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The number of words at each level:

Starter	about 300 basic words
Beginner	about 600 basic words
Elementary	about 1100 basic words
Pre-Intermediate	about 1400 basic words
Intermediate	about 1600 basic words
Upper	about 2200 basic words

Vocabulary

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-Intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...³. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

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A Note About the Author

Sebastian Junger is a writer and a traveler. He has worked as a journalist in the Balkans, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan.

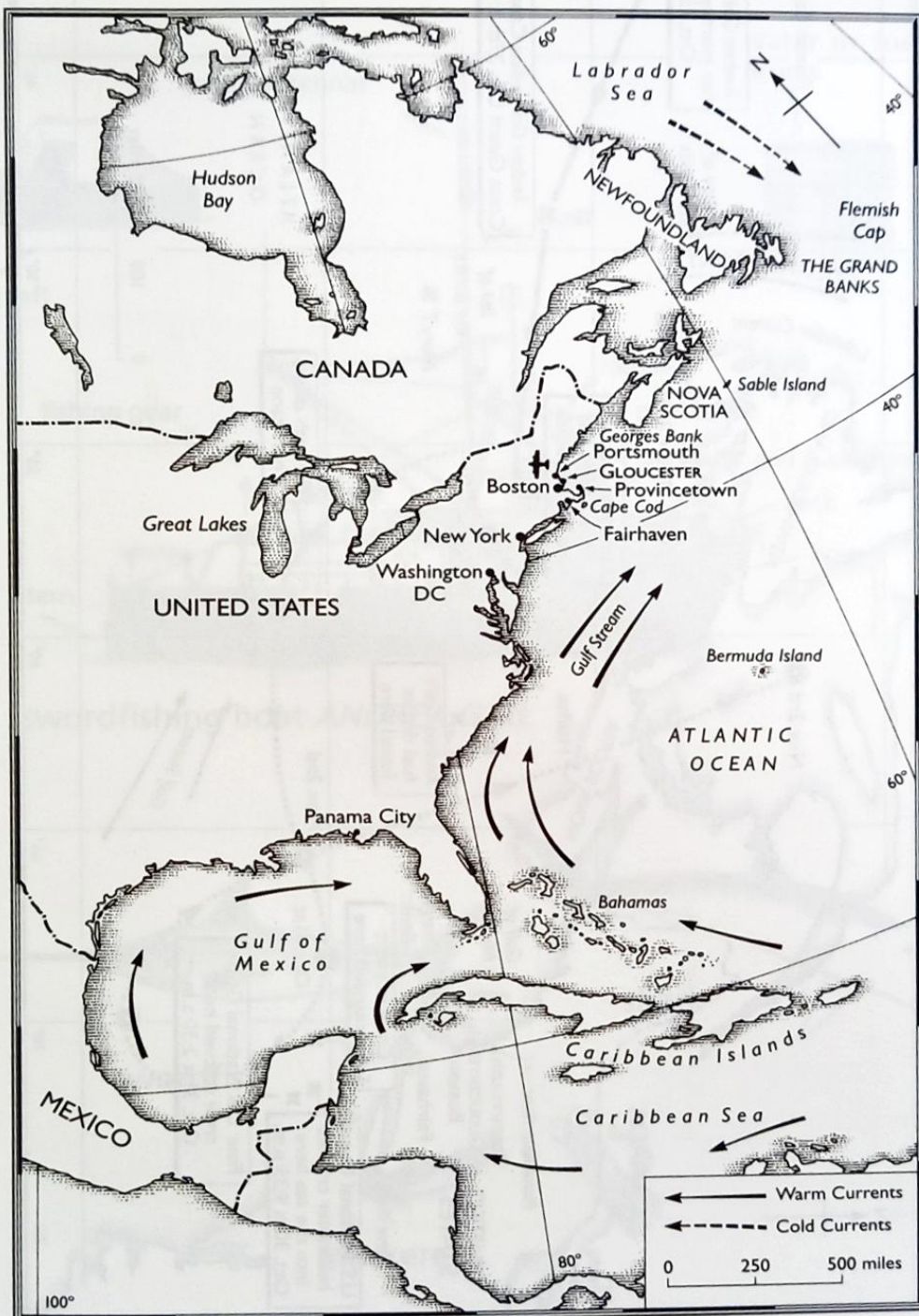
He was born on January 17th, 1962, in Belmont in the state of Massachusetts in the U.S.A. After graduating from Wesleyan University in Connecticut, Sebastian had a job working for a tree company. But after he was injured doing this work, he decided to become a full-time journalist. Sebastian wrote about people who did dangerous jobs. His writing has been published in many different magazines, including *Outside*, *Vanity Fair*, *New York Times Magazine* and *Esquire*.

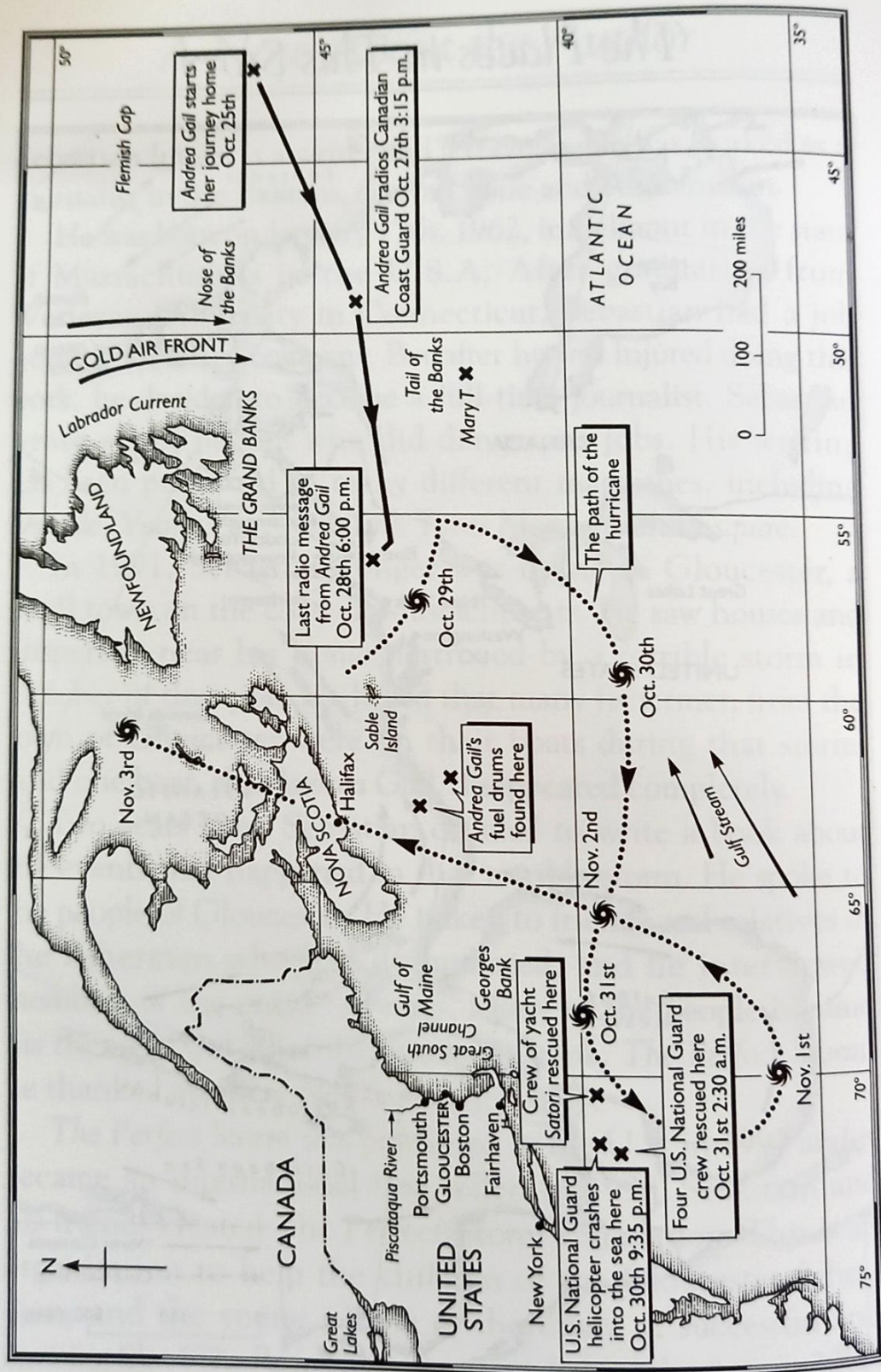
In 1991, Sebastian Junger was living in Gloucester, a small town on the coast of Massachusetts. He saw houses and properties near his home destroyed by a terrible storm in October of that year. He heard that many fishermen from the town of Gloucester were on their boats during that storm. And one boat, the *Andrea Gail*, disappeared completely.

Two years later, Sebastian decided to write a book about the events that happened in that terrible storm. He spoke to the people of Gloucester. He talked to friends and relatives of the fishermen who had disappeared, and he interviewed members of the rescue services. Many of the people became his friends. And when he wrote his book, *The Perfect Storm*, he thanked all these people for their help.

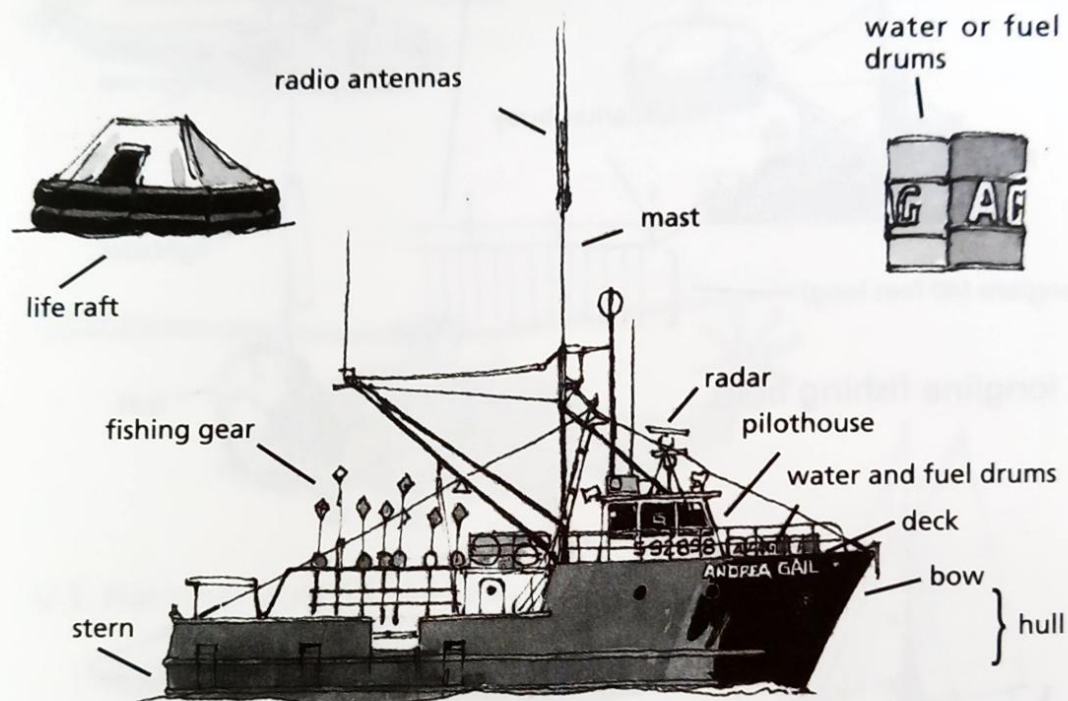
The Perfect Storm was published in the U.S. in 1997 and it became an international best seller. In 1998, Sebastian and his friends created The Perfect Storm Foundation. This is an organization to help the children of the Gloucester fishermen, and the young people of the town. A successful and exciting film (*The Perfect Storm*) was made from the story in 2000.

The Places in This Story

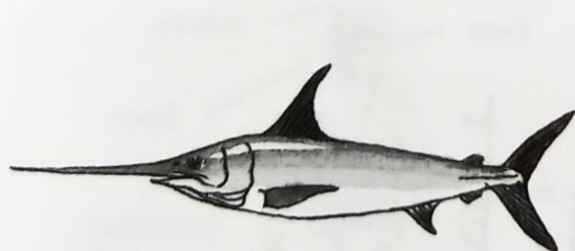




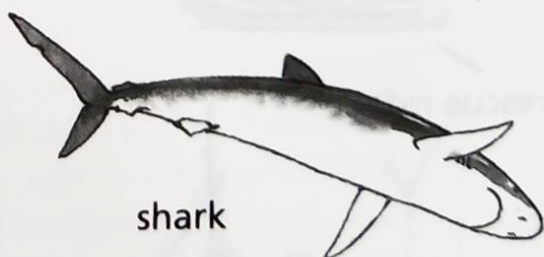
Boats, Ships and Aircraft in This Story



swordfishing boat *ANDREA GAIL*



swordfish



shark



mackerel



squid

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