at the New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! in New Bedford, Massachusetts explores water as an artistic influence through October 8, 2017.

The New Bedford Art Museum is a great cultural destination for those on route to the Vineyard, Nantucket or the Cape.
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June 13, 2017: New Bedford, Massachusetts. Rippling, roiling, teeming with life...Deep, dark, waiting to be explored...Water has long been a potent influence for artists wishing to explore its majesty and mystery. Plunge: explorations from above and below at the New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!, New Bedford, Massachusetts examines this influence through the work of 16 artists from around the world. The works in the exhibition are all available for sale. The multifaceted exhibition combines sculptures, tapestries, installation works, paintings and photography. Each work resides at the intersection of the maker’s fascination with a variety of nautical and natural themes and the artmaking process. Plunge pairs Helena Hernmarck’s monumental woven depiction of tall ships in New York Bay circa 1884 and Chris Drury's Double Echo, a print that superimposes a fragment of an echogram from Flight W34 over East Antarctica and an echocardiogram of the pilot’s heartbeat. In other galleries, Heather Hobler’s meditative photographs of seascapes join Karyl Sisson’s “sea creatures” made of domestic objects like zippers and clothespins; Christopher Volpe’s evocative paintings join Grethe Wittrock’s Arctica, a sculpture made from a repurposed sail from the Danish Navy.

The Plunge exhibition features 13 artists represented by browngrotta arts in Wilton, Connecticut. For 30 years, browngrotta arts’ co-curators Tom Grotta and Rhonda Brown have been promoting art textiles, fiber sculpture and dimensional works by a select group of contemporary artists from the US and abroad online, in catalogs and exhibitions. The artists they represent come from 26 countries; each is represented in important public, private and museum collections. A full-color catalog has been produced by browngrotta arts. It is available at http://store.browngrotta.com/plunge-exploration... The exhibition continues through October 8, 2017. New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!/608 Pleasant Street/ New Bedford, MA/02740/508.961.3072/info@newbedfordart.org.

For more, check-out Cross-Currents: Art Inspired by Water our online companion exhibition to Plunge: explorations above and below http://www.browngrotta.com/Plunge.Online.php
Large Tapestry: Helena Hernmarck’s New York Bay circa 1884

Bottom photo: Birgit Birkkjaer’s Nordic Gold comes from the Sea

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