Passage I, 2013



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série Passage (7 images)
C-print on Kodak Ultragloss paper mounted on alu-dibond
Image: 60x40 cm or 70,8 x 47,2 inches
Edition of 3 ex + 1 AP
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Description:
Sophia Pompéry has a fundamental interest in ephemera and in physics, especially in optical phenomena. Her photographs are documental, she abstains from digital effects. "Passage" shows a rare moment when nature appears to be monochrome due to a natural light situation: in fact it is a colour photo. It shows the view from a ship's porthole while an other boat is passing by in a foggy mist.

The fugaciousness of the subject reflects in the materiality of the print: the photography seems to be affected by time: As if the negative or the photographic paper was damaged by a chemical degradation process. One gets the impression of the photography being an opaque mirror, that fades out by the passing of time.

Pompéry bridges every day life, physical aspects and philosophy: "Passage" is a moment of a transient situation. Ourselves being passengers in a constant state of flux, we already aspire to reach the next goal, once a level has been reached. Do we ever arrive? Passage is a poetical allegory of transience and the palpably unknown.
This impression is amplified by the fact, that the photography is printed on ultra gloss paper, so that it reflects the viewer who passes by.