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Captain 68 x 84 oil on linen 2012

## **ALLISON SCHULNIK**

### **salty air**

Allison Schulnik is one of my favorite artists of the moment. Over the past couple of years, we've covered her and collaborated with her on a piece for our EARTH BY series. The thickly textured physicality of her paintings, combined with characters, scenes, and still-lives that evoke equally tangible emotions, is what makes her work so unique and special to me. In a new exhibit, titled "Salty Air", she continues to explore narrative and fable in her paintings. This body of work is inspired by old sea-faring tales, most notably the Little Mermaid as told by Hans Christian Anderson, exploring themes of freedom, solitude, and isolation. The show opened last week at the Mark Moore Gallery in Los Angeles and will be up through July 7. Allison was kind enough to provide PLANET with an exclusive slideshow of the work.