

The Ship

The year was 1865, it was daytime, and the ocean was blazing with excitement. Captain Gregory was sailing his boat, the S.S. Voyage, heading westward. After many long nights of rain and waves, Captain Gregory reached the U.S. He thought that the rest of the sail would be calmer, but suddenly he was hit by a terrible storm. The storm's seaworthy wrath flushed his boat with water and drove it off course. Spiraling out of control, Captain Gregory reefed the sails and tried to get the ship back on track trying all he could, and his only choice now was to hope that the storm cleared.

Several hours passed, and through the day, the storm raged. It was now night and the clouds cleared, leaving only a hint of light that was the nearly setting sun. Captain Gregory didn't know where he was and panicked. He watched his compass to see if it could lead him back, but the compass was damaged in the storm. Just as all hope had left him, a mysterious creature, several meters long, appeared! It led the sailor through the water with an almost see-through body and a whale-like tail, flashing a bright blue light that couldn't be ignored. Throughout the night, the boat traveled through the sea to pursue the figure and its' light. Hours passed, and the rain continued like a light switch turning on and off. Throughout the night, Captain Gregory didn't sleep. He watched the light and the creature with great precision.

As the sun's light grew brighter, a body of land became visible just around the corner, and the boat and the creature were heading for it. As quickly as Captain Gregory saw land, he realized he had arrived in Maryland. As he stepped off his ship, he was in awe because the entire underside of the ship was smashed away. Other sailors came to greet him and Captain Gregory realized that without the help of the mystical creature, he wouldn't have managed to survive.

Standing proudly on land, Captain Gregory started to belt out the amazing story of the storm, the ship heaving high and low in the waves, and the appearance of the creature that sailed him to safety, leaning inward the sailors asked more about his journey and the sea entity. He told them that it was many meters long, about fifty feet or longer, and it had a big head with a dangly light at the end of its snout. Gregory told them of how it acted, how it didn't attack him, but that it led him as if by a friendly guide through the rough water. As he told this tale, the sailors doubted he had seen a great creature in the water and unfortunately for him he had no other sailors with him, only his damaged boat.

To this day, the sailors know of the story of Captain Gregory and the mystical creature that helped him and appeared out of thin air during a terrible storm of the seas, but it is alas just a Captain's tall tale of the vibrant, salty seas. However, as for Captain Gregory, he will never forget that journey and the friendly lighted creature that helped in the night.