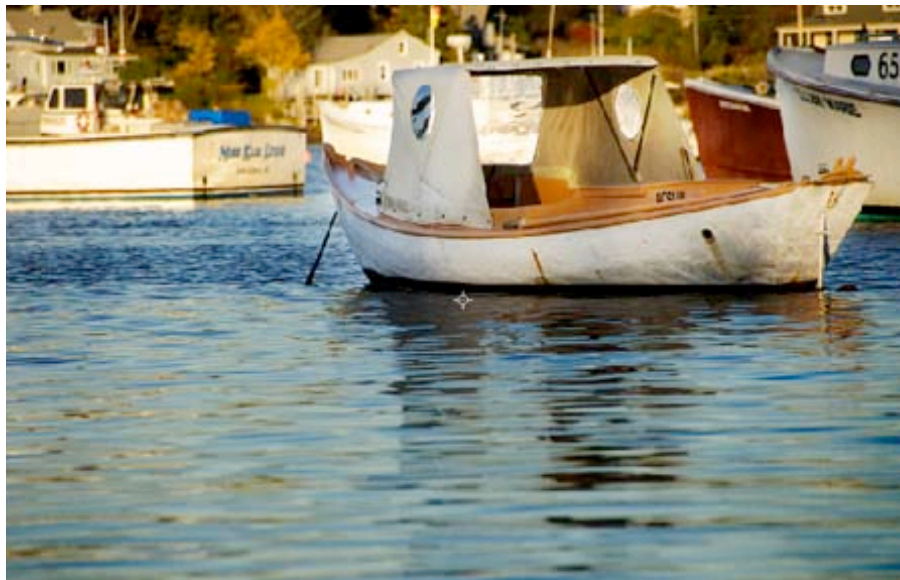


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Drawing Attention in Photos

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How to make an element in your photo really stand out.

Open your image, create a new layer, go to Edit > Fill > Fill Layer and fill it with 50% gray.

Go to the Layers palette and in the Blend Modes pop-up, choose Overlay.

Select your Brush tool and change the opacity between 25% and 30% so you can build up layers of this effect. Switch your foreground color to white, and to paint the area of the image you want to stand out. Repeated painting will bring out the effect even more.

Now switch your foreground color to black and paint the surrounding areas; this will darken those areas and draw even more attention to your focus area.

Now you have a quick and easy way to draw attention to a particular area of your image.

Be sure to experiment with different overlay modes for varying effects!