

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site



The Mosquito Fleet

The Little Fleet that Couldn't

A collection of tug-boats, sailing schooners, and other light draft ships, the Confederate Navy's *Mosquito Fleet* scored impressive early victories in the North Carolina sounds. When attacked near Roanoke Island by the Union Navy in February 1862, the seven lightly armed Confederate ships fell easy prey to Union gunboats. All but one was sunk or captured.

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