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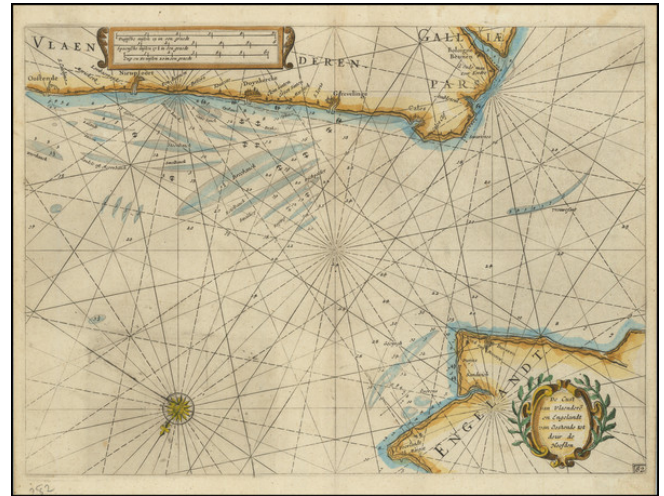
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[English Channel] De Cust van Vlaenderen en Engelandt van Oostende tot deur de Hoofden

Stock#: 75243
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1623
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition:
Size: 14 x 10.25 inches
Price: \$ 475.00



Description:

First edition of Blaeu's chart of the English Channel, from Blaeu's *Zeespiegel, Inhoudende Een Karte Onderwijsinghe in de Konst de Zeevaart, en Eene beschrijvinghe der Seekusten van de Oostersche, Noordsche, en Westersche Schipvaart*.

The chart is oriented with south at the top, showing the coast of Belgium and France, from Oostend to Boulogne-sur-Mer and across the channel to Dover and Margate, including extensive soundings, anchorages, rhumb lines and a compass rose.

Blaeu's *Zeespiegel* was one of the most important Rutters or Sea-Atlases of its time. Willem Janszoon Blaeu published two great pilot guides: the first (*Het Licht der Zee-vaert*) was published in various editions and languages between 1608 and 1630. Blaeu's copyright to this work appears to have run out in 1618, and from 1620 Johannes Janssonius was publishing his own versions. Blaeu responded to this threat from his publishing rival by the publishing his *Zeespiegel* in 1623. The work covers much the same coastal regions, but does so in much greater detail, with larger scale maps. The *Zeespiegel* expanded the number of charts to 111 (the *Zee-Vaert* had only 42).

Blaeu's work would become the proto-type of the Dutch pilot-book in the 17th century and went through a number of editions between 1623 and 1652. All editions of the *Zeespiegel* are rare, despite its wide circulation. Their constant use on board ship insuring that few copies survived.



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