Maritime mysteries: Reading Tasks

1  Ask and answer these questions with another student.
   • Have you been on board a boat? Where did you sail to?
   • Do you think a coastguard has a boring job?
   • Does the idea of being a crew member on a boat that’s sailing around the world interest you?

2  Match the words in bold with their definitions below.
   sail             cargo             dinghy             rope
   1. A small boat.
   2. To travel somewhere by boat / A large piece of strong cloth fixed to a tall pole on a boat.
   3. A type of very thick string that can be used for tying or pulling things.
   4. Things that are sent by ship, plane, train or truck.

3  Read your article again and complete the table. There’s no need to write full sentences, just make notes.

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<th>Name of the boat</th>
<th>The people on board</th>
<th>Where the boat left from</th>
<th>Where the boat was sailing to</th>
<th>When the boat was found</th>
<th>Who found the boat</th>
<th>What was missing from the boat</th>
<th>The general condition of the boat</th>
<th>The weather</th>
<th>Any other interesting information</th>
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