**Do you know some of the basic parts of a sailboat?**

![Diagram of a sailboat](image)

**Vocabulary Definitions**

Sovereign: A nation which is independent, governed by its people, and one that controls its own affairs.

Symbolize: To represent by means of symbols.

Zeal: Great energy or enthusiasm.

Dynamism: The quality of being characterized by vigorous activity and progress.

Endurance: The capacity of something to last or to withstand wear and tear.

Independence: The act or state of being free from outside control; not depending on another's authority.

Media: The material or form used by an artist, composer, or writer.

Found Objects: Art created from undisguised, but often modified, objects or products that are not normally considered materials from which art is made.

Ornaments: A thing used to make something look more attractive but usually having no practical purpose, especially a small object such as a figurine.

Horizon: The line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet.

Incorporating: Combine (ingredients) into one substance or subject.

Vessel: A ship or large boat, or a hollow container, especially one used to hold liquid.

Memorial: Something, especially a structure, established to remind people of a person or event.

Symbol: A shape or sign used to represent something.

Boat / Ship: The primary difference between boats and ships is the size; the U.S. Naval Institute classifies boats as being small enough to be carried aboard a larger vessel, and a vessel capable of carrying a smaller one is a ship. Essentially, you can put a boat on a ship, but you can't put a ship on a boat.

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**Meet Guyanese Fish!**

![Image of Guyanese Fish](image)

Silver Arowanas are sometimes called 'dragon fish' because of their shiny, armor-like scales and double barbels. The species is also called 'monkey fish' because of its ability to jump out of the water (up to 6 feet) and capture its prey.

Guyana in South America:
Setting the stage: Facts about Guyana

1. Guyana is the third-smallest sovereign state on mainland South America after Uruguay and Suriname.
2. The colours of the Guyanese flag are symbolic. Red symbolizes zeal and dynamism, gold for mineral wealth, green for agriculture and forests, black for endurance, and white for rivers and water.
4. There are nine indigenous tribes residing in Guyana: the Wai Wai, Macushi, Patamona, Lokono, Kalina, Wapishana, Pemon, Akawaio and Warao.

One of the artists featured in Displaced, is Hew Locke.

Hew Locke was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1959. He spent his formative years in Georgetown, Guyana and ultimately moved back to the UK where he is now based (London).

Locke uses a variety of media to create his art, including found objects such as cardboard, beads, and fake flowers to name a few. In some of his work he is known for decorating photographs, of statues of famous historical figures, with ornaments, plastic toys, or jewelry.

He also makes sculptures of boats because he is interested in transportation, trade, and history. Boats are incredibly important for transportation in Guyana. In the exhibition "Displaced", small scale boats with beautiful and elaborate decorations hang just above eye level; reminding viewers of the opportunities that lay ahead for each of us just beyond the "horizon".

"So many things, good and bad, travel by sea. The title of this work comes from the final line of the hymn Eternal Father, Strong to Save (often called The Royal Navy Hymn). Incorporating customized models of boats from around the world together with boats made from scratch, each vessel is, in effect, a memorial. No crew members are visible - the boats themselves are a symbol of the crew and passengers. "Navis", the Latin word for boat, is the root-word for the Nave of a church as well as for Navy."  

- Hew Locke
DIY Art Assignment
Create a small boat, vessel, or ship out of recyclable materials. Use things like cardboard tubes, plastic bottles, popsicle sticks, etc. Make sure the material you use has been cleaned first of any food or chemicals. Glue, tape, string, and staples make good adhesives for binding materials together. For an added challenge be sure that your ship has a sail with a logo or design on it.

Practice learning perspective in two dimensions by drawing your boat from multiple angles. Perspective drawing is about recording the exact angles that make up a form. Doing so creates the illusion that the object is receding back in space towards the horizon.

This exercise teaches the most when you make at least three drawings. One drawing should be set up so the boat is down below you and you have to draw it from above. Another drawing should be set up with the boat arm’s length from you but about the same height as your eyes. The final drawing should be set up so that the boat is resting above you and you are drawing from below the boat.

Making these drawings will be much easier if you have a strong light source aimed at your boat.

To really make your drawing look strong be sure to also draw the things that make up that background of your boat.

A good trick to measuring the angles of something you are looking at can be done with only a pencil and your arm. Without moving your seat, hold the pencil at arms length. Use the long side of the pencil to visually match the angle of the part of the thing you are looking at. Without bending your elbow or moving your wrist, move the pencil to your drawing and compare the angle of the pencil with the angle in your drawing.