

Sailing

A Creative Odyssey
By Shasta Sovereign
Winter 2024



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Dear Reader:

We are honored to present our 3rd high school art competition. This year, we were blessed to receive wonderful art from 26 students enrolled in 8 different high schools across 4 different counties in our Northeast corner of California.

We thoroughly enjoyed all the art, as we know all participants shared very personal parts of themselves in the process. We are well aware of the fact that art can NOT be judged, compared or competed in. However, we still decided to put on a “competition” as a way to engage students and to showcase art from different regions which do not interact with one another.

On the following pages, you will see how different artists creatively interpreted the topic “Sailing.” Some took it literally and depicted many different renditions of boats sailing in water. Others had a more metaphorical approach to the topic.

We had a very difficult time with picking the winners, as we thought all entries were meaningful and from the heart. But, we found the following entries to be exceptional:

1st place:

- Willow J from Burney HS

2nd place:

- Addison S from Yreka HS
- Naomi W from Hayfork HS
- Isela E from Big Valley HS

3rd place:

- Ashlyn B from Yreka HS
- Brooke H from Yreka HS
- Abigail M from Burney HS

There were also several honorable mentions who received some cash prizes as well.

Please join us in appreciating the wonderful talent of our kiddos in the great North State!

In Inspiration,

Shasta Sovereign



The great wave

By SaraRose S

Big Valley High School



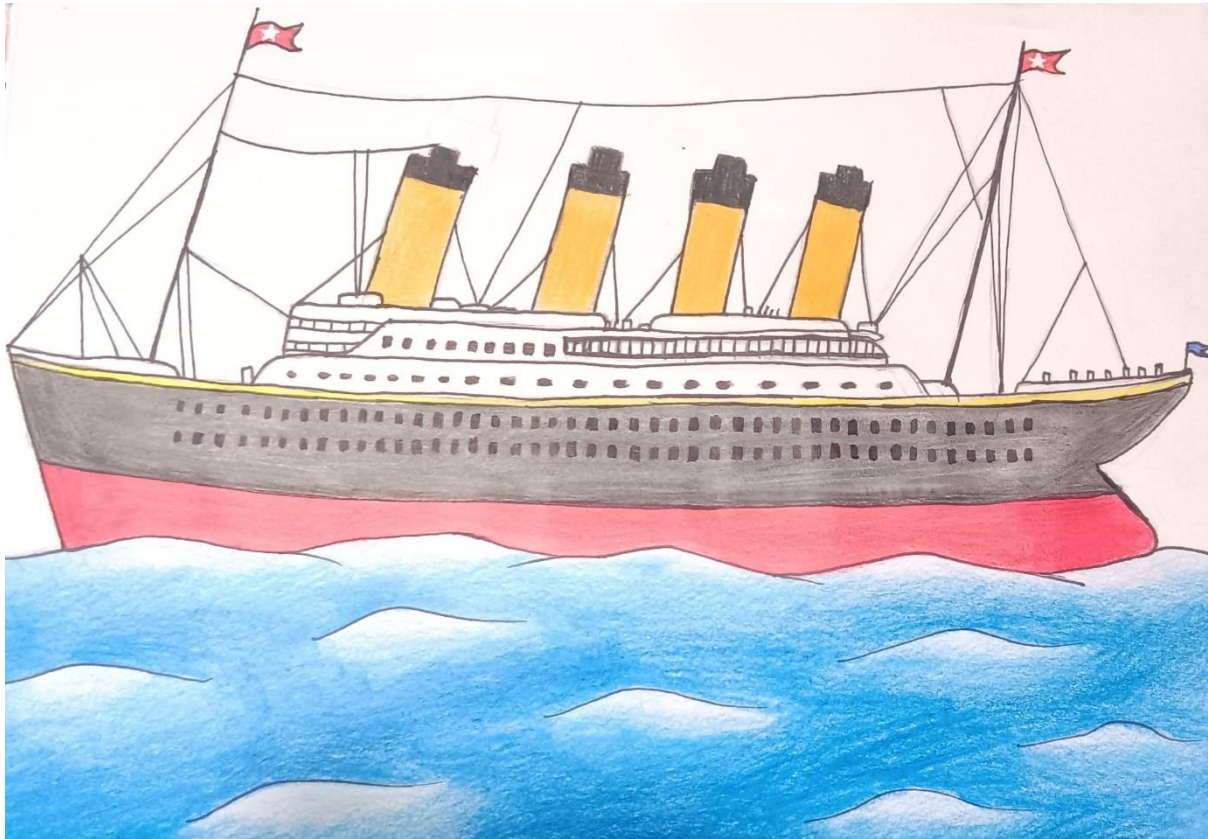
The exciting jump into the end of an adventure. Bringing the light and color back to live once again to the story. The overwhelming joy of finding the prize they desire and wished for.



RMS Titanic

By Allison E

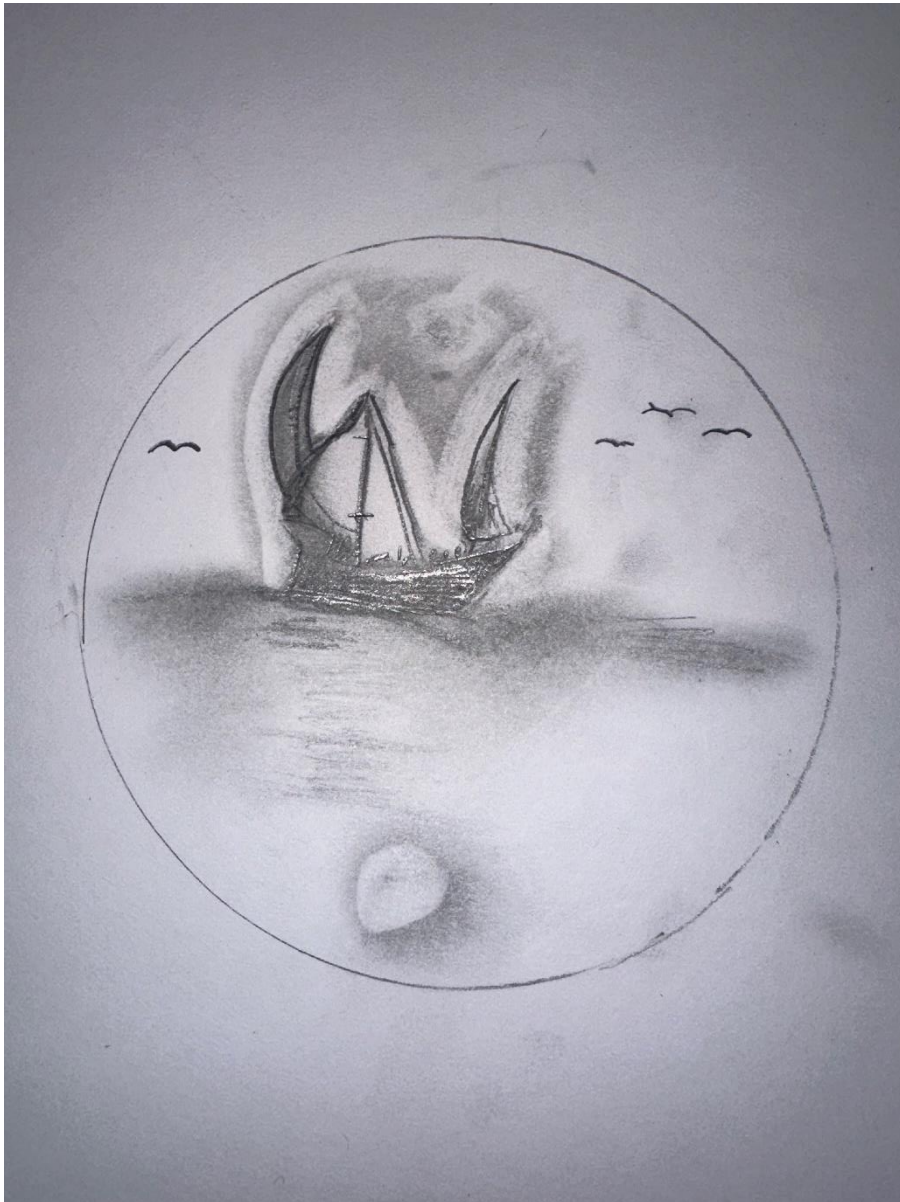
Big Valley High School



As the stunning liner pushed through the ocean waves, there was suddenly something in the distance that would seal her fate.



By Robbee H
Big Valley High School





Someday I'll Sail Around

By Isela E

Big Valley High School



This was drawn and colored with my favorite gift received, which is a set of colored pencils ordered by my teacher.



Everlasting light

By Shalynn W
Burney High School

Every tide
Every wave
Peacefully crashing against ship
The symphonies of the birds
From above
The gentle swaying easing you to rest
May the light guide you
To your destiny
Though full of twists and turns
May it be full of joyous harmony
You are someone
Someone to be remembered
You are someone's
Everlasting light



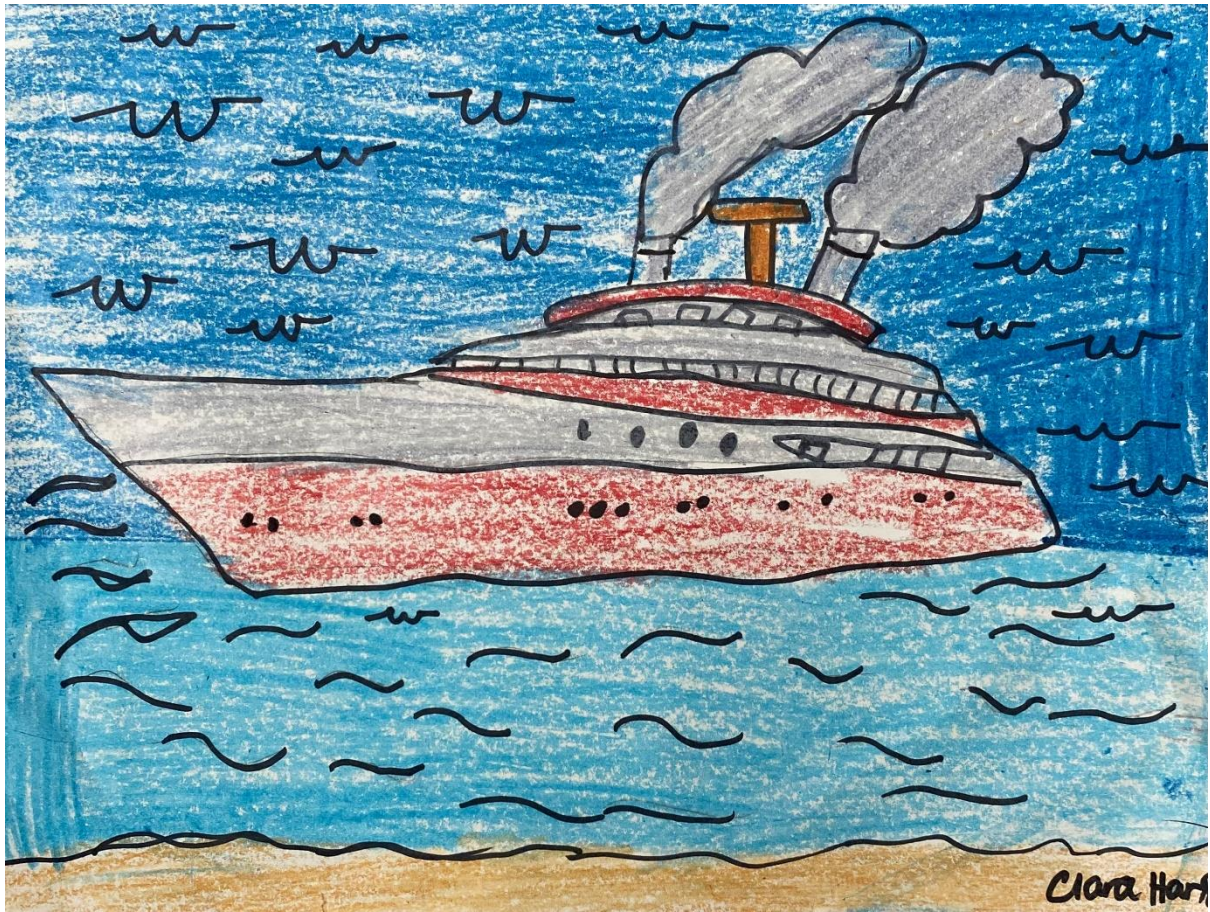


By Jocelyn M
Burney High School





By Clara H
Burney High School





Inevitable

By Abigail M

Burney High School





By Ivy T
Burney High School





Sea Nettle
By Willow J
Burney High School





This art piece, named *The Sea Nettle*, is a representation of a man named Rowan Kelly, a young man around the age of 16-17, who is an orphan in Ireland, and eventually got taken in by a young married couple to Costa Rica. Rowan dreams to become a Marine Biologist, who wants to take care and learn about marine creatures, especially stingrays and jellyfish. He's a young man with red hair, white skin, blue eyes, and a band-aid across his nose, he is half Irish, half white. The media I used for this art piece were colored pencil and a white paint pen to really make the colors pop out.



Color in a Sea of Grey

By Emma G.

Dunsmuir High School



A small ship covered in magical red and blue flowers persists through a grey and dull storm.



Pitch Black Sea

By Aden H.

Dunsmuir High School



A crew of pirates sail the open sea for days hoping for treasure. The pirates are told several warnings about the Black Sea, but their greed for treasure smothers their worry. Now trapped sailing without direction, looking overboard and seeing nothing but cold black waters. These men were so blinded by adventure they couldn't see that they sailed directly into their doom.



Boat Ride

By Mia T.

Dunsmuir High School



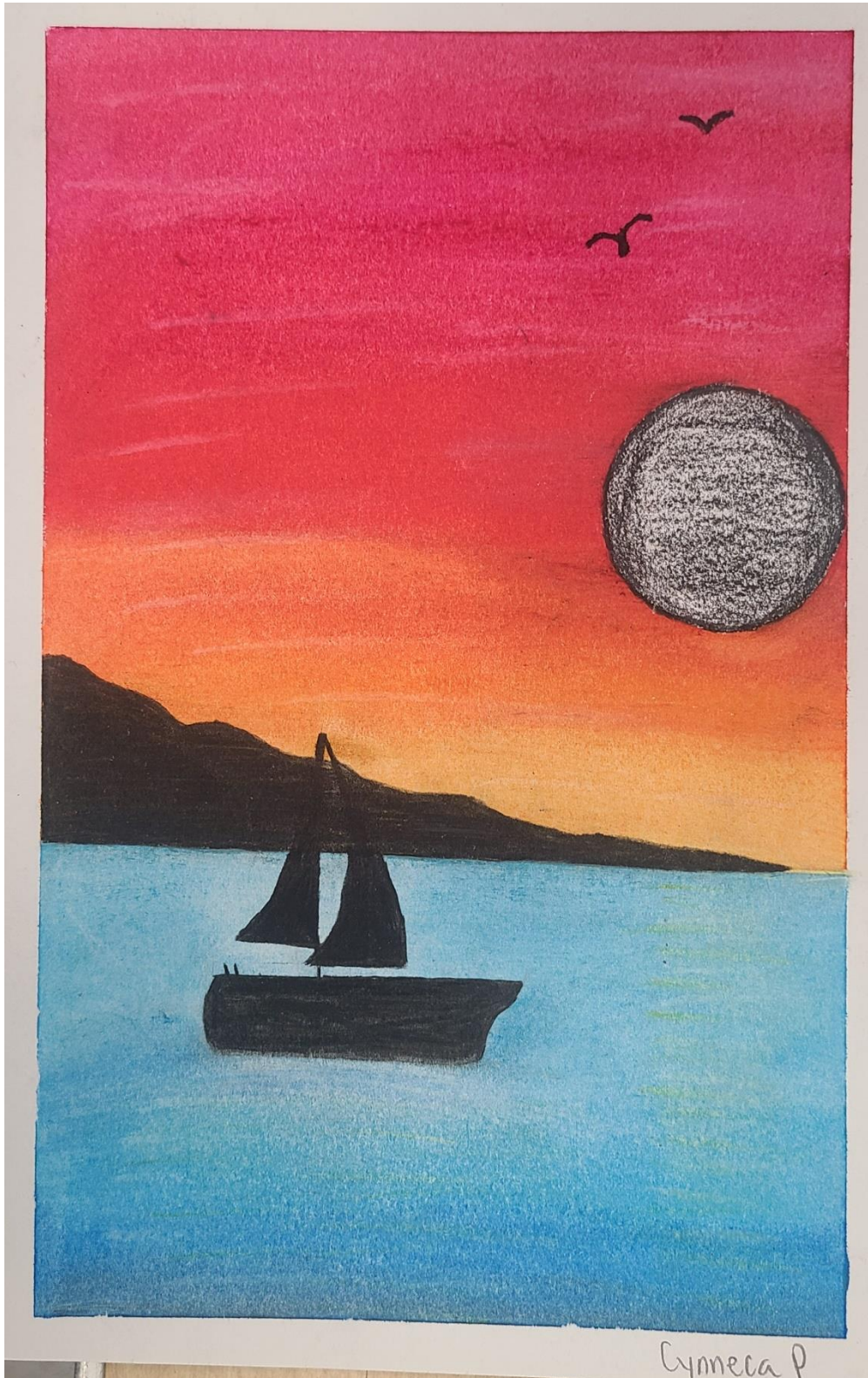
For me sailing means to be on the ocean enjoying yourself. It's water and no human noise around. A peaceful time. Especially when the sun is rising or going down. Sailing is calmness and creates a state of euphoria. There are fish around the boat symbolizing life in the water beneath the sea.



Joy of Sailing

By Cynneca P.

Dunsmuir High School



Sailing is a timeless activity involving navigating a boat using the power of the wind.



Sailing

By Saylor S.

Dunsmuir High School



This piece reflects the allure and dangers of sailing- the eternal dance between courage and uncertainty that sailors embrace for their love of the water. The sunken ship symbolizes both loss and renewal- the end of one sailor's journey but marks the start of the next sailor's journey. Like myself, once an adventure comes along in my life, I take the opportunity to go for it no matter when it ends because the end of something good is the start of something great.



By Zach M
Fall River High School





Sailing Through Life

By Naomi W

Hayfork High School



The piece is inspired by the phrase “sailing through life”, and is meant to be a symbolic representation of myself.

The ship is supposed to be a symbol of myself; everything that occurs outside the ship is a reflection of my innermost sentiments and thoughts.

The Three Dragons stand for emotion and their strength, because dragons are known to be powerful creatures. The three emotion represented are rage, sadness, and happiness. I believe that these are the most basic and primal emotions. The tree beneath the ship symbolizes feelings of loneliness and hardship, because it is sitting alone on a hill in the rain. It also symbolizes my struggle with telling others about my hardships. My love of nature is symbolized by the flowers of the “Happy Dragon”. Due to the fact that I grew up in Hayfork, I’ve always been surrounded by nature. It has always been a passion since I was young. I’ve always “just been in it.”

The pitcher plant and the Venus flytrap are designed to symbolize that there are always traps disguised among the good. Like how there is always an ulterior motive to an interaction, even



if the motive isn't inherently bad. These plants are around the "Sadness Dragon" because of the phrase "misery loves company".

The entire piece is intended to convey my passion for creativity, and the idea that nothing truly remains the same. My art style changes with time, and that change, no matter how slight, is inevitable just as how we grow.

The piece's vibrancy as well as the variation between art styles is also intended to symbolize my personality, as I consider myself to be a very colorful, bright, and adaptable individual.



Translucent Time With My Waning Youth

By Mercedes T
Hayfork High School



The jellyfish represent the memories that mindlessly float through our mind and strike us with powerful emotions enough to bring tears.

The stars are our hopes, dreams, and personal goals that sometimes get covered up when our mind gets cloudy or our vision blurred from the fogs of stress which crept in. Most of the time, we also don't take a moment to look at them.

The sun is the goals or expectations of society that shines more brightly than our personal goals, blinding us through our journey and burns us alive. But when we are at peace and everyone's asleep, we can finally take the time to look up to search for the stars in the night.

The line between the pink and blue water symbolizes our transition from our childhood to our adulthood. The dull color of the blue represents how we view life as adults. Dull and gloomy. The vibrant pink shows the creativity and innocence that we possessed as children.

The siren represents the desire and temptations that flow through our ears with the sweet-honey words it sings. Their red hair represents temptations.



The island represents death or the end of our journey where we can finally lay in peace on our deathbed.

The lighthouses are the signals or people who guide us to the end of our story.

The giant is our insecurities that we face before the end. It is an abstract monster that we created and faced throughout our journey. This creature drains all of the color from our life away. Or it could also mean the problems and challenges we face.

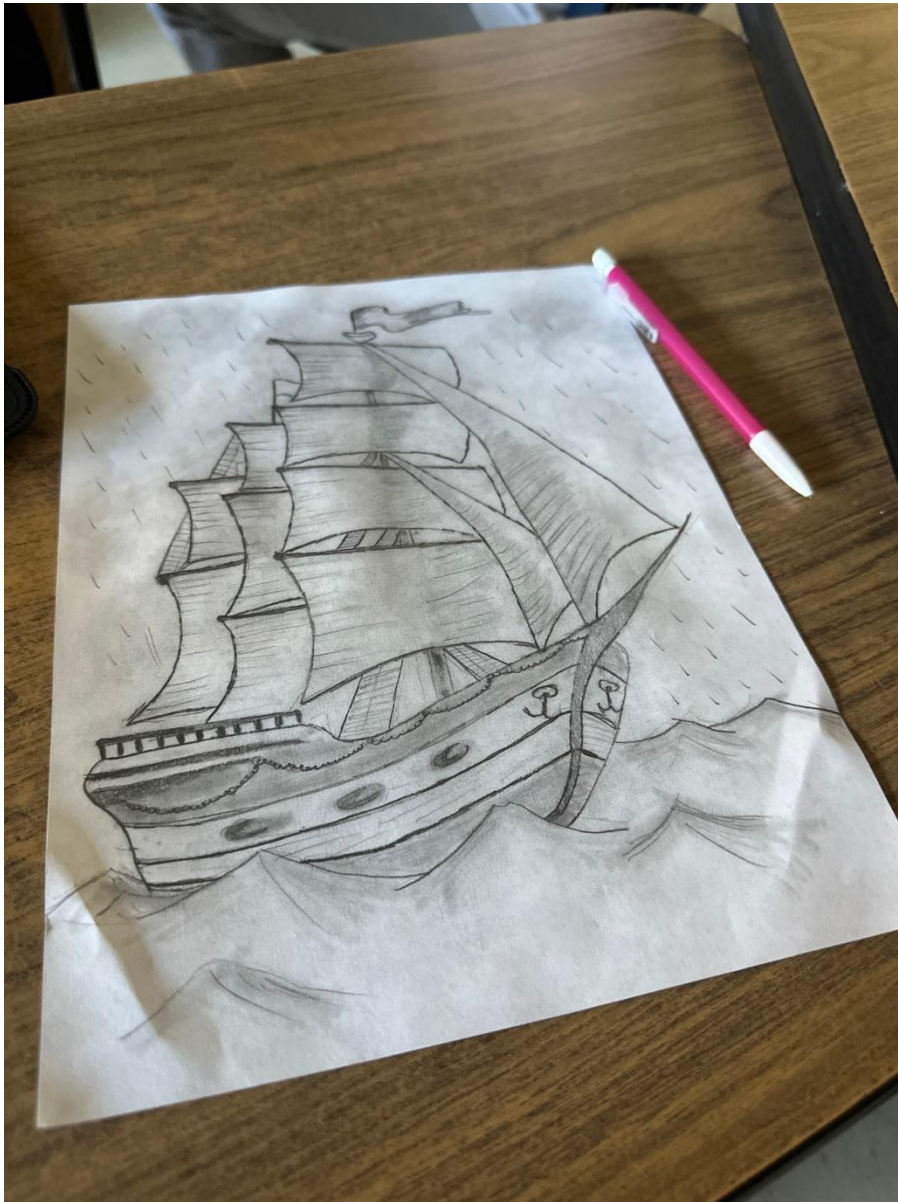
The red on the cloak that the figure on the boat wears represents passion, determination, love, and courage.

The red on the cloak and siren is an example of the pros and cons that I want people to analyze because there are many good and bad meanings that red represents. There are many pros and cons of all of the blessings and tragedies we have to deal with. For example, the monster might scar our soul, but it also strengthens us and allows us to use our experience to help others.

Like the tree rings that show the years it grows, the sky rings represent the time that passes throughout our journey.



By Josefina M
Tulelake High School





Sailing With the Sun and the Mountain

By Alex W.

Weed High School



This art piece is of four people sailing through a wave shaped like Mt. Shasta with the sun setting behind them.



Stress Sailing

By Ezra S.

Weed High School



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The Eye of the Storm

By MychKayla A.

Weed High School



This is a painting I created to show how our eyes can hold entire worlds within them. The eye in the picture reflects a stormy ocean and a little sailboat, symbolizing the emotions and struggles we all carry inside us. The wave represents challenges and chaos, but the boat shows resilience, like navigating through life's storms. It's a way of saying that even though things might feel overwhelming, there's always a way to keep going. The idea is that our eyes aren't just windows to the soul, they're windows to our experiences, dreams, and emotions. Overcoming the big wave ahead of us.



Where Myths Set Sail

By Brooke H

Yreka High School



This art piece is a unique spin on the theme “sailing.” I added a mythical twist to make it my own. The ship featured at the center is known as “The Silver Horizon” and is known throughout this mythical world for its long voyages to bring back things of the human world.



The Storm's Light

By Hazel B.



A brutal storm plagues a young sailor's hopes of reaching the perfect destination. Despite the painful predicament of being lost, the sailboat's impressive endurance allowed for their survival. The long journey proves worthy when they come upon the lighthouse. The beacon of hope.



Brown Ship in a Bottle

By Addison S

Yreka High School



It is a brown ship in a bottle sailing on a wavy ocean atop a light brown background. It was painted with acrylic paints on a mixed media piece of paper.



Happy Seal Island

By Ashlyn B

Yreka High School



A ship sailing above the kelp forest and the seals. Mixed Media, Colored Pencil and Marker on drawing paper.



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