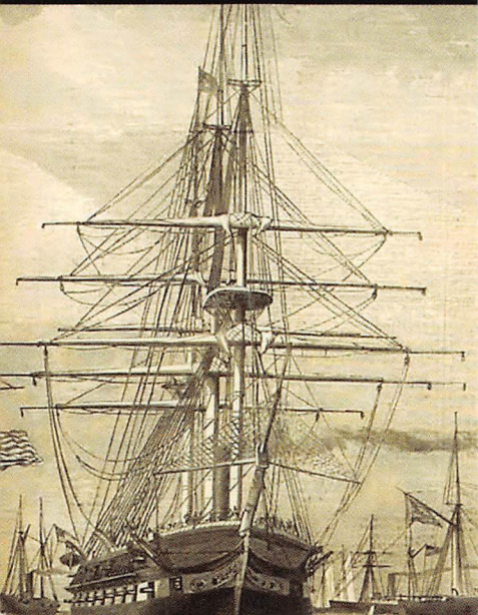


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Pressed into Service

Many enslaved people living along the outer banks in North Carolina served in the war. Their intimate knowledge of the local waters was a powerful tool needed by both the Union and the Confederate Navies. Black sea captains were often pressed into service to maneuver war-time vessels into strategic blockades or to serve as blockade runners.

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