

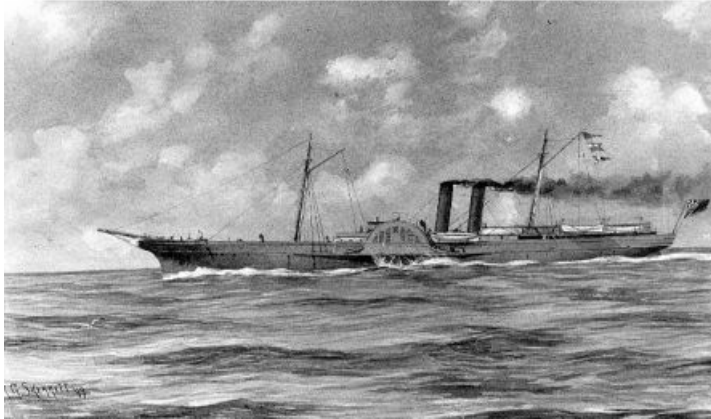
Advance ^[1]

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by William C. Harris, 2006

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Photo # NH 61882 Confederate blockade runner *Advance*, by R.G. Skerrett, 1899



Confederate Blockade Runner *Advance* Sepia wash drawing by R.G. Skerrett, 1899. Courtesy of the U.S. Navy Art Collection, Washington, D.C. U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph. Photo #: NH 61882

^[3] *Advance* was the first and most famous of four blockade-running ^[4] vessels that the state of North Carolina operated in partnership with the Alexander Collier Company of London and Manchester during the Civil War ^[5]. Originally a passenger steamer named the *Lord Clyde* that plied the waters between Dublin, Ireland, and Glasgow, Scotland, the ship was converted to a blockade-runner in 1863. After its first run into Wilmington, it was renamed the *Advance*, a name that would often be confused with the ship's sponsor, Governor Zebulon B. Vance ^[6]. The vessel became one of the war's most successful blockade-runners, although its career in that dangerous business did not exceed 15 months. In early September 1864 the *Advance*, after running Cape Fear's New Inlet, was overtaken by the *Santiago de Cuba*, one of the Union's swiftest blockaders, and forced to surrender. Given to the Union navy and renamed the *Frolic*, the steamer was converted to a blockader and returned to the waters off Wilmington ^[7], where ironically it was used to intercept Confederate runners.

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