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## Carte Des Cotes Du Golfe Du Mexique Compris entre la Pointe Sud de la Presqu'Ile de la Floride et la Pointe Nord de la Presqu'Ile d'Yucatan . . . An IX.

**Stock#:** 64165  
**Map Maker:** Depot de la Marine  
**Date:** 1800  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 36 x 23.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,100.00



### Description:

#### *The First Modern French Sea Chart of the Gulf of Mexico*

Important early chart of the Gulf Coast and Florida, issued in the 9th Year of the French Revolution (An. IX.)

The map was issued one year after the Spanish *Carta Esferica* and draws extensively from this map. This landmark mapping of Texas, Florida and the Gulf Coast, is based upon the 1799 *Carta Esferica*, the first large-scale printed chart of the Texas Coast based upon actual soundings and explorations. The map is based in large part on the landmark survey of the coast commissioned by Bernardo de Galvez and conducted by Jose de Evia. The most significant milestone of the survey was the discovery of Galveston Bay in 1785, which had never before appeared on a printed map. Baie de Calvesion (Galveston) is shown on the present map exactly as laid down in the manuscript maps from Evia's Survey. The coastline configuration in the *Carta Esferica* established the prototype for the mapping of Texas and the U.S. Gulf Coast which would dominated printed maps for the next 2 decades.

The map remained as one of the most significant charts of the region for several decades. Both Humboldt and Arrowsmith copied the information set forth in this map for their important maps. The present example has several minor repaired tears and modern wash coloring. The sailing ships are added in manuscript, an interesting embellishment to this important map.

### Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling and foxing.