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

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1. What was the reason that Michael’s parents didn’t want him to be left alone at the cockpit through the channel crossing? (There were too many tankers for him to navigate round)
2. How do you think Michael felt about this? Use evidence to support your answer. (Annoyed – Tone of voice shown through use of short sentences)

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1. Why had Barnacle Bill warned them about the Bay of Biscay?
2. What verbs create an image of a violent storm? (slammed, hurled)

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1. Why was 19th September a really great day for the family? (strong breeze, blue sky, warm sun)
2. What is Michael sick of already? (Baked Beans)

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1. What will be the problem if they sail off course? (End up in the Doldrums)
2. What word suggests that the boat will be stationary in The Doldrums? (Becalmed)

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1. At this point in the journey, what things suggest that all is not well? (Mum, headache; lots of repairs on boat

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1. Did Stella like the Brazilians? Support your answer with clues from the text. (growled and bared teeth)
2. What were the only English the Brazilians knew? (Goal, Manchester United)

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1. How was Christmas Day different for the family on board their yacht? (they listened to carols on the radio, had soggy crackers, gave each other one gift each)
2. What was Michael given? ((knife)
3. Why did he give his parents a coin? (for luck)

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1. What was so special about the island of St Helena? Napoleon was exiled there)
2. What does the word ‘exiled’ mean? (to be sent away from your home country)

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

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1. Why did Stella sulk on his bunk?
2. Why did the sea feel very empty after they’d seen the other yacht?
3. What were they going to do in Africa?

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1. Why did Michael think his Mum was having stomach cramps?
2. Why was running out of beans a problem for Michael though?
3. What terrible thing happened to Stella when they had left Africa?

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1. Why did Dad get a huge telling-off from Mum?
2. What was the rule that Mum laid down from now on?

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1. How do they behave when they see land?

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1. How long did they stay in Australia?
2. What animals did he see in Australia?

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1. What was it like after they left Sydney?

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1. How did they know where they were?
2. Why did he have Eddie’s football with him on watch?
3. How do you think Michael felt?

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1. What started everything happening?

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1. What had Stella been barking at?
2. How did he feel on losing his football?