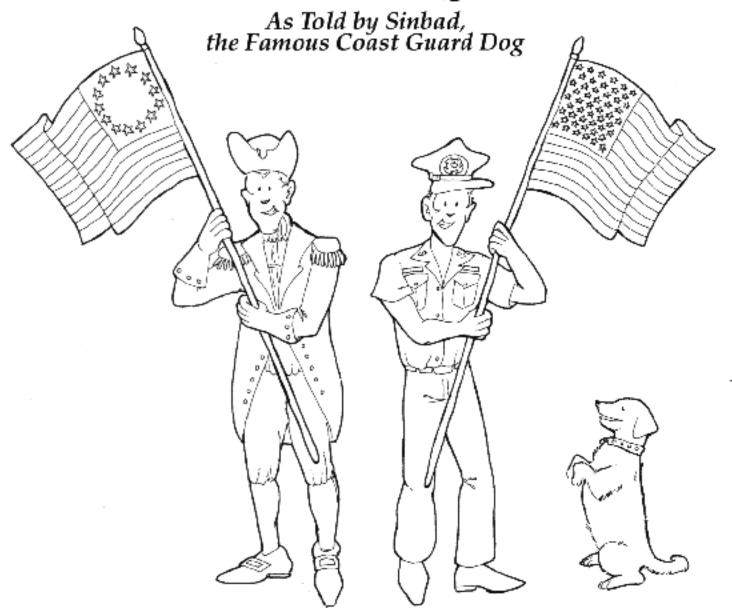
More Than 200 Years of

Coast Guard History



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Sinbad

Sinbad was the Coast Guard's most famous mascot. He lived on the Coast Guard Cutter Campbell during World War II, and he had adventures all over the world. Sinbad was so popular, a book was written about him!



Joshua James

Joshua James was the greatest lifesaver in Coast Guard history. He was in charge of a lifesaving station near Boston for many years. James rescued hundreds of people during his long career. He died at age 75 while working at the station.



Admiral Russell Waeche

Admiral Russell Waeche was the Commandant of the Coast Guard from 1936 to 1946. He lead the Service during World War II Under his command, Coast Guardsmen fought in nearly every major sea battle of the war.



Ida Lewis

Ida Lewis was the keeper of Lime Rock Lighthouse in Newport, Rhode Island for 39 years. From 1872 to 1911, she rescued 20 people with the lighthouse rowboat. She was celebrated as a heroine by the entire nation.



Douglas Munro

Douglas Munro saved hundreds of Marines at Guadalcanal during World War II. Munro rescued the trapped Marines from the beach, during a fierce battle. He died in action and was awarded the country's highest award—the Medal of Honor.



Michael Healey

Michael Healey was a Revenue Cutter captain and the first African American to command a ship belonging to the United States Government. He sailed along the coast of Alaska and in the Arctic. Healy saved lives, enforced laws and protected the environment. He also helped the Native Americans by bringing reindeer from Russia to Alaska. The reindeer were used for food and clothing.



Hopley Yeaton

Hopley Yeaton was the first captain of a revenue cutter. Yeaton was appointed by President George Washington in 1790. Yeaton's main job was stopping smugglers. The Revenue Cutter Service was one of the early branches of the Coast Guard.

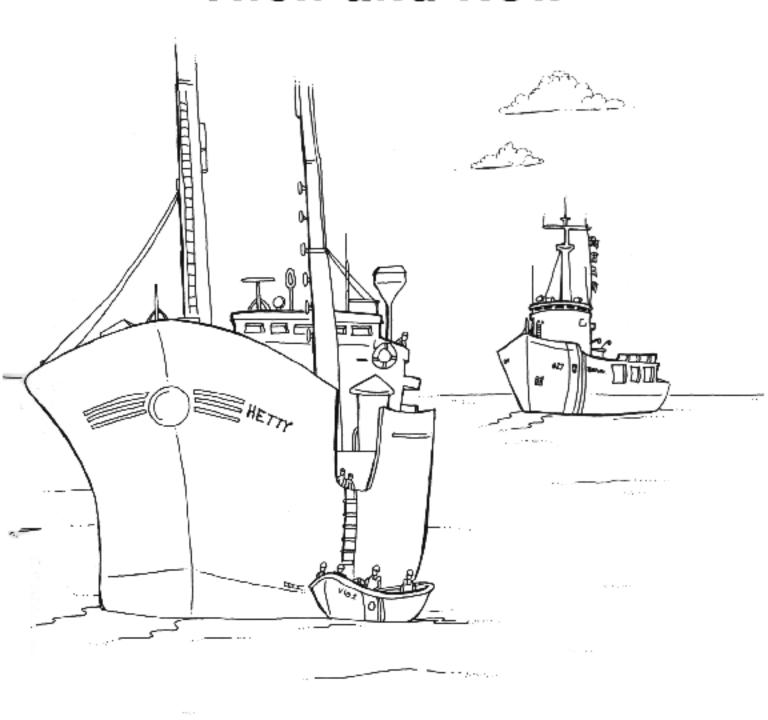
Law Enforcement





"Hopley, how did the Coast Guard begin?"

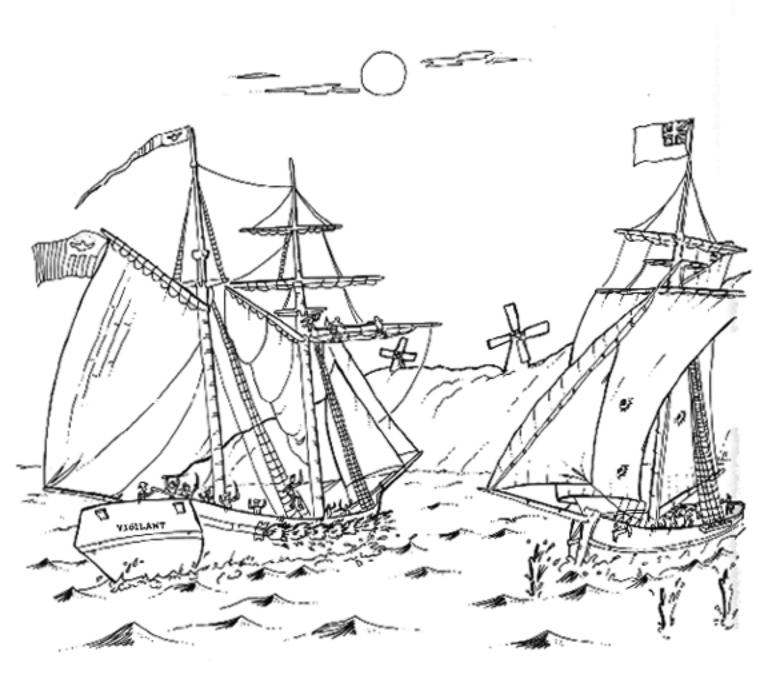
President George Washington in 1790.
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"Well Sinbad, back in 1790 our new government had to stop smuggling. Today, the Coast Guard still does this."

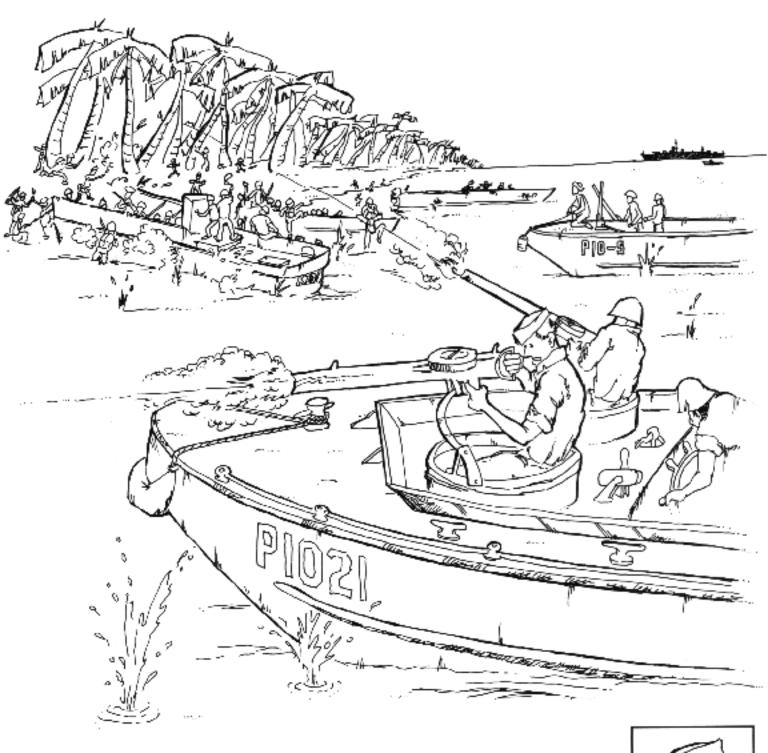


Military Preparedness



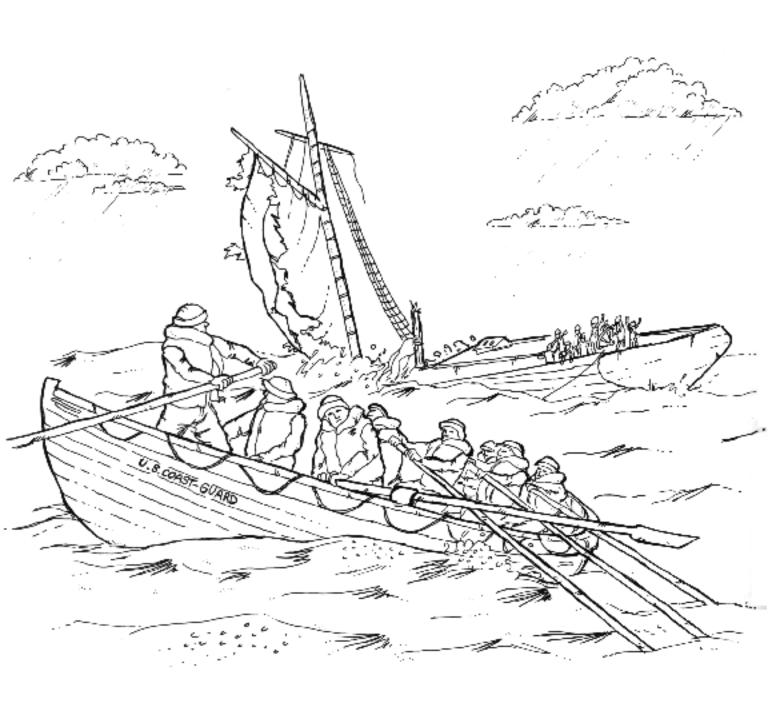


"Doug, when did the Coast Guard become a military service?"



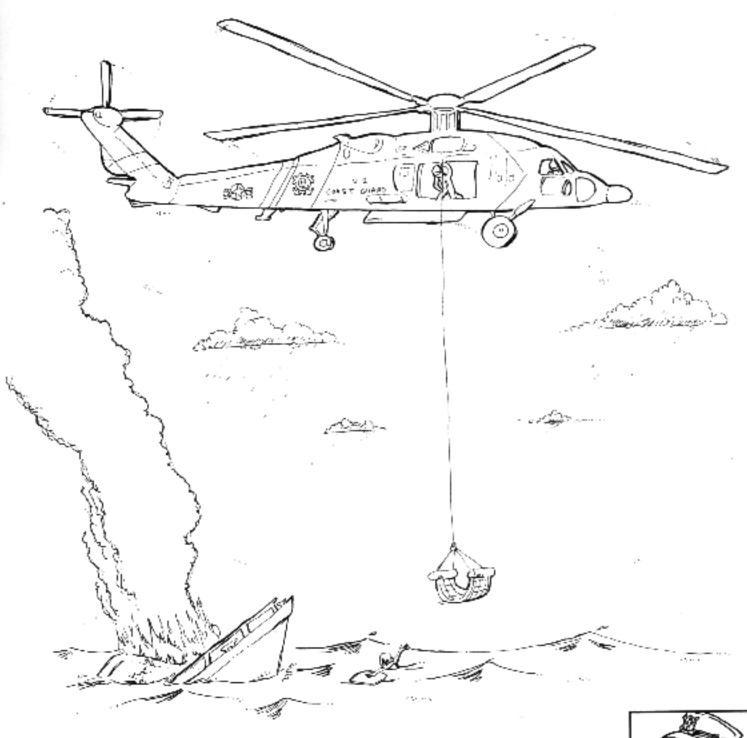
"Well, Sinbad, the Coast Guard has always been a military service. We fought in the first war in 1797 and every major conflict since."

Safety at Sea

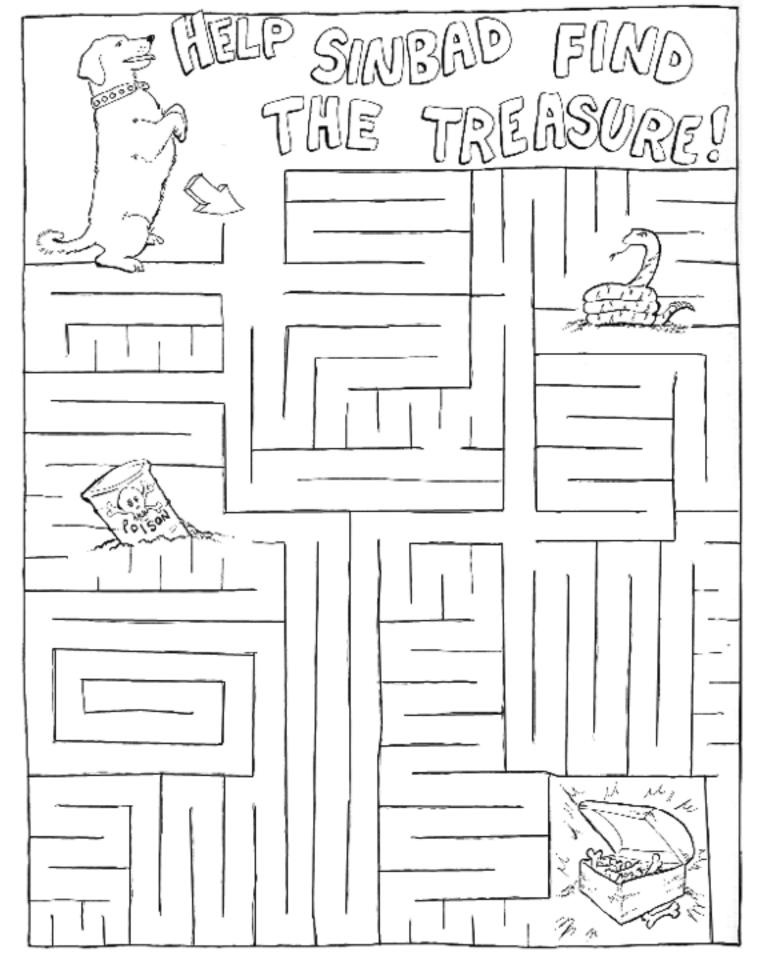


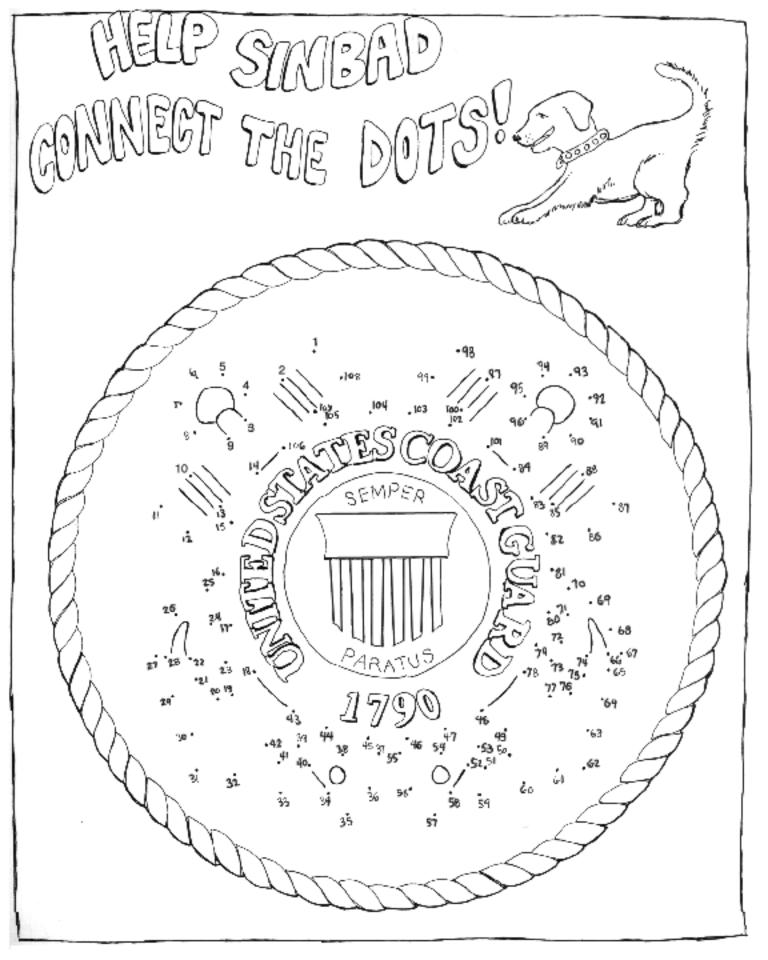


"Joshua, has saving lives always been important to the Coast Guard?"



"Yes Sinbad, and today it is one of our most important jobs."





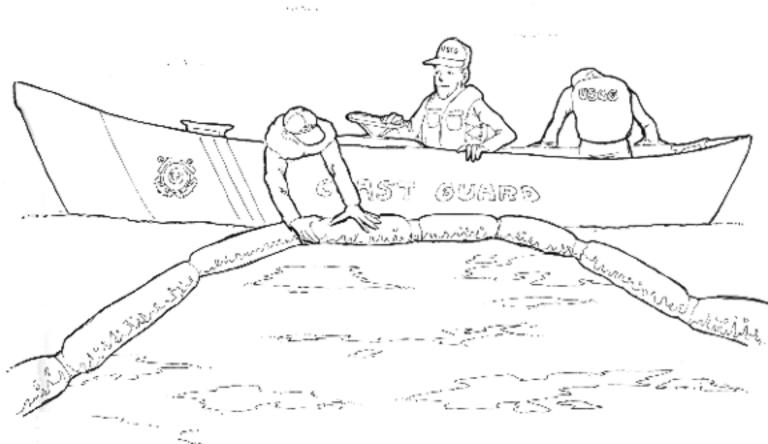
Environmental Protection





"Mike, has the Coast Guard been protecting the environment for a long time?"

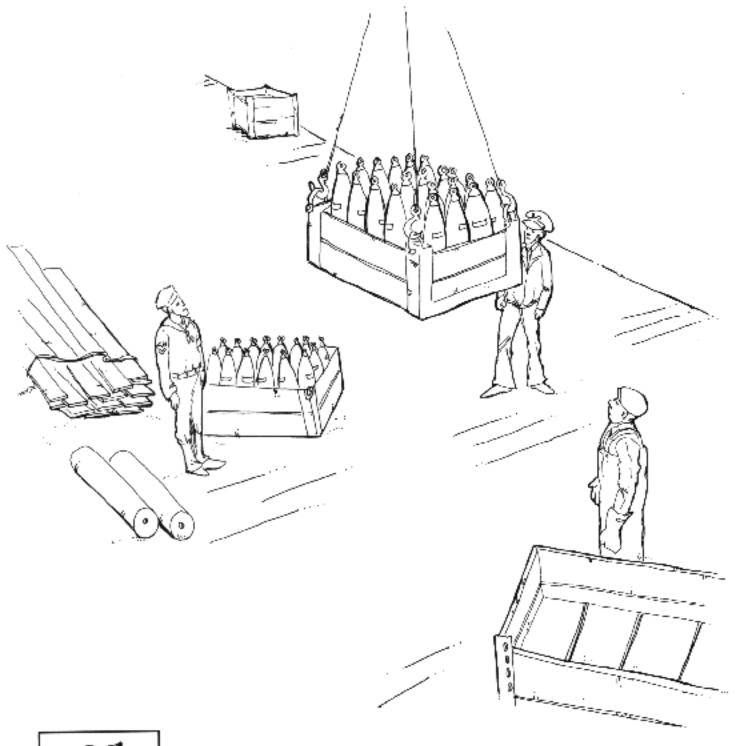




"Yes Sinbad, and we still protect the environment every day."

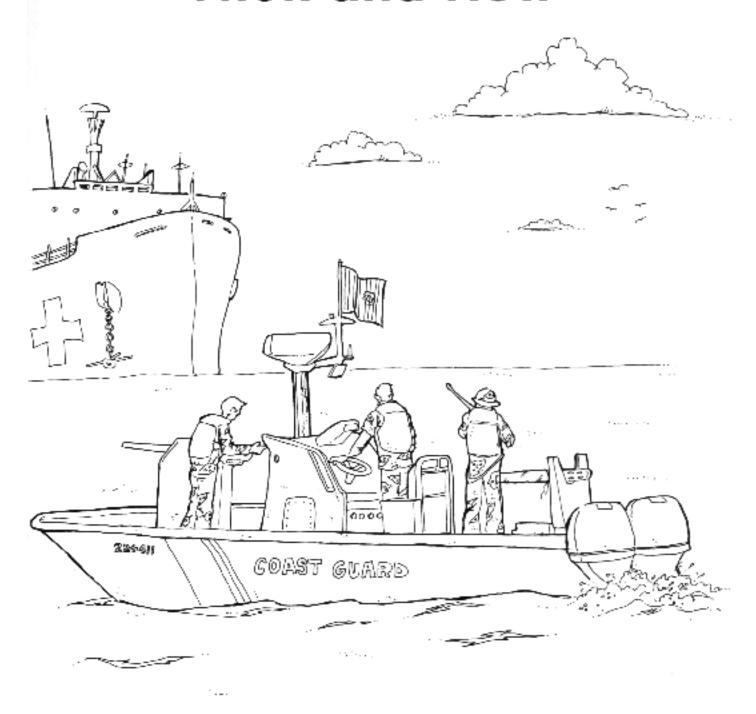


Port Security





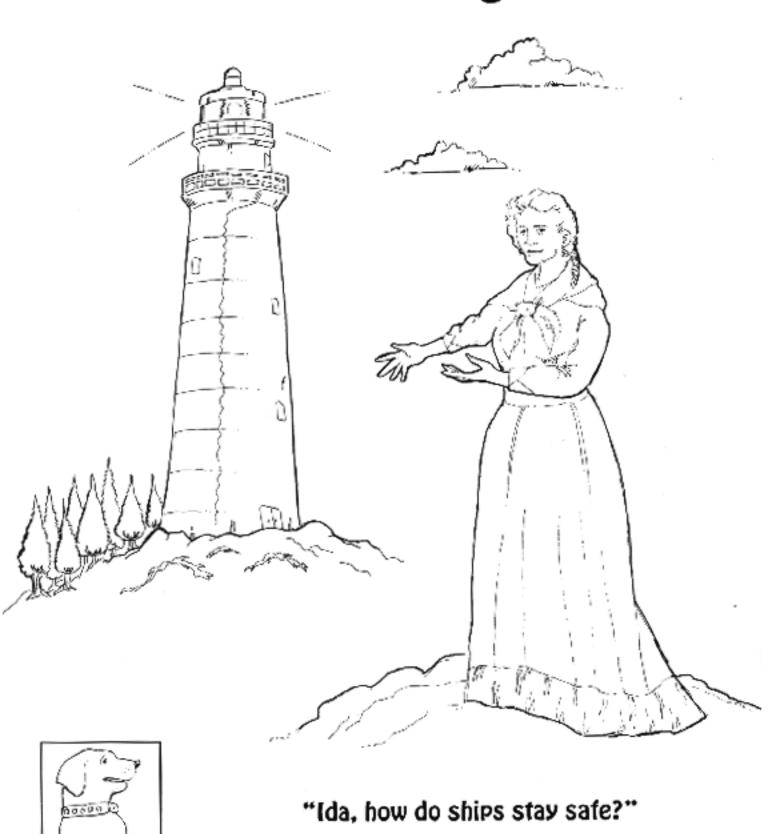
"Admiral Waesche, why is port security important?"

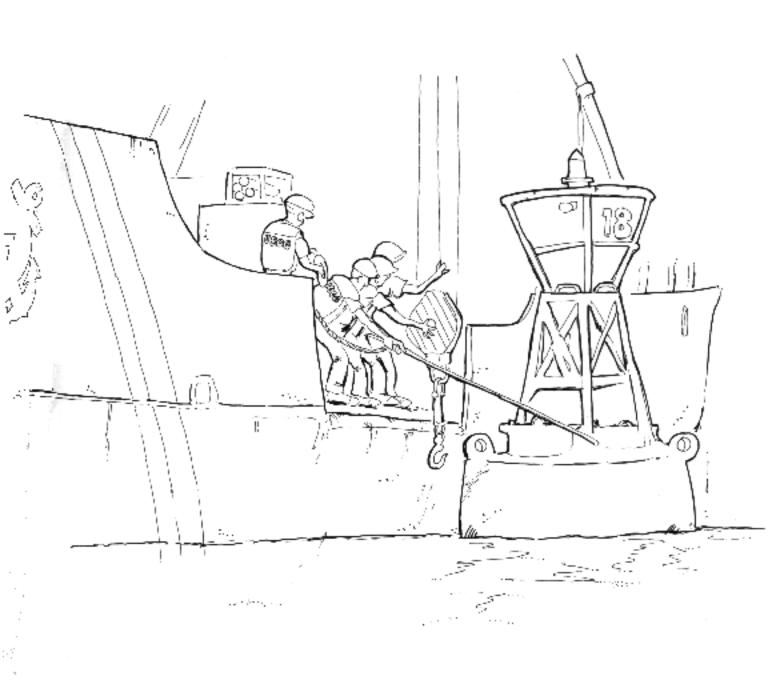


"Well, Sinbad, during wartime the Coast Guard protects ships in our harbors from sabotage and mishaps. This keeps people in nearby cities safe."



Aids to Navigation





"Maintaining light houses and other aids to navigation helps keep ships safe at sea. It is one of the oldest jobs of the Coast Guard."





"Well, Sinbad, now you know more about the Coast Guard than any other dog!"



"Thank you all for telling me about the Coast Guard and its history!"









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