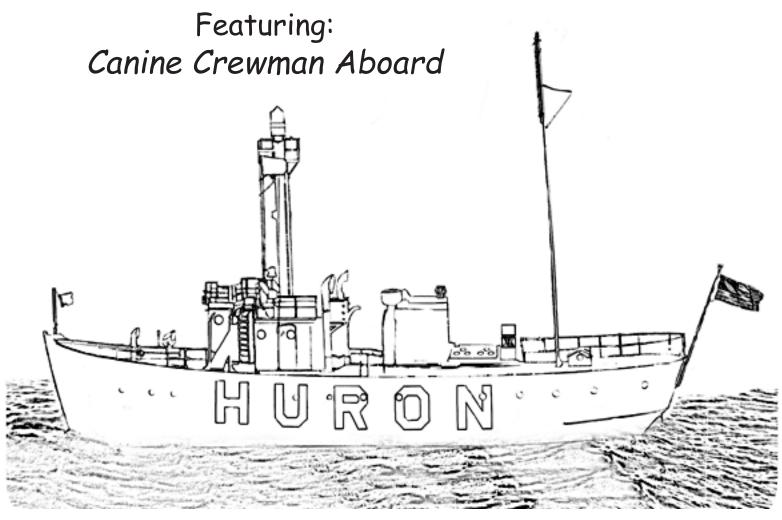
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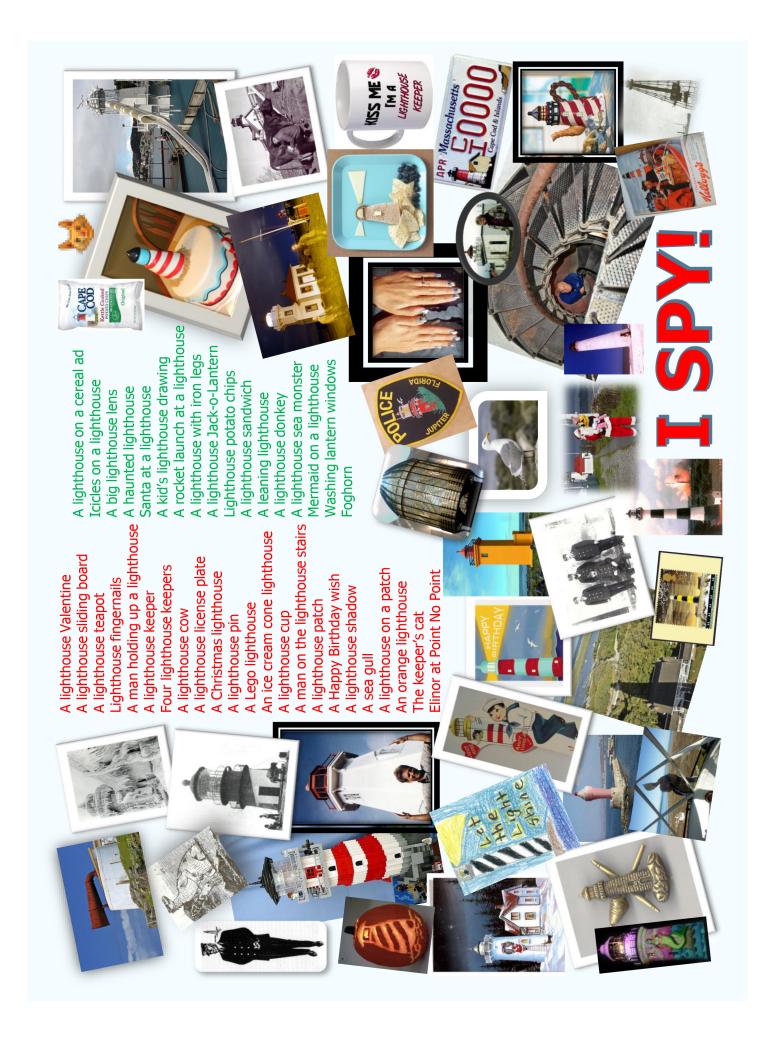
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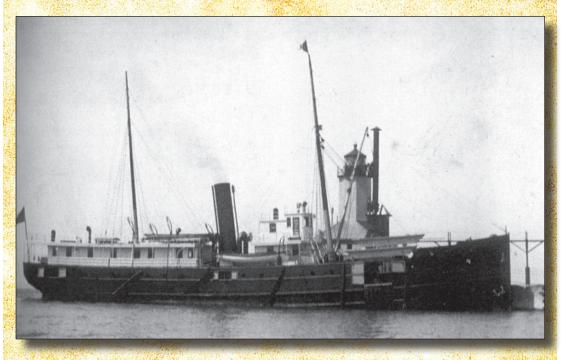


Canine Crewman Aboard

A read-aloud story for kids to read with adults.

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Before the days of automated lighthouses, isolated lightkeepers were thankful for the aid of lighthouse tenders. These ships, and their lonely, stalwart crewmen, brought all manner of supplies to the men and women who watched over our nation's sentinels. Both keepers and tender crews anticipated these visits, for with them came not only material necessities—



Lighthouse Tender Hyacinth at Michigan City

food, medicine, books, mail, and oil—but provisions for the starved spirit as well.

One such benevolent vessel was the Great Lakes lighthouse tender HYACINTH. She was captained

by H.W. Maynard, a gentle, sensitive man who understood the special needs of those sequestered away in the service of lighthouses. In 1914, when the HYACINTH's crewmen pulled a near-dead, mongrel pup from the Milwaukee River and tenderly revived it, Maynard knew there was only one thing to do—adopt the little dog as the ship's mascot.

The lanky, emaciated pup was named SPORT. During his twelve years aboard the HYACINTH, he gained immeasurable popularity and proved himself a worthy crewman. When the tender neared a lighthouse,





Photo of another USCG dog named Pete the Pooch from 1945

SPORT would grab the heaving line in his teeth, dive into the surf, and swim to the waiting keeper who took the line and pulled the HYACINTH into position. SPORT also played baseball with the crew, ate in the galley, and took regular shore leave.

On one occasion, SPORT accompanied Captain Maynard ashore at Chicago and became separated from him. The captain searched the city wharf, but was unable to find the dog. Sadly, he returned to the ship alone. A few hours later, the skipper of the passenger vessel INDIANA knocked on Maynard's cabin door. In his arms was SPORT, who had magically turned up on



the piers just before the HYACINTH lifted anchor.

On July 19, 1926, SPORT died peacefully aboard the HYACINTH. He was placed in a canvas bag, and the crew solemnly mustered on deck for his burial. Captain Maynard

spoke of SPORT's useful career as a tender dog and the joy he had brought to lonely lightkeepers and tender crewmen throughout the Lakes. The men agreed that, since SPORT had been pulled from the water, he should be returned to it. As the crew gave a final farewell salute, their beloved canine companion was lowered into Lake Michigan and disappeared into its depths.

How Correct Can You Color?

Use the photo on top, of Big Sable Lighthouse in Michigan, as a guide for coloring the picture below.

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