

Cape Hatteras National Seashore



The Loss of the *USS Monitor*

A Victim of the Atlantic

The first all-metal warship commissioned by the US Navy during the Civil War, *Monitor's* tough armor might have hastened its demise. Adept on rivers, *Monitor's* heavy turret rendered it unstable on rough seas. While being towed to Charleston, South Carolina in December 1862, it swamped off Cape Hatteras. Discovered in 1973, the shipwreck site became the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary.

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