Civil War Shipwrecks in South Carolina - 2012

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**The Capture of the Sweepstakes Delivered to the H.L. Hunley on the night of 17 February 1864 (Library of Congress)**

**U.S. Navy Photos and مرورت مصراط Sunken Ships on Island (Library of Congress)**

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**Gunboat CSS Weather, groundings, and Confederate torpedoes, which claimed USS warships forming the Outer Blockade and an Inner Blockade composed of the ironclads, including USS Hunley Union warships entering the harbor. Novel vessel-types were also employed to strike at the Federal fleet physical obstructions composed of log booms, ropes, pilings, and torpedoes (mines) provided a deterrent to operations were launched against the Confederate defensive line from 1861 to 1865, and while bending, the line squadrons, and vessels under repair. Support infrastructure included docks, warehouses and fortifications at military objectives, supported by the Navy and Army gunboats that provided transportation, logistical support, and the blockades.**

**Blockade runners provided a tenuous lifeline with the outside world by exporting cotton in exchange that was scuttled at Mars Bluff in the Great Pee Dee River near war’s end. The remains of and USS Davids that were blown up in Charleston Harbor to avoid capture, and the Georgiana, operating at the throat of the harbor. Additionally, scout and Robin Hood, one of the whale ships used to obstruct the Main Ship Channel at Charleston Harbor (Mystic Seaport)**

**The Stone Fleet: An Old Sailor’s Lament**

**The discovery of the wrecks in 1968 by a local diver sparked the creation of the South Carolina Underwater Navy which then set fire to the vessel. Recovered in 2000, the interior of the submarine has since been excavated and the human remains re-buried.**

**After many search attempts, the Confederate submarine was finally found seaward from the remains of its**

**The explosion of the spar-torpedo delivered by the H.L. Hunley on the night of 17 February 1864 (Library of Congress)**

**U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC)**

**The hull is undergoing preservation in a conservation tank, and is eventually slated for display at a purpose-built**

**Mapping the ballast mounds determined that the shipwrecks appear to be limited effect on subsequent blockade running activities. As large pieces of the shipwrecks associated with the**

**The Environmental Protection Act of 1970, 40 U.S.C.**

**National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C.**


**1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, 42 U.S.C.**

**1988 Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.**


**1975 Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 42 U.S.C.**

**1965 Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.**

**1964 Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.**