

BIG AND BIGGER

Offshore turbines are more expensive than those on land, so there's a fierce competition to make them more efficient—lighter, simpler, bigger. How big can they get? A European Commission report says that a 20-megawatt turbine with a blade diameter of 788 feet is "feasible."

728 feet

538 feet

588 feet

505 feet

465 feet

394 feet

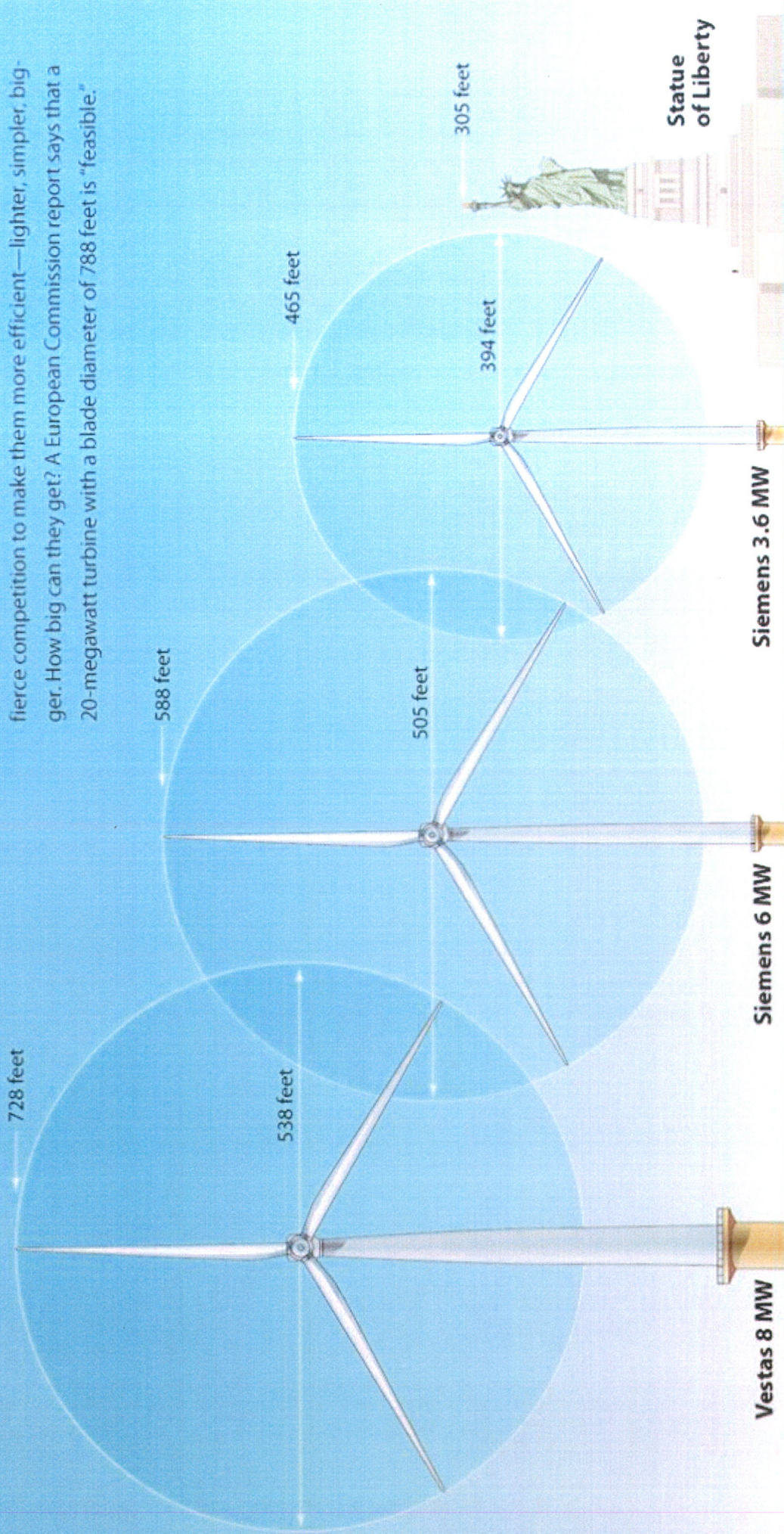
305 feet

Vestas 8 MW

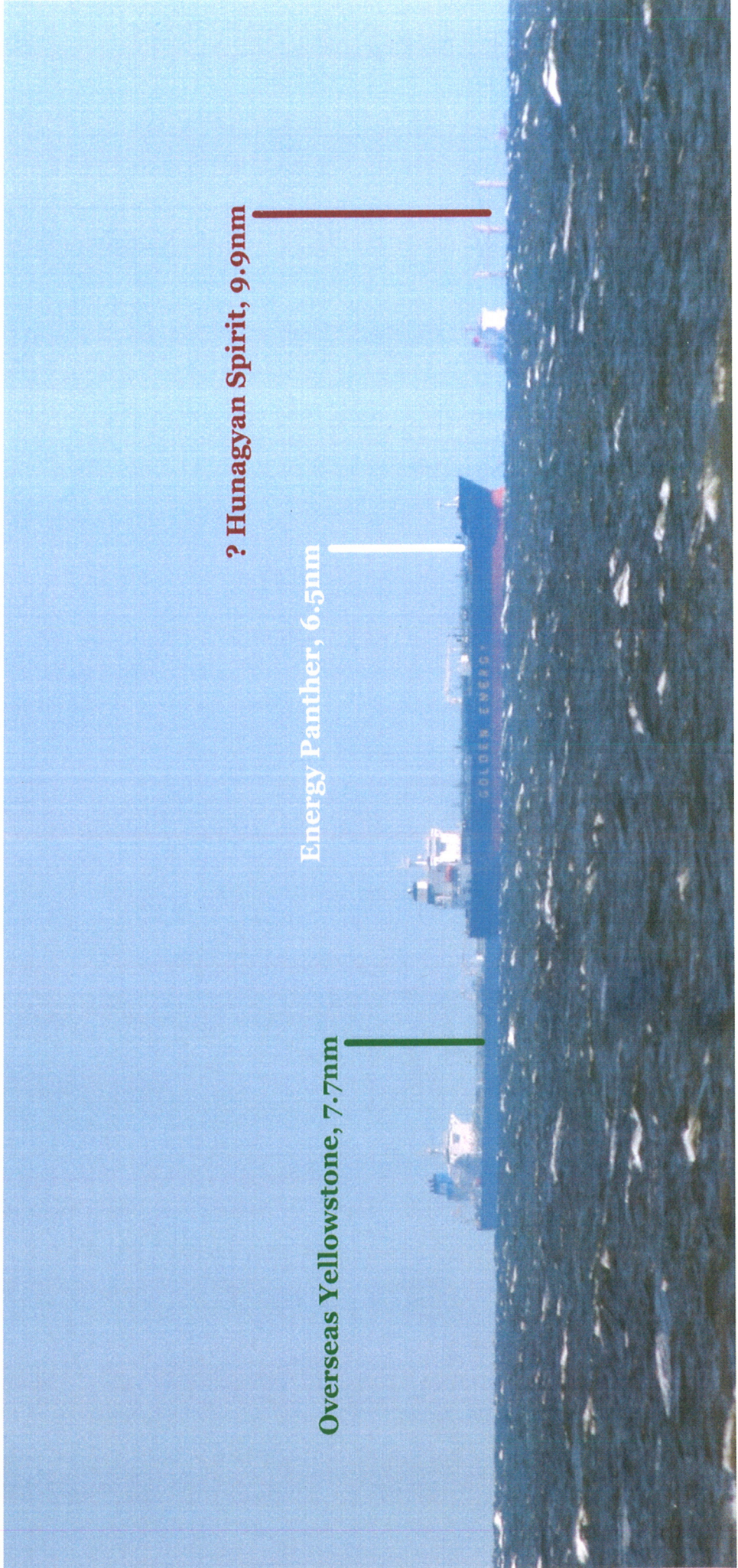
Siemens 6 MW

Siemens 3.6 MW

Statue of Liberty



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? Hunagyan Spirit, 9.9nm

Energy Panther, 6.5nm

Overseas Yellowstone, 7.7nm