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During the Civil War both the Union and Confederate Navies experienced multiple maritime casualties. The Union Navy lost over 500 ships, including many of its largest and most powerful vessels. The Confederacy lost less than 400 ships, but the majority of these were small and less capable. The Union Navy's losses were caused by a variety of factors, including enemy action, accidents, and natural disasters. The Confederacy's losses were primarily caused by enemy action, although a few ships were lost due to accidents.

Buildings were erected on the two vessels that were lashed together, with hired crews and equipment to provide machinery and facilities for the repair of naval vessels. A large machine shop operated at Station Creek, Port Royal Sound (South Caroliniana Library, USC).

The wreck of the submarine H.L. Hunley was located in 1990, and the crew was able to recover many artifacts from the site. The Hunley was a small submarine that was used by the Union Navy during the Civil War. It was armed with a single torpedo and could operate underwater for about 45 minutes. The Hunley was assigned to the task of sinking Confederate vessels in Charleston Harbor, and it is believed that it sank the CSS Virginia, a Confederate ironclad warship, on February 19, 1864. The Hunley was found to be in excellent condition, and many of its crew members were able to be identified. The Hunley's discovery has sparked renewed interest in the Civil War and its aftermath.

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