GOOD GROUND: HAMPTON BAYS

Photographs by Michael Domino

Artist Statement

Before Hampton Bays took its present name, it was known as Good Ground.

In this series, I photograph the boats, buildings, machinery, signs, and maritime remnants of this working community, then remove them from their original surroundings. I place each subject within a spare landscape of dry grass and gray sky—a constructed terrain where location gives way to memory.

Working fishing boats stand beside abandoned hulls. A chapel, duck blind, navigation buoy, propeller, and fisherman's silhouette occupy the same imagined ground. Freed from their everyday contexts, these familiar objects become solitary monuments. Their practical identities remain visible, but they also begin to suggest endurance, isolation, obsolescence, and the passage of time.

The repeated landscape creates a visual equality among the subjects. A deteriorating workboat receives the same attention as a modern yacht; a weathered sign carries the presence of a figure. As the series progresses, documentary objects move toward something increasingly sculptural and surreal.

GOOD GROUND is not intended as a literal record of Hampton Bays. It is a portrait assembled from fragments—a meditation on how a place survives through the objects it leaves behind.

The place is Hampton Bays.

Underneath it, there is still Good Ground.

— Michael Domino

Biography

Michael Domino is a New York photographer whose work explores memory, history, and the passage of time through carefully constructed photographic exhibitions.

His recent projects include DOMINO: A Meditation on Time, Camp Hero, and HERITAGE, each transforming familiar subjects into contemplative visual narratives that exist somewhere between documentary photography and fine art.

Michael's work is inspired by the belief that ordinary places and objects often possess extraordinary stories waiting to be rediscovered.

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Ramshead Cottages Sign



Canoe Place Chapel



Dicoy's



Old Trailer



Duck Blind



Fisherman Silhouette



Tenacity



Sally Dog



Providence



Shanna Leigh



Jean Marie



Boat — Stern View



Modern Yacht



Old White Skiff



Lobster-Pot Workboat



Gray Utility Boat



Overturned Wooden Boat — Side View



Old Wooden Boat — Bow View



Anchor



Mooring / Rope



Red Navigation Buoy



Chained Navigation Buoy



Large Propeller



Cable Reels



Marine Winch



Yellow Marine Engine



Rusting Crane Barge



Gasoline Pump



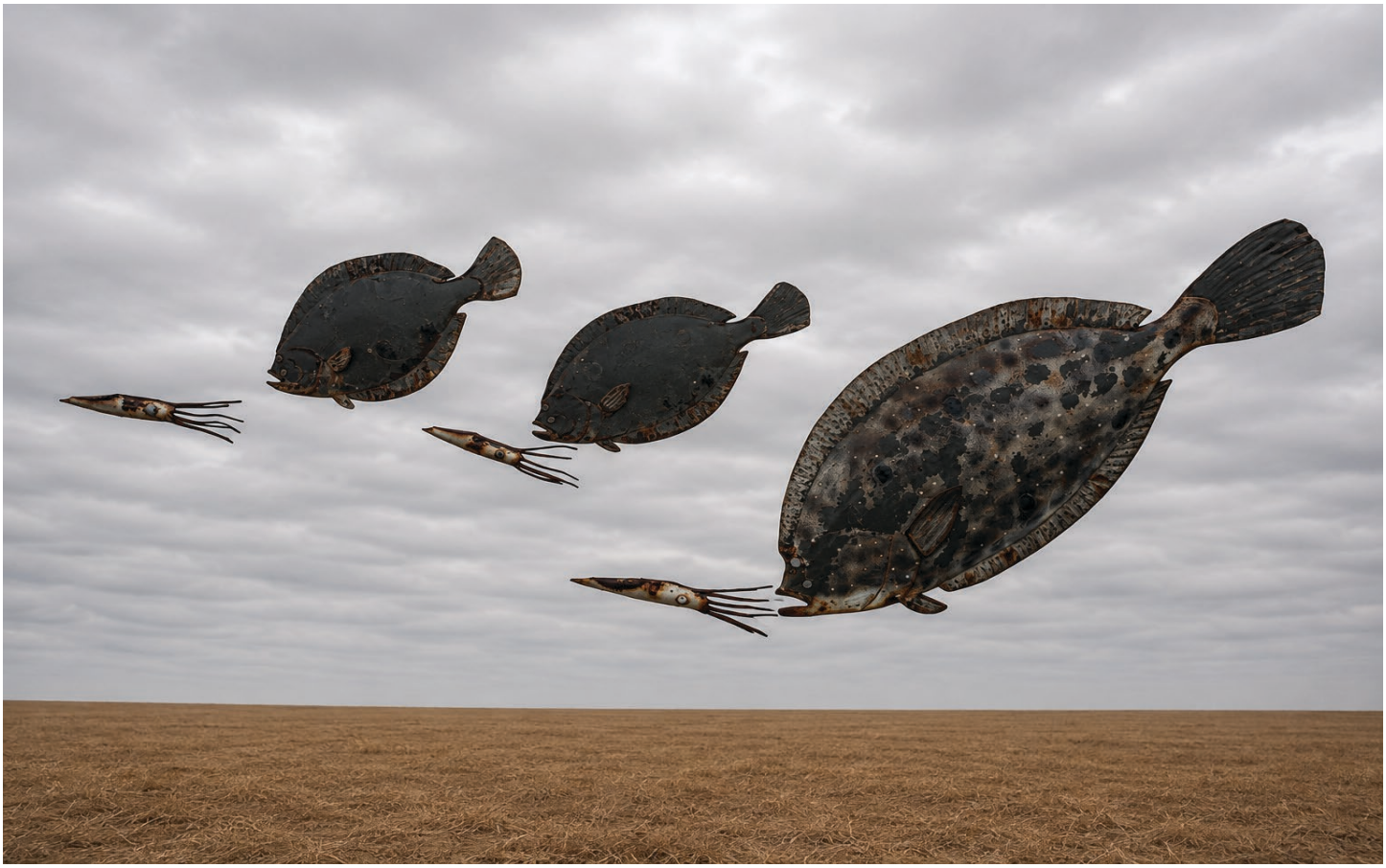
Yellow Shinnecock Bay Boats



Fish Direction Sign with Blue Truck



School of Metal Fish



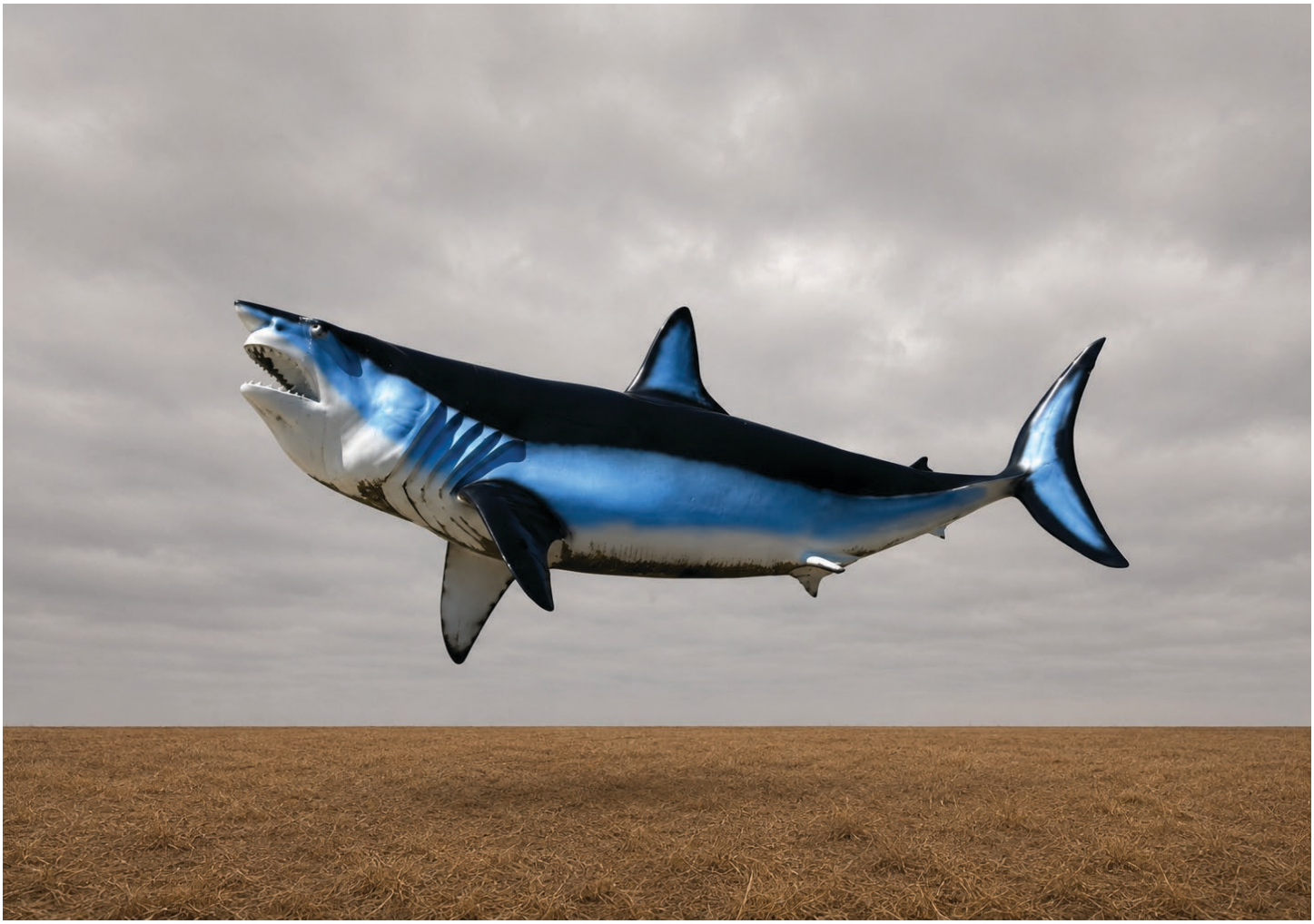
Flounders and Squid



Large Metal Fish



Blue Marlin



Shark



Old Blue Ford Pickup



Golden Woman and Stag