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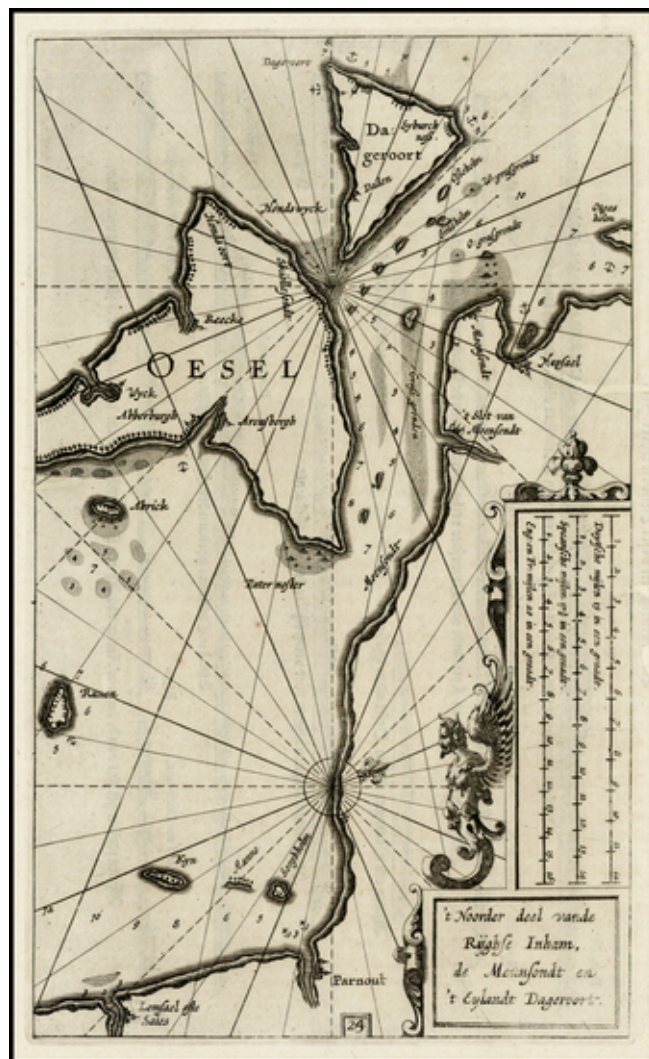
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## (Saaremaa)'t Noorder deel vande Rijghse Inham, de Meunsondt en 't Eylandt Dageroort

**Stock#:** 28761  
**Map Maker:** Blaeu  
**Date:** 1623  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 6.5 x 10.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 575.00



### Description:

Rare map of the Island of Oesel (Saaremaa) and contiguous coastline of the Gulf of Riga, from the first edition of Blaeu's rare *Zeespiegel, Inhoudende Een Karte Onderwijsinghe in de Konst de Zeevaart, en Eene beschrijvinghe der Seekusten van de Oostersche, Noordsche, en Westersche Schipvaart*.

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-vaart*) 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



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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.