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# Chapter Three (Part one) – Ship’s Log

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1. Why wouldn’t Michael’s parents let him take the watch through the Channel? (it was full of tankers, dozens of them going up and down)

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1. Why had Barnacle Bill warned them about the Bay of Biscay? (because it would be bad storms, bad weather)
2. How does his Dad react to Mum being a bit snappy? (just winks at Michael, and they get on with it)

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1. What disappeared off the Peggy Sue? (his blue shorts)
2. What is Michael sick of already? (baked beans)
3. How are they passing Africa? (going down the west coast)

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1. What will be the problem if they sail off course? (they’ll get stuck in the Doldrums, where there is no wind)
2. Who does Michael take after with tanning? (his Mum, just turns nutty brown)
3. What do basking sharks eat? (plankton and fish)

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1. What does Stella love to do? (chase the football around the cabin and pounce on it)
2. And the problem? (one day she’ll puncture it)
3. Why did they spend so long in Recife? (repairs to the boat)

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1. Did Stella like the Brazilians? (no, she growled and bared her teeth and had to be shut in the cabin)
2. What were the only English the Brazilians knew? (goal & Manchester United)

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1. Which one did Michael take? (his Dad asleep, sunbathing and Mum about to pour suntan lotion on his tummy)
2. What did they do on Christmas Day? (had crackers and Christmas Pudding)
3. What was Michael given? (a knife)
4. Why did he give his parents a coin? (for luck when you get given a knife)

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1. What was so special about the island of St Helena? (where Napoleon was exiled)
2. What schoolwork did he have to do then? (look him up in the encyclopaedia and write about him)

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1. Why did Stella sulk on his bunk? (perhaps because no-one gave her a present)
2. Why did the sea feel very empty after they’d seen the other yacht? (made them realise how far away they were from anywhere and anyone)
3. What were they going to do in Africa? (stay for a couple of weeks, go to see elephants and lions in the wild)

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1. Why did Michael think his Mum was having stomach cramps? (all the baked beans)
2. Why was running out of beans a problem for Michael though? (he had to eat sardines instead)
3. What terrible thing happened to Stella when they had left Africa? (she fell in the water)

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1. Why did Dad get a huge telling-off from Mum? (for not wearing his safety harness)
2. What was the rule that Mum laid down from now on? (Stella must not go out on deck again without a safety harness on)

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1. How do they behave when they see land? (like they’re the 1st sailors to see it, hugging and jumping up and ddown)

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1. How long did they stay in Australia? (six weeks)
2. What animals etc did he see in Australia? (Copperhead snake, possums, wombats, kangaroos, cockatoos)

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1. What was it like after they left Sydney? (terrible, 1 storm after another, the rudder cable snapped, Mum was ill)

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1. How did they know where they were? (they didn’t! Mum was too ill to work it out and M and Dad hadn’t done a good job on working out where they were)
2. Why did he have Eddie’s football with him on watch? (needed the good luck it seemed to bring)
3. How do you think Michael felt? (worried, scared, panicky)

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1. What started everything happening? (Stella was out without her harness)

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1. What had Stella been barking at? (singing)
2. How did he feel on losing his football? (had lost the last link to home back in England and when Eddie was there and his friend.