



Helen, 1858

An original name retained.

Helen was a private schooner that was purchased in April 1858 for use as a supply vessel for servicing remote light stations, for a six-month period. She was then converted for use as a tender. She was assigned to the 6th Lighthouse District. She was seized by Confederate forces in South Carolina in January 1861. She saw service in the Confederate Navy as CSS *Helen*, where she served as a supply vessel along the Florida coast. She was captured by a boarding party from USS *Sagamore* and she was burned and sunk near Cedar Keys, Florida, on 2 April 1863.

Sources:

Douglas Peterson. *United States Lighthouse Service Tenders, 1840-1939*. Annapolis: Eastwind Publishing, 2000.
