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Feature Firefighter

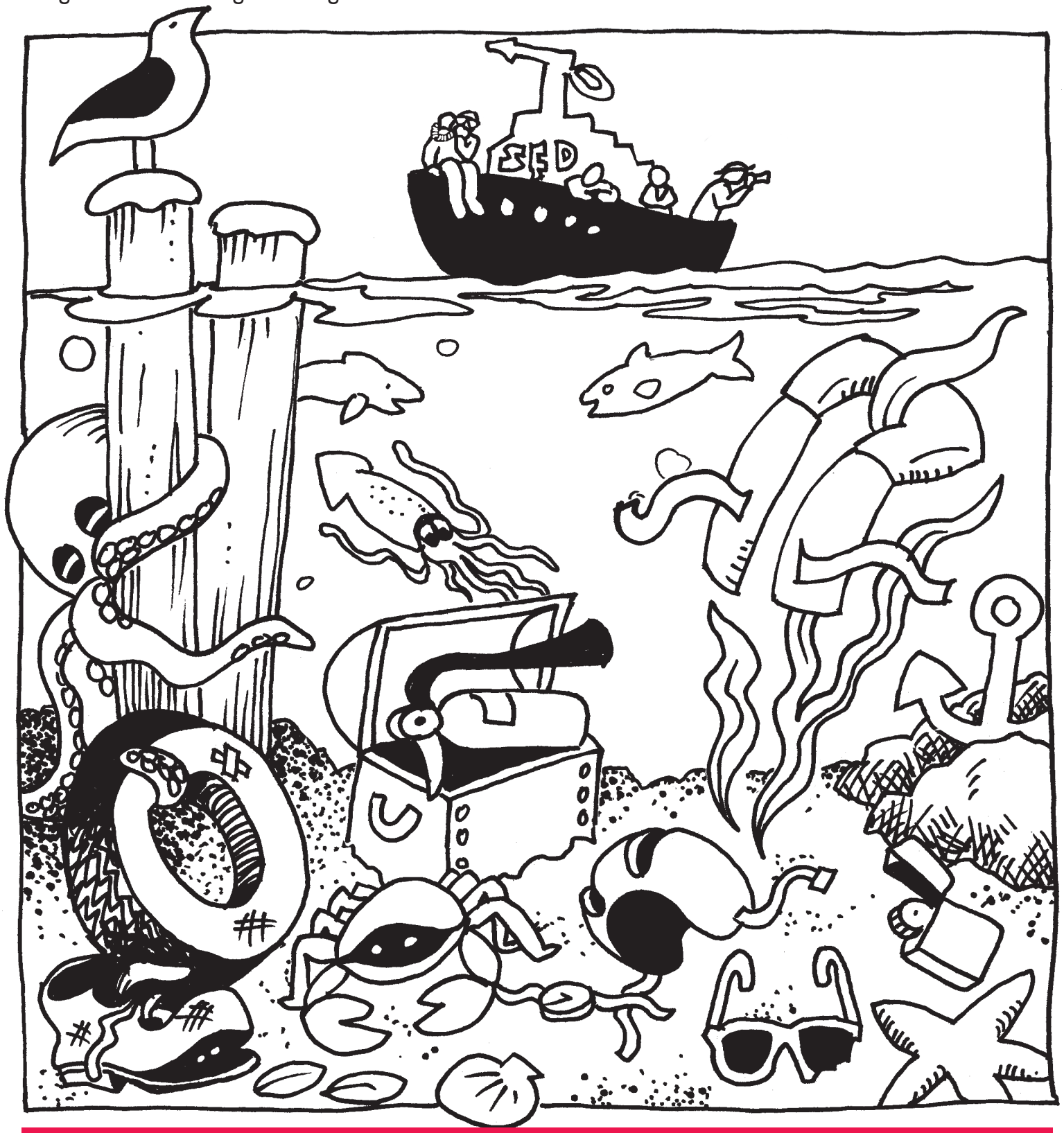
L to R: Gregory Anderson, Richard Chester, Aaron Hedrick, Richard Rush

Meet the Seattle fire boat crew

The Seattle Fire Department has a special type of fire engine. This engine is a fire boat named Leschi. The Leschi fire boat does the same things a fire engine does, but on the water. The firefighters who work on the Leschi fire boat help people who are sick or hurt. They also put out fires and rescue people.

There are four jobs for firefighters to do on the fire boat. The Pilot drives the boat. The Engineer makes sure the engines keep running. The Officer is in charge. Then there are the Deckhands. Engineer Chester says, "The deckhand is one of the hardest jobs on the fire boat". The deckhands have to be able to do everyone's job. Firefighter Anderson is a deckhand on the Leschi Fireboat. He even knows how to dive under water! Firefighter Anderson says, "We have a big job to do. We work together to get the job done." The whole boat crew works together as a special team.

The firefighters who work on the fire boat practice water safety all the time. They have special life jackets that look like bright red coats. Officer Hedrick says, "We wear life jackets any time we are on the boat". The firefighters who work on the fire boat want kids to know that it is important to be safe around the water. Officer Hedrick says, "Kids should always wear their life jackets on boats."

Fishing for Safety

The firefighters are using binoculars and scuba gear to find safe stuff under water. Help the firefighters on the fire boat find all the safe things under water! You can use a pencil to draw a line from each firefighter to the safe thing. Be careful! There is one thing under the water that is dangerous. Draw a big X through it.