



Seaside News

Ghost Ship of Diamond Shoals

There are some very cool artifacts in the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum. An artifact is a very old, human-made object that helps tell stories about people's lives. The museum has the bell from the ship *Carroll A. Deering*, a big sailboat that was built in 1919 in Maine. The ship got stuck on shoals off Cape Hatteras, which are sandbars that are hard for sailors to see. Lifesavers couldn't get to the ship for four days because the storm was so bad. By the time they got there, they saw that the ship's lifeboats were gone and so was the crew. They wondered what happened to the people on board the ship, which had a lot of water in it by then. They also noticed that the *Deering's* sides were splitting. Storms can really stir up the seas and produce powerful winds that can tear up a boat. People wonder to this day what happened to the crew. Did they drown in the storm? Did pirates attack them? Did they escape in the lifeboats? They call *Carroll A. Deering* the Ghost Ship of Diamond Shoals because no one has ever solved the mystery of the empty ship.

1. What are artifacts?
2. What are shoals?
3. What happened to *Carroll A. Deering*?
4. What was missing from the ship?
5. What happened to the crew?

1. Very old, human-made objects that tell stories about people.
2. Sandbars where ships can get stuck
3. It shipwrecked on shoals.
4. People and lifeboats
5. No one knows.

Connect the Words

Shoal	Ghost Ship
Ship	Rescuer
Missing	Robber
Artifact	Disappeared
Lifesaver	Lost at sea
<i>Carroll A. Deering</i>	Boat
Pirate	Sandbar
Drowned	Old Object

Joke of the Month

What kind of fruit grows at the beach?

Crab apple trees.