

# Nova Scotia and the Sea

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**Webquest: Shipwrecks**  
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## Introduction:

Nova Scotians have lived and died with the sea. Our rocky coastline and stormy weather make for very dangerous navigation. Thousands of wrecks have dotted our coastline along with the loss of countless lives. This activity gives you the chance to view images of some of these wrecks and learn of some of the famous stories of heroic rescues and tragic losses.

## Directions:

Each vessel named below in italics is the key to the webquest. Use the search box on the webpage: Where the Land Meets the Sea: Shipwrecks of Nova Scotia ([www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/shipwrecks/](http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/shipwrecks/)) This will take you to the image (or images) you need in order to answer the question.



## Questions:

1. Read the general introduction to this web site. Where in Nova Scotia waters was the risk for shipping so dangerous that the Government maintained a life-saving station?

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2. There are several images that tell the story of the sinking of the SS *Atlantic*. Study these images and then answer the following questions:

a) Why did the vessel change its course and head for Halifax?

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b) How did the passengers and crew get off the vessel?

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c) Why was Quartermaster John Speakman considered a hero during this disaster?

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d) What makes Master John Hindley's survival so amazing?

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e) How many passengers and crew were lost when the SS *Atlantic* sank?

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f) What was the significance of this shipwreck?

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3. What is believed to be the reason for the loss of the *Cape Bonnie*?

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4. What did *The Graphic*, 26 March 1870 report about "*The City of Boston Steamship*"?

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5. What happened to the *Cromartyshire*?

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6. Read the petition of Halifax merchants regarding the cargo of the wrecked vessel *Harriett*. What are they requesting?

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7. Read the account of the wreck of the "*Humbolt*". Why were Lloyd's so concerned about this wreck?

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8. What happened to the *Hospital Steamship Letitia*?

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9. How did the *Mount Temple* get off the rocks at Ironbound?

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10. What was so unusual about the sinking of the *Royal Tar*?

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11. Where did the *Uranium* go aground?

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12. Provide the name of the newspaper that described the destruction of the *Columbia*?

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13. Read the first page of the account of the rescue of the *Dart*. How long were the men on the vessel until they were rescued?

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14. How did the SS *Parisien* get damaged?

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15. Where did the SS *Parisien* eventually sink?

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