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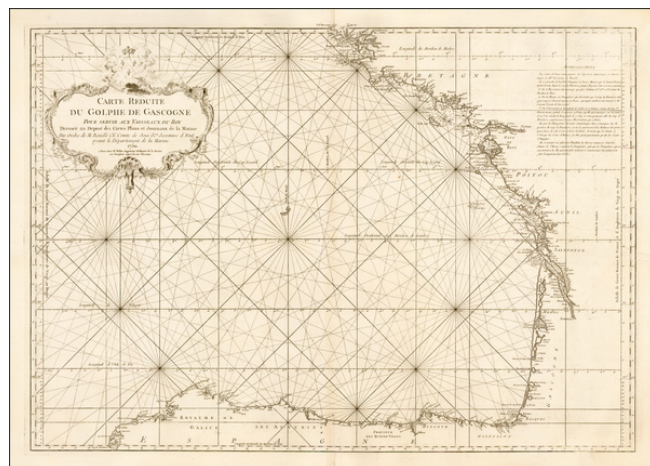
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Carte Reduite Du Golphe de Gascogne . . . 1750

Stock#: 35820
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1751
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 33 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine large format sea chart of Biscay Bay and the Southwest Coast of France, extending from Asturias and Galicia to Bretagne.

Bellin's chart is based on extensive surveys and astronomical readings by mariners, and was considered to be the finest available chart of the region during its time. Symbols noted in the title cartouche locate the specific points, usually at headlands, where mariners took observations. The composition is completed by an elegant cartouche, and the seas are traversed by rhumb lines.

This chart was produced by Jacques-Nicolas Bellin (1703-1772), France's preeminent maritime cartographer and the Premier Ingénieur of the Depot de la Marine (the French Hydrographical Office), as well as the Official Hydrographer of the King Louis XV. The chart was part of Bellin's greatest work, the monumental sea atlas, *Hydrographie française* (1753).

The present example is an especially fine example with the additional rhumb lines not present on most examples of the map, further evidence of the intended use of the chart for navigation at sea.

Detailed Condition: