Found in around 5’ of water, local lore suggests that this unidentified ferrous-hulled (probably steel), extensively buried, and highly degraded shipwreck was a coal barge owned by the Meekins family and scuttled in the 1930s to prevent erosion.

The site does not appear on NOAA and Coast Guard nautical charts in the 1930s-1950s. The earliest notation currently found dates to 1961 (left). The wreck symbolology suggests the vessel was mostly out of the water between 1961 and 1972, after which it was completely submerged.

“Sunny Side Wreck” (CTS0008)
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Croatan Sound
Manteo, Roanoke Island, NC
(Lat. 35.91992°N Long. 75.71189°W)