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The Sea Coastes of England, Betweene the Isle of Wight & Dover, with the principal havens thereof, according to their situation and Appearing

Stock#: 34740
Map Maker: Waghenaeer
Date: 1588 circa
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 12.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Very rare old color example of Waghenaeer's map of the region between the Isle of Wight and Dover, from the very rare English text edition of the *Spiegel der Zeevaerdt*, the first detailed atlas of charts covering the coastlines of Europe.

A very early sea chart covering the southern coast of England with a wealth of detail including soundings, sandbars, towns, and coastal topography.

Waghenaeer's atlas was translated into English by Anthony Ashley, clerk of the Privy Council, who used the Latin edition of 1586 as a model. The charts are renowned for their fine engraving. This map is elaborately embellished with two large strapwork cartouches, a large compass rose, extravagant sea monsters and a sailing ship. Inland a charming flock of sheep graze along the shores. "A Perfect Description..." in English is on verso.

Waghenaeer was a Dutch pilot who produced the first set of effective navigational charts, under the title *Spiegel der Zeevaerdt*.

These gorgeous charts, engraved by Baptist van Duetecum, Jan van Doetecum, and Theodore De Bry, embody the latest contemporary knowledge of navigation and position finding and set the standard which was followed for more than a century. Waghenaeer's charts are magnificent works of art, which are highly sought after by collectors. An essential map for collectors of the region and the earliest decorative sea chart of the region.



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Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor soiling and offsetting. A manuscript set of crossed bones appears at the bottom in an early manuscript hand.