

Cape Hatteras National Seashore



Pea Island Lifesaving Station 1880-1947

When African American Richard Etheridge was assigned Keeper of this station, racial standards required that his crew be the same, giving this station the country's first African American lifesaving crew. Vigilance to mission and rigorous training made this crew one of the nation's finest and credited as an early driver of diversity in the U.S. Coast Guard.

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