

## Searchers (2014)

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This painting is captivating from across a large room, although it is just 16x20. I feel it is best viewed from a distance between four to six feet in good light. As in most of my work the sense of distance is immediately obvious. I thought I had completed this work back in 1983 but it lacked something. I realized that it was the water and the wake of the boat; it needed to project a stronger sense of movement. So, I took it back to the easel... much to my delight. I now feel it is finished. This painting truly lightens a room and soothes the spirit.

In this scene the soft light of the setting sun beckons the viewer to look beyond the sail boat and into the distant clouds. The many layers of soft hues in the clouds are soothing to the soul. Yet, the sails gusting with wind pulls you back to the boat with a sense of excitement. This painting offers the viewer the opportunity to reflect and contemplate the adventure we call life. Anticipating what lies ahead but not afraid of the unknown.

