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The Montauk Point Lighthouse was built in 1796. It was commissioned by the 2<sup>nd</sup> United States Congress under President George Washington. Montauk Light was the first lighthouse in New York and is the fourth-oldest active lighthouse in the United States.

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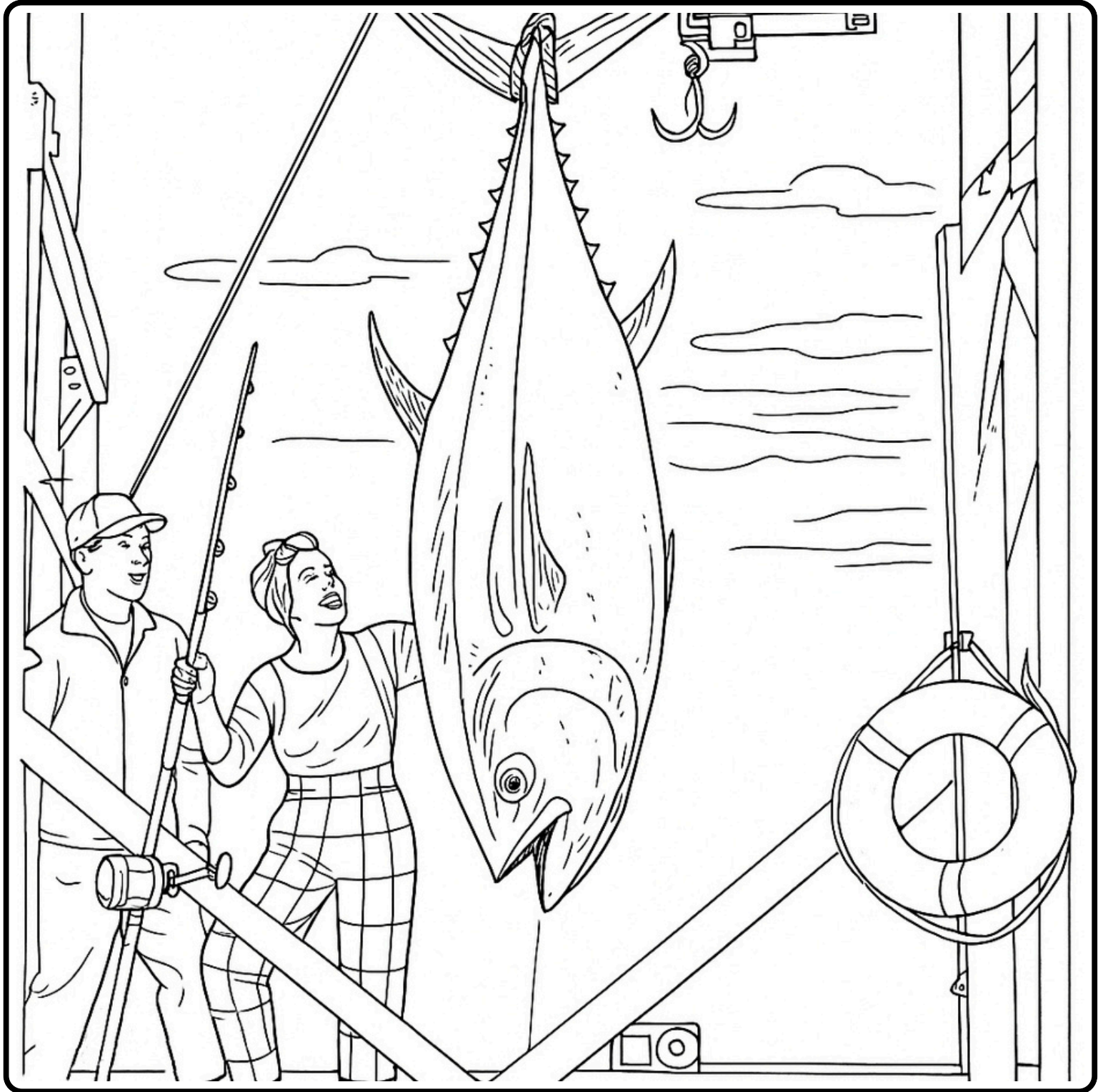


The Montauk Manor opened in the spring of 1927. It was part of Carl Fisher's vision for a "Miami Beach of the North." The English Tudor-style hotel is located atop Signal Hill. During World War II, the U.S. Navy took over the resort to serve as military barracks.

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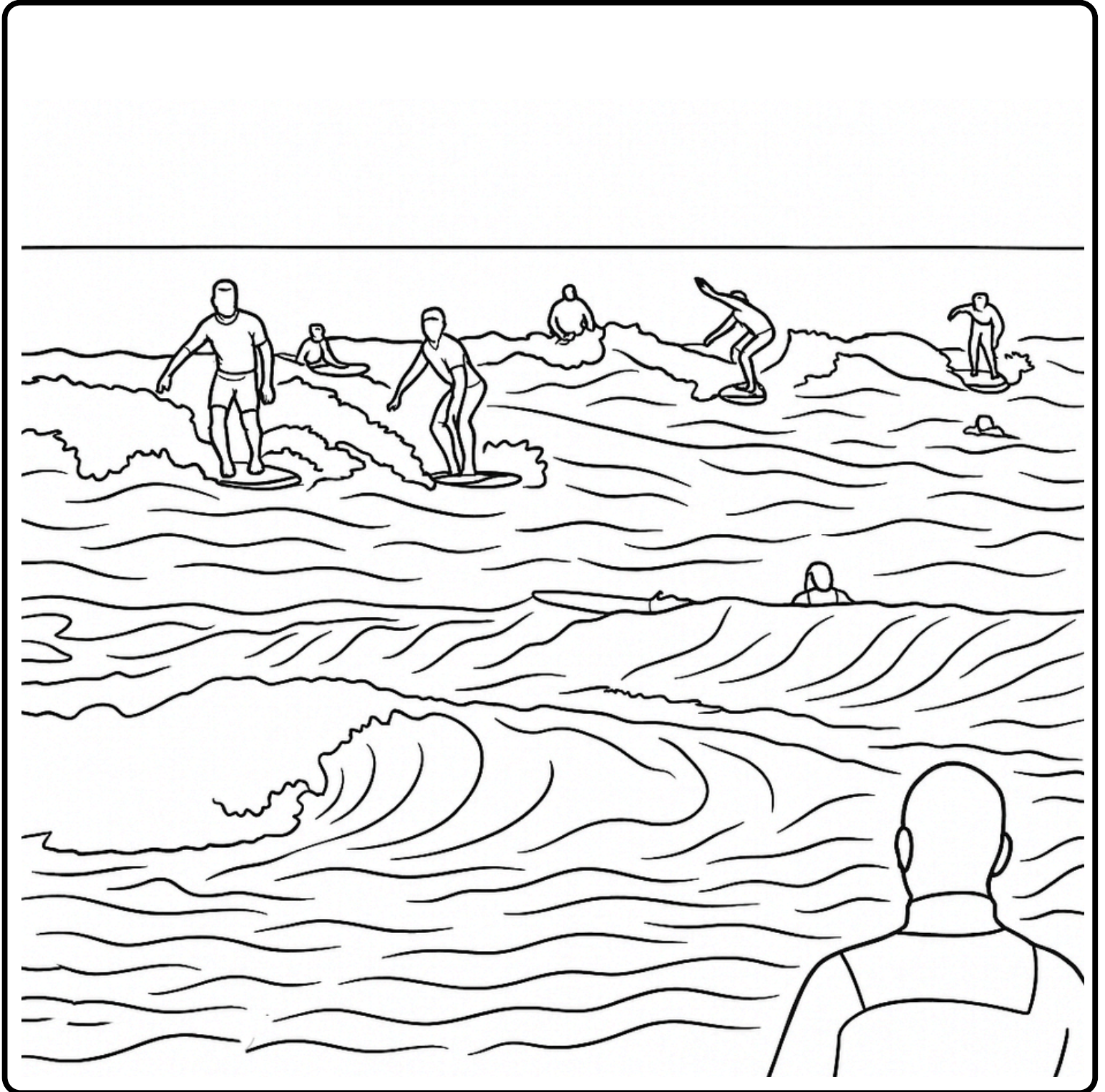


"Sportfishing, even for the biggest fish, was not just a man's sport," Bill Akin wrote in [The Golden Age of Montauk Sportfishing](#). "Women had always been part of the picture." Kay Topping and her husband, the Yankees owner Dan Topping, pose with her 587-pound giant bluefin tuna, caught by rod and reel, at the Montauk Yacht Club dock, 1949.

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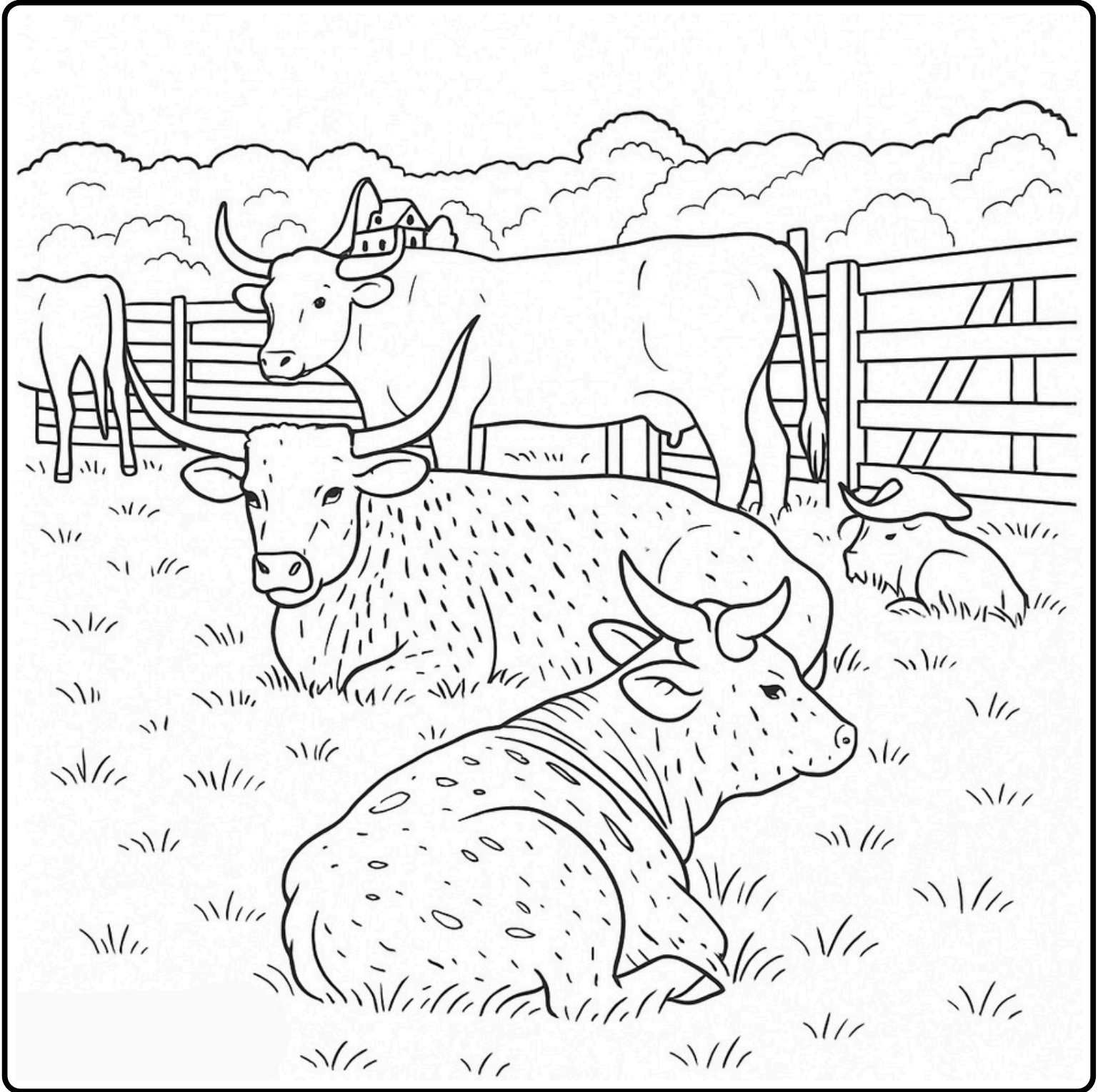
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Montauk became a popular surf destination in the 1960s. It is reported that some of the first surfers in Montauk were soldiers stationed at Camp Hero in the 1950s during the Korean War. After the United States Air Force took over the base, the surf spot became known as the "Air Force Base."

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Cattle drives were an enduring part of Montauk's history starting in the 17th century. Its grazing pastures were used to bulk up cattle, sheep, and horses owned by East Hampton's early proprietors, and the first, second, and third houses in town were built for livestock keepers and their families.

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The Long Island Rail Road completed the line to Montauk in December 1895. The first Fishermen's Special trip ran in 1933 from New York to Montauk. Passengers walked from the station to the boats at Union News Dock, which later became Fishangri-La. In the 1990s, the Montauk Artists Association took over the train station and repurposed it into an art gallery.

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