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Q: Who do you go lobstering with?

A: I go lobstering with my mother.

Q: How often do you go lobstering?

A: I go out two times a week, Tuesday and Saturday.

Q: What months do you fish?

A: Late July and August.

Q: Do you have a license?

A: Yes, I do, and it costs around \$45.00.

Q: What did you do to get a license?

A: I had to send it in.

Q: Did your mother or father pay?

A: My mother and father both paid for it.

Q: What color is your pot buoy?

A: It's blue and green!

Q: Do you know anyone who has the same color as you or not at all?

A: No, not at all.

Q: What do you use for bait? Where do you get it?

A: I use herring, and I get it from my dad's barrel.

Q: How many traps do you set, and how many do you haul in a day?

A: I set 20 and haul 20.

Q: Why do some lobsters have a v-notch in their tail? What do you do with them?

A: Some lobsters have a v-notch in their tails because they are eggers, and I have to hold them down on something while I put the v-notch in their tails, and you have to throw them over basically.

Q: What happens if you get caught with a short lobster or a v-notch?

A: Your license gets suspended for three years.

Q: What other kinds of fish get caught in your net? Also, what are your favorite kind of fish to get in your trap, and what is your least favorite kind of to get caught in your net? Tell what color they are.

A: Baby fish get caught in my traps, and I don't know what they are! And flounder get caught in my trap also, and I really don't like them and they get caught in my trap, and they're black.

Q: What other sea creatures do you encounter while you are fishing?

A: Conkles and crabs. I can't think of anything else now.

Q: What is the name of your boat?

A: It is green, and it's the *Green Monster*.

Q: Do you use a propeller cage?

A: No. I don't know what it's used for.

Q: What do you wear when you go lobstering?

A: I wear my lobstering gear, and it's orange, and it is a material that keeps you from getting wet, and it doesn't leak through to your chest or to your feet.

Q: Do you wear a life jacket with that?

A: Yes.

Q: What do you keep your lobsters in?

A: I keep them in a box. But I also keep them in with my bait iron and my tape measure; like an hour passes, and I put them in another box, sometimes blue and sometimes gray.

Q: Has your boat ever broken down out at sea? Describe what happened.

A: Yes, it has and we were rowing for about 20 minutes with nine traps on until somebody finally towed us to shore.

Q: You guys must have had fun. Did you?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever lost a trap while hauling a bait bag? Explain what happened.

A: Not traps, but I have lost bait bags before. I went back and I picked them up before they went floating down.

Q: What do you like most about lobstering?

A: The money!

Q: What do you like the least about it?

A: Having to go for three to four hours.

Q: How long do you usually go?

A: I usually go for two to four hours.

Q: Do you like to eat lobsters? How often do you eat it? How do you like it cooked?

A: I don't really eat lobsters that much because I don't really like it. My family usually has lobster about once a month. I don't know, my father just cooks it the same way every time.

Q: Thank you for your time for me to interview you.

A: I almost forgot: traps are made from wire that are made in all different colors. And the lobsters go in the traps, and when they go in to get the bait in the bait bag, they get stuck in the traps. And if they are big enough, they get trapped, and they can't get out unless they're really small.