies were the countries fighting against Germany. The wreck is located about 14 miles east of Oregon Inlet. The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum has a WWII exhibit filled with artifacts from U-85.

1. **What is one of the wars fought near the Outer Banks**
2. **Name something that affected the locals during war time**
3. **How many Allied vessels were sunk?**
4. **Where are some U-85 artifacts located?**

1. WWII, War of 1812, Revolutionary War, WWI, and Civil War.
2. Oil-soaked beaches, explosions, soldiers stealing
3. 86
4. At the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum

## Connect the Words

Wreck	Very old human-made objects
Soldiers	German Submarine
Artifacts	Troops
Meat	Frightening
U-Boats	War Fight
Scary	Livestock
Battle	Sunken Ship

## Joke of the Month

**What did the bread do at the beach?**

**It loafed around!**