

## The Goodwin Sands Education Project

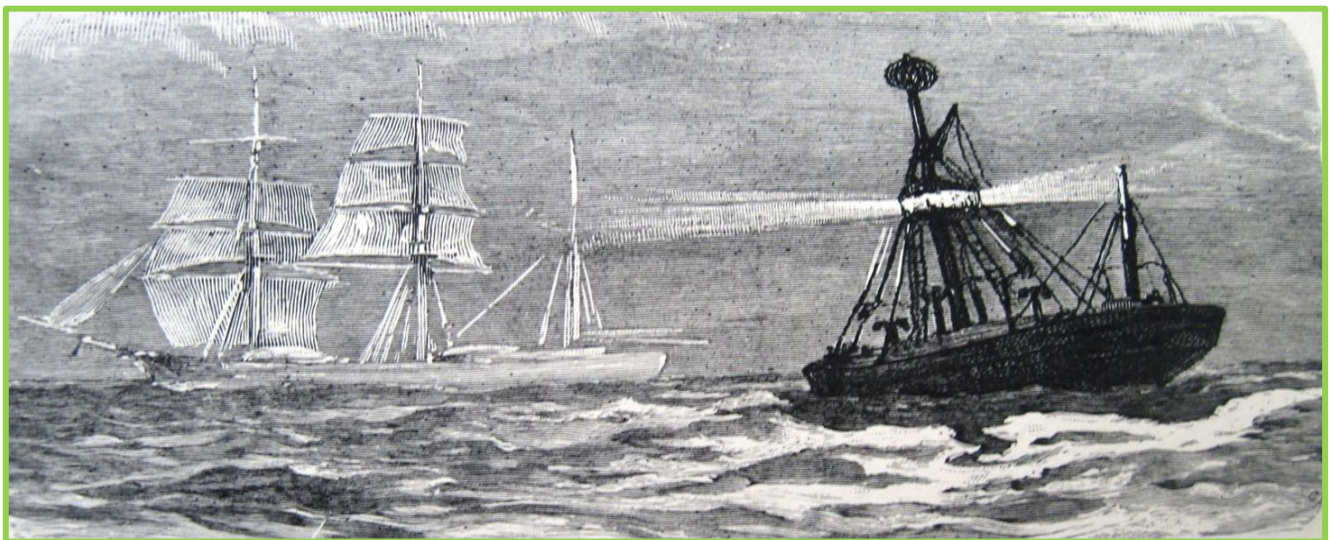
### Ghosts of the Goodwin Sands

It is hardly surprising that somewhere with so many sunken ships and drowned people has some ghost stories attached to it. Here are two of our favourites.

#### The Tale of the Lady Luvibund

On Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 1748 a three-masted schooner *Lady Luvibund* was sailing down the English Channel bound for Portugal. On board were her newly married Captain Simon Reed, his new wife and their friends all having a party to celebrate.

However, the First Mate John Rivers was very jealous of his captain as he had been jilted by the bride in favour of the Captain. The Mate knocked the helmsman on the head, took over the wheel and deliberately steered the unlucky ship right on to the Goodwin Sands where she sank with the loss of everyone on board.



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Fifty years later, on February 13<sup>th</sup> 1798, the master of a sailing ship the *Edenbridge* was convinced he saw a three-masted schooner foundering on the Goodwins and went to her aid. But he found nothing. Another fifty years went by and in February 1848 Deal boatmen were sure they saw a ship in distress on the Sands and launched the lifeboat. But again they found nothing. In February 1998 ghost hunters lined the cliffs at Kingsdown hoping

to catch a glimpse of the ghost ship. But they saw nothing. Would you go and have a look in 2048 if you are around?

Another ghostly tale is from 1917 during the First World War, when the German submarine U-48 sank on the Goodwins following a fierce battle with some armed naval fishing boats.

The large U-boat had become stranded on the Goodwin Sands when she was found by fishing boats and trawlers requisitioned by the Government for the war effort. The submarine's crew fought bravely against being taken as Prisoners of War and several of them were killed.

The Captain Carl Edeling decided to scuttle his submarine rather than let the British have it. He blew up the bow and the stern (front and back) so the submarine sank down into the Sands and he went down with her.



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A few days later, Deal boatmen went out to investigate the remains of the stranded submarine and noticed a German officer standing on the conning tower. They called out to him but the vision disappeared and after searching the area, no-one was found.

## Activity

Imagine you are John Rivers the First Mate of the *Lady Luvibund*. Write a diary entry describing your feelings of jealousy about the Captain and his new bride and your plans to wreck the ship on the Goodwin Sands.

OR

Imagine you are Captain Carl Edeling of submarine U-48. Write a diary entry of the skirmish with the armed fishing boats and your decision to scuttle the submarine rather than let the crew be taken as Prisoners of War.

OR

Imagine you are on Deal beach at night when you see lights from what appears to be a ship aground on the Goodwins. Write your own ghost story about what you saw and what you did.

