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The names given to the boat crafts evoke a heroic and legendary marine imagery, recall mythological creatures and natural forces, hope for good luck and brave gestures. An imagery far away from contemporaneity, where the sea is pragmatically seen as infrastructure, resource or border, and on which bigger and bigger hulls move following certain routes and times, filled with every kind of goods, raw materials, tourists. Nonetheless in these names one can still find the sign, maybe, of the deep and pristine connection between man and sea.

The brief poems in these pages are built from the names of the boat crafts that have crossed the Mediterranean Sea during my stay in Malta. To gather the names I have wandered through docks, harbours and marinas of the Island; moreover I consulted websites showing and tracking real time maritime traffic. Once I noted the most evocative, original and impressive names, I then assembled them, following unexpected lexical returns and semantic connections, by supposing imaginary routes, crossings and boardings.

**Morning Star,**  
**Queen Of Peace,**  
**Take Your Time**  
in the **Absolute Sky.**

When composing the poems, my action was limited to the introduction of articles, prepositions, verbal conjugations and punctuation, in order for the poems to be grammatically correct and facilitate their reading. The names of the boat crafts are in bold type.

**Dawn:**

the **Peregrine**

**Venus**

**Challenges**

the **Sunny Horizon.**

**Haze:**

the **Goddess**

of **Destiny**

**Hides Away,**

**Nomad.**

The **Silver Wave**  
is a **Salty Wolf**:  
**Unchained,**  
**Undaunted.**

**Sea Storm:**  
the **Lightning**  
**Strikes**  
the **Fair Isle.**

**The Intrepid  
Sparrow  
Catches A Wave  
in the Lucky Rain.**

**The Wind Song  
is a Blue Tune,  
a Moving  
Rhapsody  
on the Seven Seas.**

**Freebird:**

the **Lonely Seagull**

**Runs Away**

**Over The Rainbow.**

The **Great Whale**

is a **Floating Delight:**

**New Energy**

in the **Tidal Bay.**



The **Indigo Breeze**  
is a **Whispering Angel**,  
a **Blue Wave Harmony**  
in the **Summer Sky**.

**My Serendipity:**

a **Mermaid**  
**Splashes**

**Out Of The Blue.**

In the **Cobalt**

**Sky**

the **Happy Falcon**

is a **Hound Of The Wind.**

**Sweet Day**

**Under The Sun:**

**Pleasant Company,**

**Epic Breeze,**

**New Frontier.**

**Summerdance:**  
a **Brief Encounter,**  
a **Leading Lady,**  
**Two Steps**  
on the **Sandy Bay.**

**Hedonist**  
**Holiday:**  
**No Worries,**  
**No Regrets,**  
**No Stress.**

**Golden Hour:**

**Vitamin Sea,**

**Endless You,**

**Good Vibe,**

**Infinite Blue.**

The **Black Shark**

is a **Silver Shadow,**

a **Sea Lord**

on **Precious Coral.**

The **Naughty Cat**

is a **Free Soul:**

**Nameless,**

**Crewless.**

**Mirage:**

the **Red Cloud**

**Melts**

in the **Horizon Jade.**

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**Desire:**

**Touch Me**

with your **Amber Ray,**

**Red Sun.**

**The Mystic Moon**

**Keeps Smiling**

in the **Emerald**

**Green Sea.**

The **Firefly**  
is a **Brilliant Lady**,  
a **White Lie**  
in the **Candide**  
**Moonlight.**

**My Ultimate Dream,**  
**Heartbreaker:**  
a **Salty Kiss,**  
**Another One.**

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**Hush:**

in the **Blue Hour**

**I Murmur**

my **Silent Wish**

to the **Shooting Star.**



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