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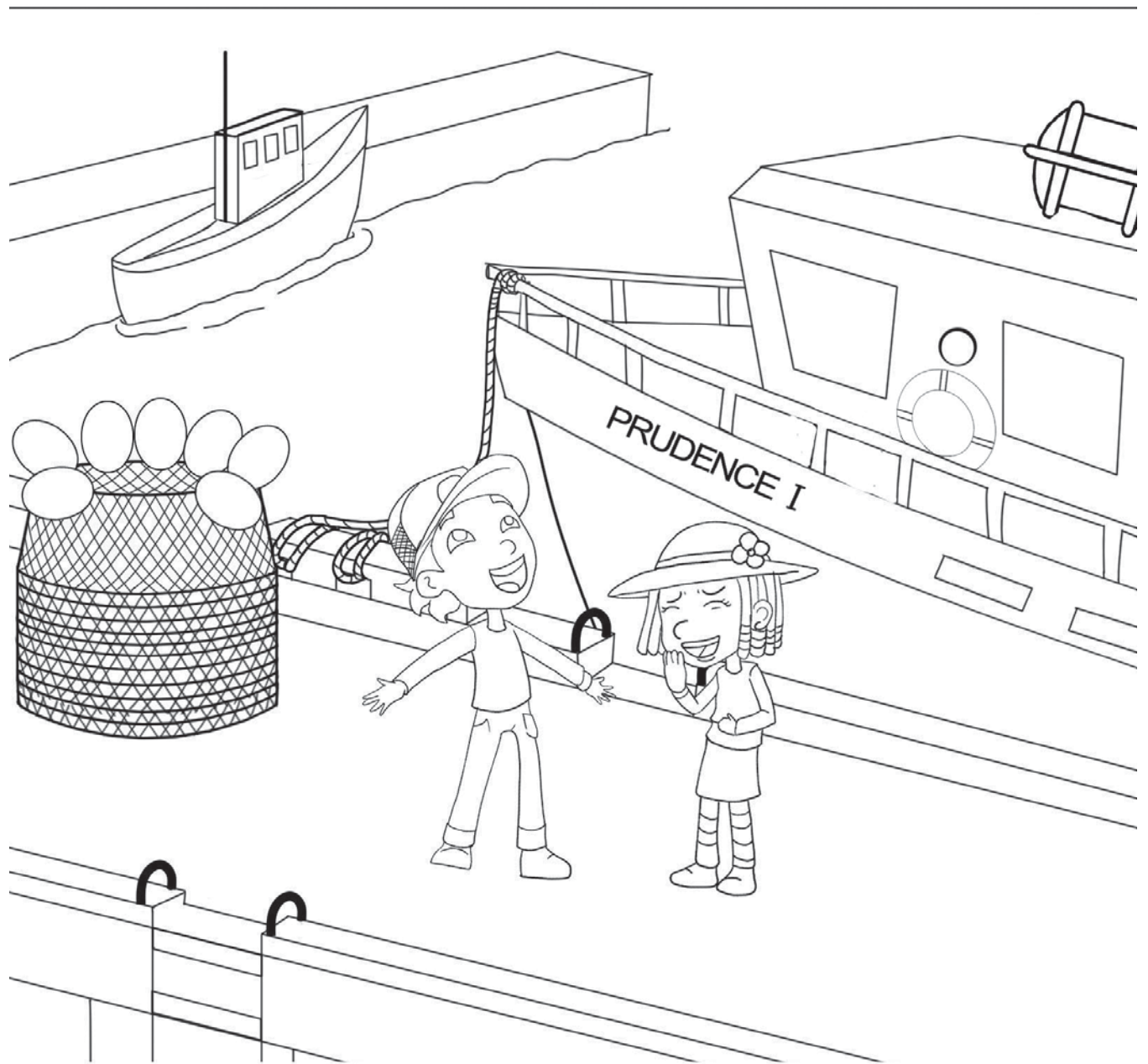
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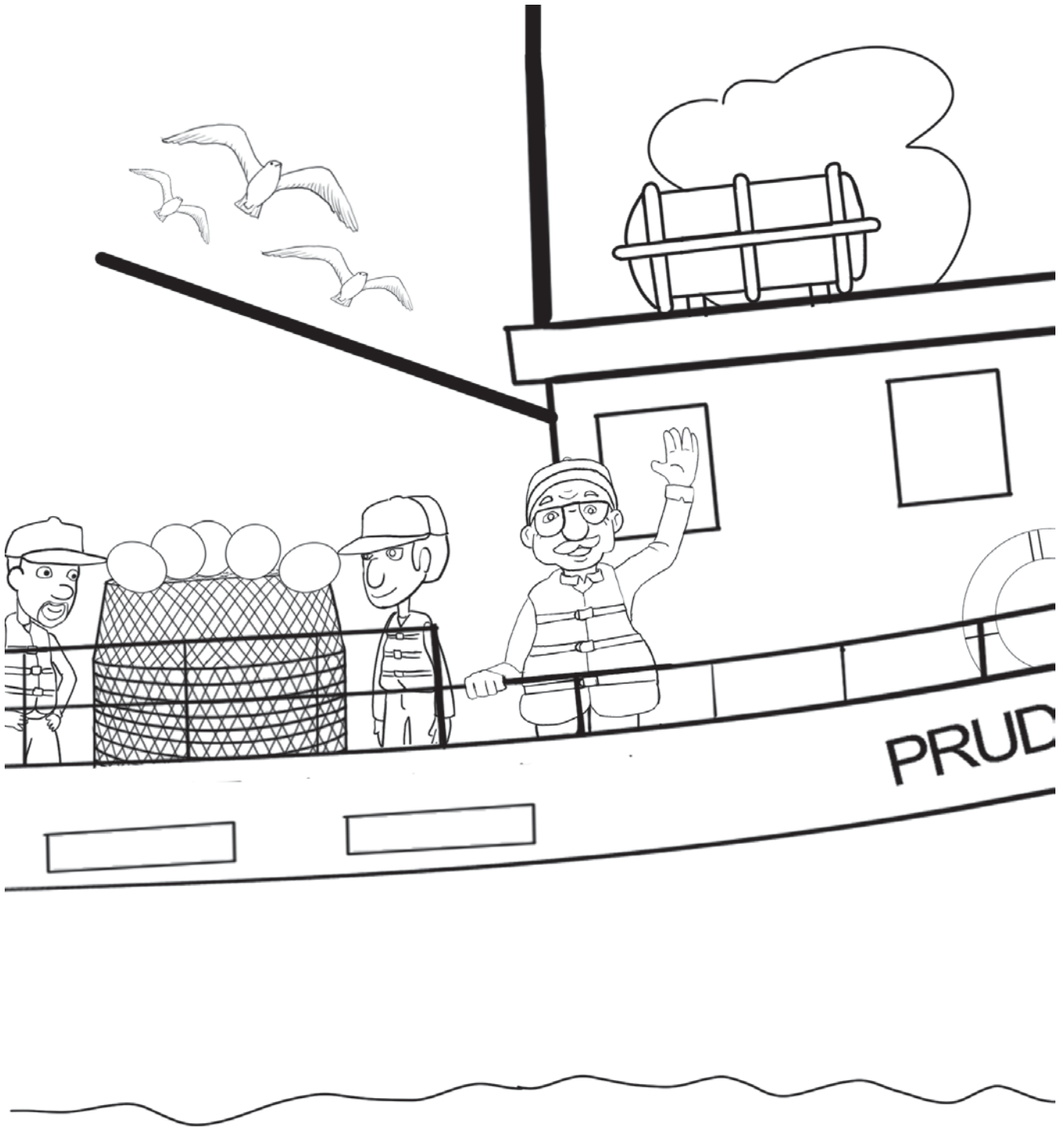
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Hi, I'm James, and this is my best friend Jemma!

My Grampa is a fish harvester. Jemma and I love to help Grampa and his crew get ready to head out to sea and fish for crabs, a few kilometres from shore.

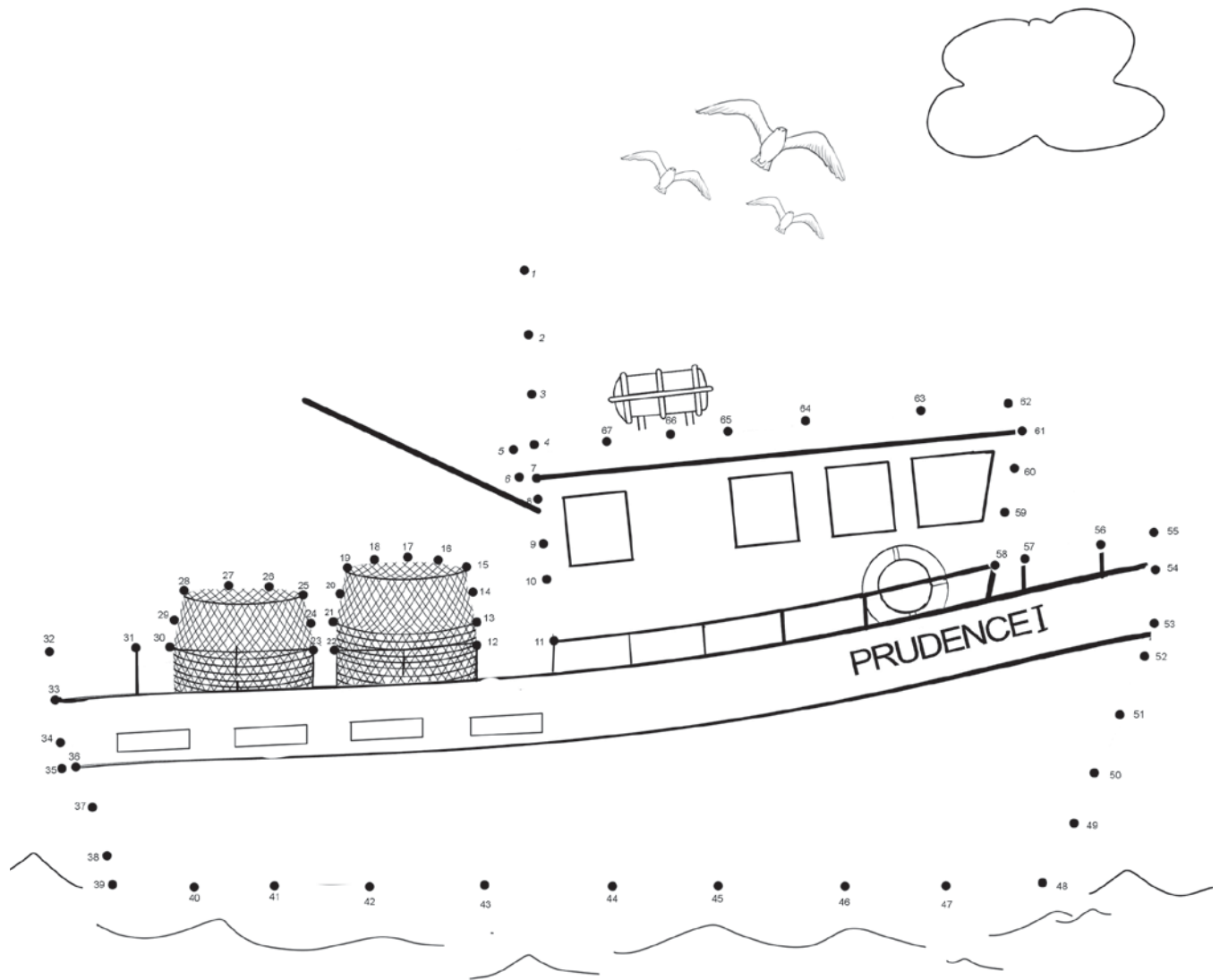


Grampa is preparing to go crab fishing.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is opening the crab fishing season, and he and his crew are excited to get started.

Next month he will load his trawl gear and fish for shrimp.

# Connect the dots



Grampa has been fishing for many years. He has a wonderful boat named *Prudence I*.

He makes sure to keep his boat in top shape and update its safety requirements.



When Grampa built the boat, he had its stability checked.

The stability booklet tells Grampa how many crab traps he can carry safely. Jemma and I count the 200 traps Grampa is allowed to safely carry on *Prudence I*.

# Fill in the blanks



1. Always wear a \_\_\_\_\_ on board the boat.
2. Make sure the \_\_\_\_\_ are closed tight.
3. Every boat should have a recently inspected \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Grampa stores supplies for the trip. He stores \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ must be followed before leaving and while fishing.
6. It is important to check your \_\_\_\_\_ devices.
7. Always wear good, non-slippery \_\_\_\_\_ on board.
8. Grampa doesn't go out to sea alone. He always takes a \_\_\_\_\_ with him.
9. *Prudence I* has been carefully inspected to make sure she is \_\_\_\_\_ to go out to sea.
10. Grampa puts \_\_\_\_\_ traps on board to catch the \_\_\_\_\_. He makes sure they are secure on the deck.

Find the words here:

safe, water, boots, ladder, electronic, personal flotation device, safety procedures, 200, liferaft, hatches, fuel, choppy, food, crew, low, cleaners, crabs

Fishing is a difficult job.

As Grampa prepares his boat, he must review the safety procedures with his crew so that everything and everyone is safe at sea.

He gives Jemma and me a clipboard with safety items to go through before the crew leave to go fishing.



Next, Grampa explains the pre-departure drills.

While the boat is still tied to the dock, everyone puts on the immersion suit that Grampa insists they carry.

They all make sure the zippers work and there are no holes. Grampa looks funny in his big red suit.





The best moment is when Grampa allows us on board.

But not before we put on a personal flotation device that everyone must wear while working on deck.

Even coming down the ladder can be dangerous, especially at low water.

# Find the words

H X O X F U E L W E T M K X X  
B F L A R E S F O F W D B Y L  
A J I R O D F A L M A I O K F  
G G F O O D D P A W T J O S O  
S E E P P E S Q D J E V T Q C  
F B R E J A F L D F R B S R F  
I E I C T W I N E G V B X S F  
B X N T S Q L M R T W N C A H  
G I G C A W T T A T F E Y L S  
I R Z A J D G E L R Z T R N U  
E A G N L I F E R A F T K H I  
I D J U J E F A E P K I V Q T  
I I O V L D H W J S V N L P Z  
J O Z H E B S J O H P G L A V  
H V V H V A W P B A I T E I B

BAGS  
BAIT  
FLARES  
FOOD

FUEL  
SUIT  
LADDER  
LIFERAFT

TRAPS  
TWINE  
WATER  
RADIO

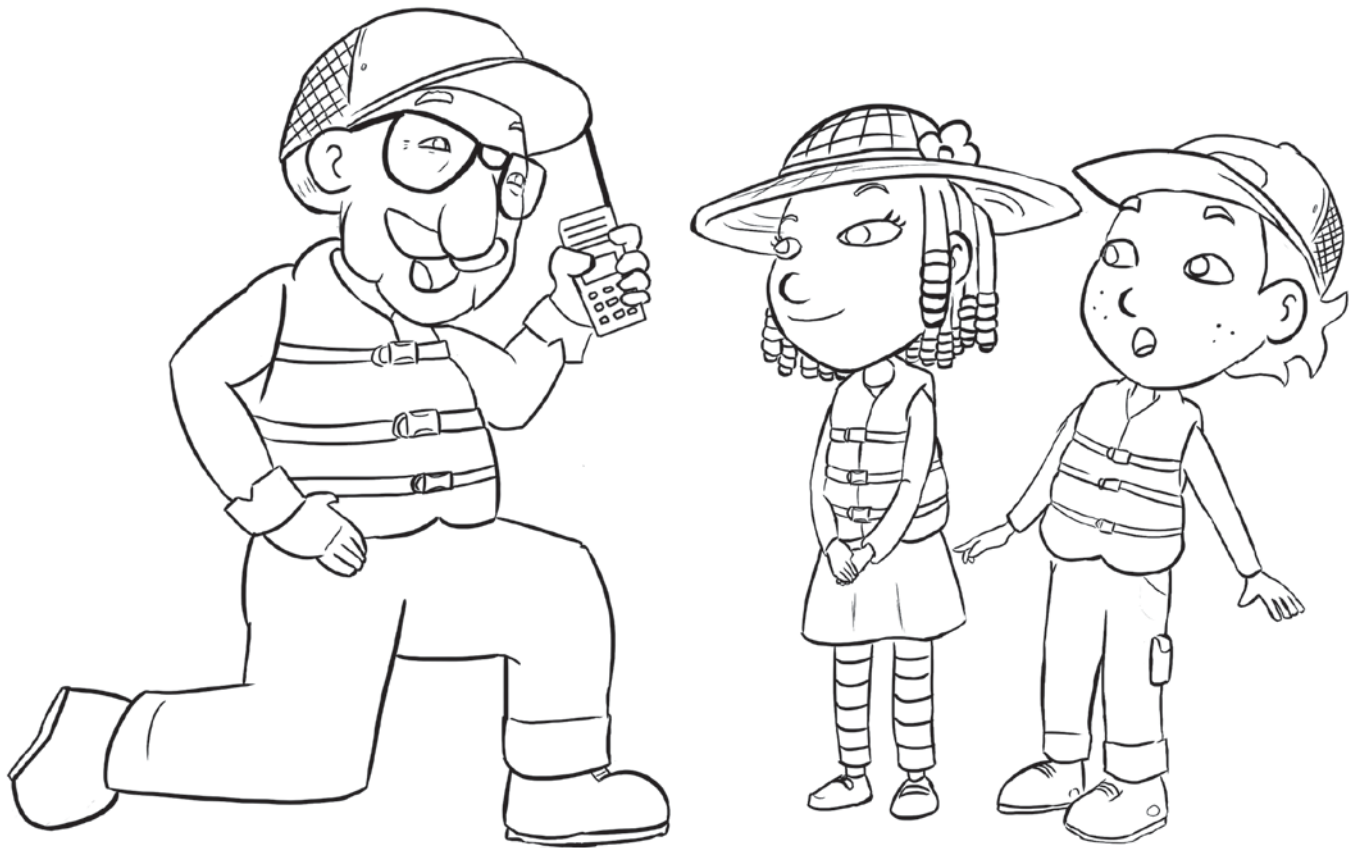
LIFE RING  
ROPE  
NETTING  
BOOTS

Grampa checks the hatch and door seals. He tests the light on his life ring and all electronics on board.

He says the liferaft that *Prudence I* must carry was recently inspected. He also examines his supplies to ensure everything the crew need is on board.

Guess what supplies and equipment Grampa's crew need.

Find the words above in the puzzle.



Even though it was not required, Grampa says it is worth the money he spent to buy an extra portable waterproof radio in case of emergencies.



Grampa asks us if we had a good night's sleep.

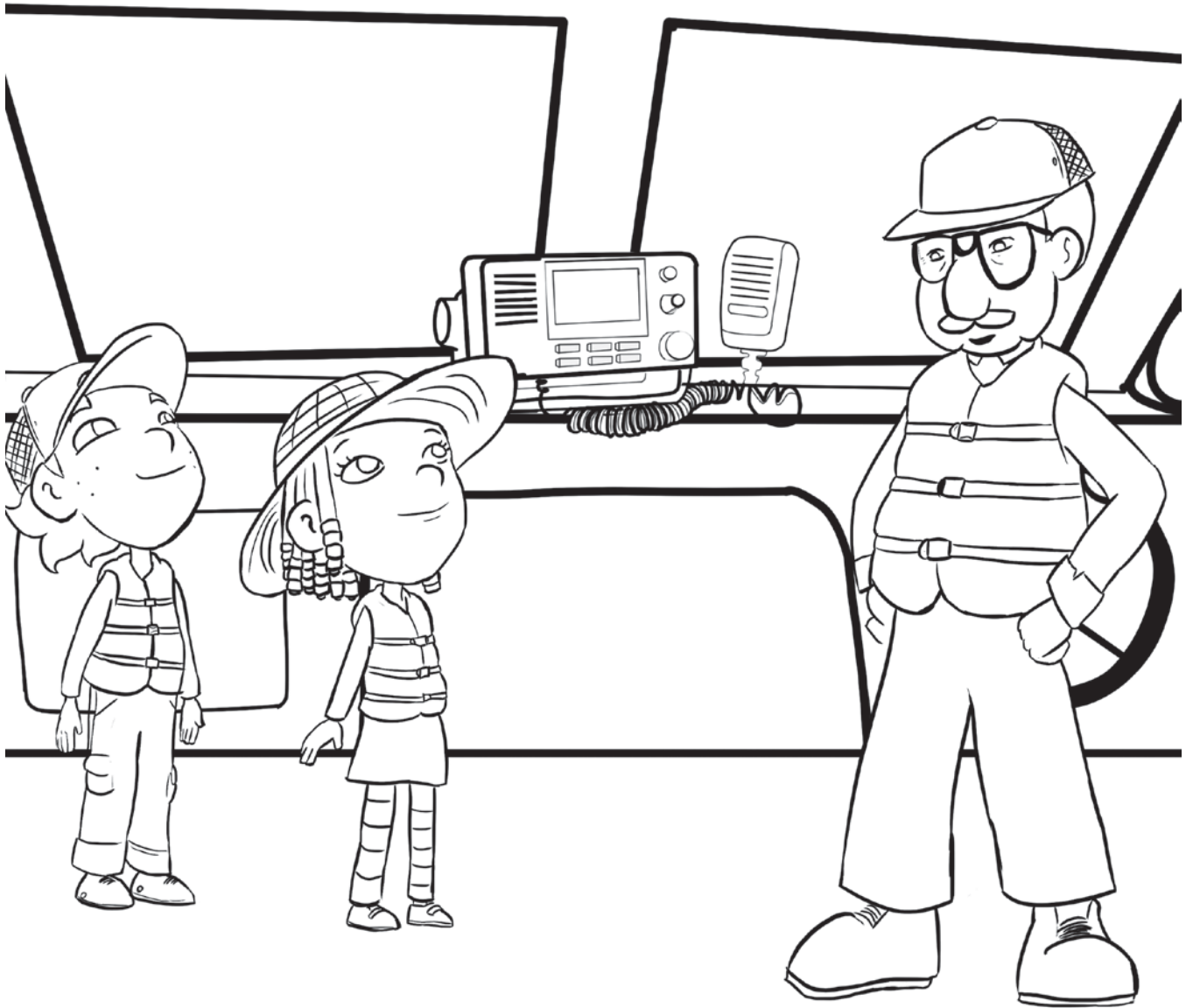
He says it is important to be well rested when you go out fishing.

We know how important a good sleep is when you are working on a boat.



Grampa demonstrates how the flares are used and shows us the EPIRB (emergency position-indicating radio beacon) he installed on *Prudence I*.

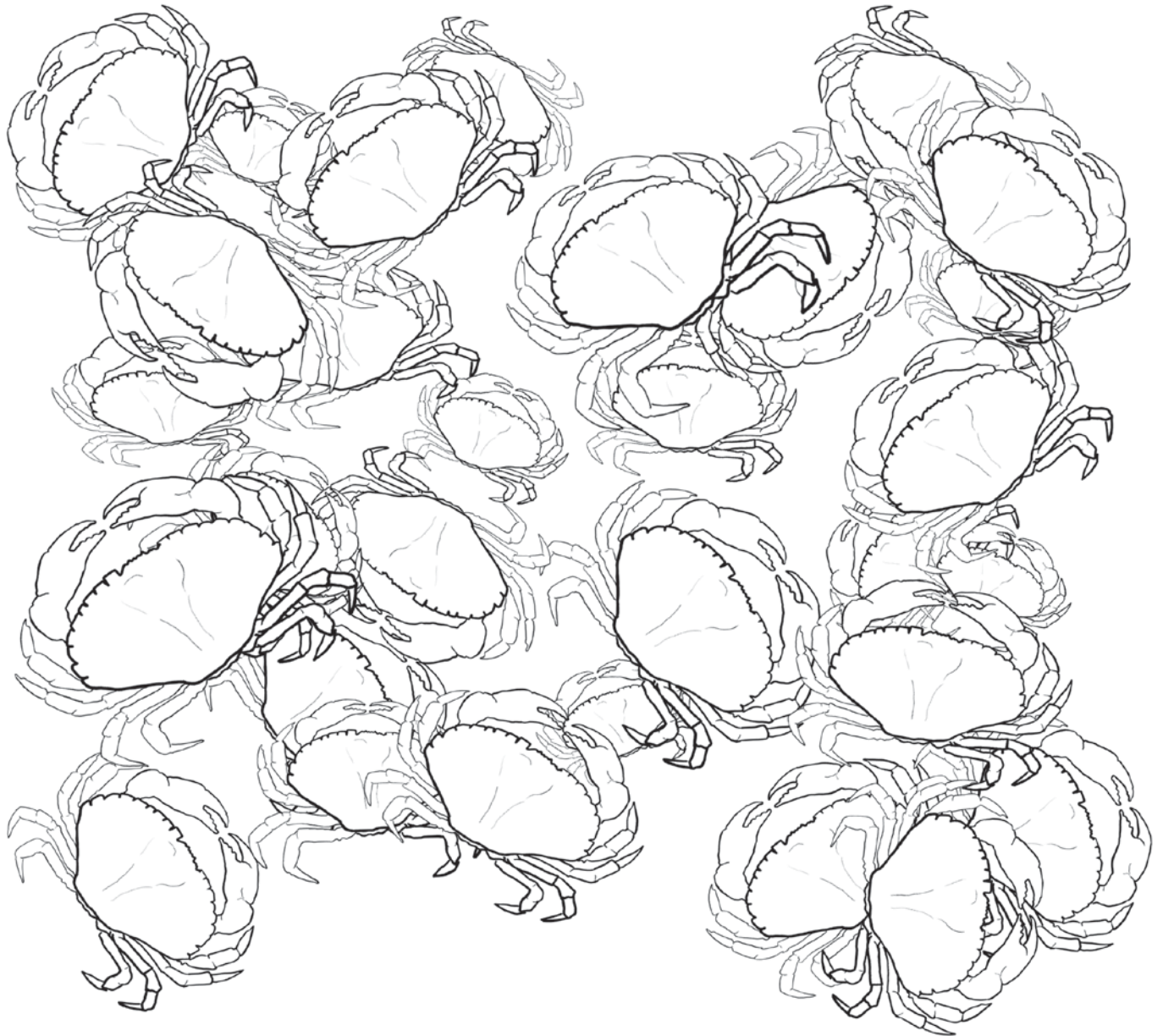
Flares and other emergency signals must be carried so that rescuers can find you if you get into trouble at sea.



Weather can change quickly when you are out at sea.

Grampa constantly checks the current weather conditions and the marine weather forecast on his radio so that he always knows when it is safe to go, or safer to return to the wharf.

# Count the crabs!



*Prudence I* has now returned with a fresh load of delicious crabs.

How many crabs did Grampa catch?

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We hope that this activity book will encourage children in fishing communities to learn about all safety aspects that their parents and relatives must consider before going out fishing. So that if they choose to become fish harvesters one day, they will continue to be inspired by Grampa's safe practices.

—The Marine Investigators at the Transportation Safety Board of Canada

For more information

Watchlist 2018: Commercial fishing safety and Fatigue management  
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