

CELINE MCDONALD

ARTIST STATEMENT / BOATS

I am inspired by the sea and shoreline of New England, from the far edges of Cape Cod's Provincetown where I have studied, to the far reaches of Nova Scotia where my Scottish ancestors arrived over 200 years ago. The sea is where I go for inspiration and healing, bringing back to my studio sketches, photos and memories in which to recreate what I have seen and felt there. I am not a boater but an observer of its ways. Often I paint the same boat over and over again changing its color or texture, direction or light. Like a prayer, its repetition is soothing and meditative. I see its shape as womb, cradle and casket-like, embracing beings or peacefully carrying souls into the afterlife.