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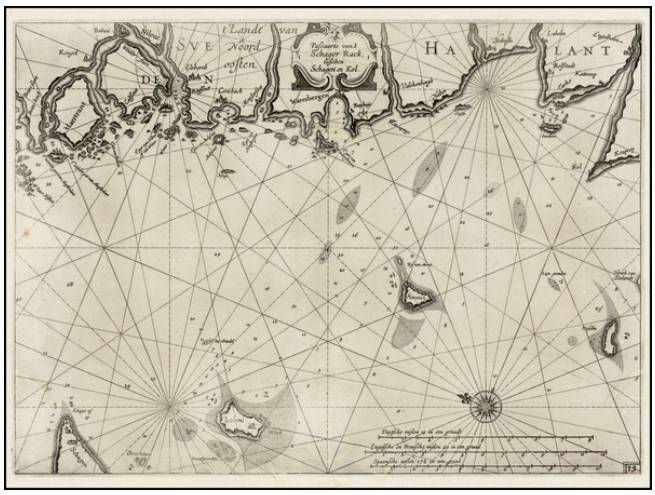
Stock#: 28731
Map Maker: Blaeu

Date: 1623
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 10 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

First edition of Blaeu's chart of part of the west coast of Sweden, from Blaeu's *Zeespiegel, Inhoudende Een Karte Onderwijsinghe in de Konst de Zeevaert, en Eene beschrijvinghe der Seekusten van de Oostersche, Noordsche, en Westersche Schipvaert.*

The map is centered on Gothenberg, Varberk and Falkenberg, and includes extensive soundings, anchorages, rhumb lines and several compass roses.

Blaeu' 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.

Detailed Condition:
A number of wormholes and worm tracks, repaired on verso, with some loss of image, which has been restored.