

TEAM ROSTER

Check off any coastal critters you spot today!

GOLDEN SILK SPIDER ★★★★★



ARACHNID CARNIVORE

OSPREY ★★★★★



BIRD CARNIVORE

COMMON PERIWINKLE ★★★★★



GASTROPOD HERBIVORE

GLASS LIZARD ★★★★★



REPTILE CARNIVORE

WHITE-TAILED DEER ★★★★★



MAMMAL HERBIVORE

GULF FRITILLARY ★★★★★



INSECT HERBIVORE

GREAT BLUE HERON ★★★★★



BIRD CARNIVORE

GREEN TREEFROG ★★★★★



AMPHIBIAN CARNIVORE

SQUAREBACK MARSH CRAB ★★★★★



CRUSTACEAN OMNIVORE

MARSH RABBIT ★★★★★



MAMMAL HERBIVORE

LAUGHING GULL ★★★★★



BIRD OMNIVORE

Who would be your top draft picks?

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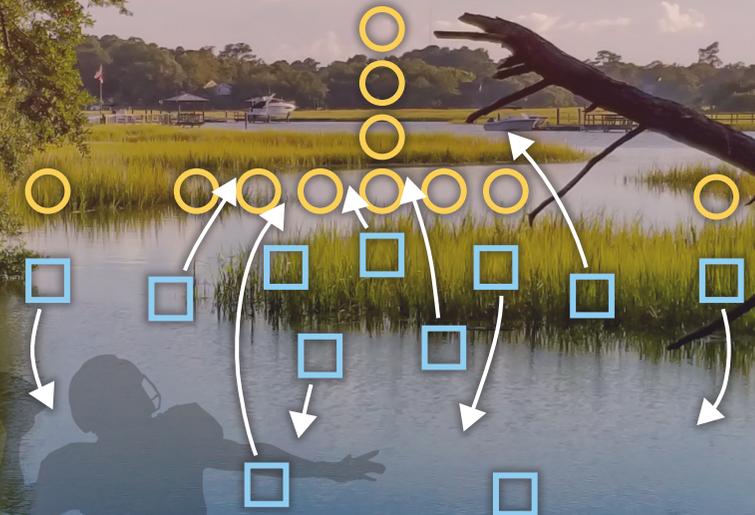
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The MIGHTY MARITIME PLAYBOOK



Coastal barriers, like salt marshes and maritime forests, serve as our defensive line against severe storms, erosion, and sea-level rise. On your adventure, discover the importance and beauty of these unique landforms.

THE DEFENSIVE LINE

Coastal barriers not only protect the mainland, but they also provide unique habitats for plants and wildlife. What will you see in this ever-changing landscape?

BARRIER ISLAND

Barrier islands get hit first by storm surges and shield the mainland from wind and water damage. Species that live here must tolerate salt spray, consistent wind, sandy soil, and limited freshwater. A barrier island can also have other coastal barriers on it depending on its size.

■ WAX MYRTLE



■ YAUPON HOLLY



■ WHITE BEGGAR-TICKS



SAND DUNES

Sand dunes create a wall to block strong winds and high tides, taking the brunt of most storms. Though dunes may shift in the sand from wind and water, plants with deep root networks, like sea oats, help hold these landforms together.

■ SEA OATS



■ FIREWHEEL



SALT MARSH

Salt marshes change daily with the tides and can support extra water, which helps prevent inland flooding. Plants found here are salt-tolerant and help filter out pollutants and excess runoff during storms.

■ NEEDLEGRASS RUSH



■ SEA OXEYE



■ SALTMARSH CORDGRASS



MARITIME FOREST

If storms make it past the other barriers, maritime forests further slow down any harm to the mainland. The established plants and soil soak up water and can withstand powerful winds. This habitat is dependent on the other barriers - without them, the entire coastline is at risk.

■ LIVE OAK



■ LOBLOLLY PINE



■ SPANISH MOSS



■ BALD CYPRESS



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