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Carte de la Manche ou du Canal, Qui Separe les Cotes de France d'avec celles d'Angleterre . . . 1760

Stock#: 58109 Map Maker: Beaurain

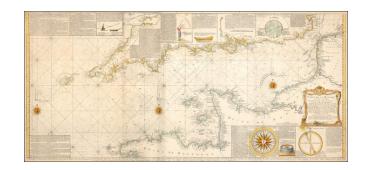
Date: 1760 **Place:** Paris

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 44 x 20.3 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately published sailing chart of the English Channel, published by the French Royal mapmaker Jean Beaurain in 1760.

The map is ringed with various scientific objects and diagrams, including:

- The offshore and tidal currents and their visual representation on the chart with arrows.
- Ancient and modern nautical logs (used to approximate the speed of a vessel over water).
- The use of the mariner's crosstaff (l'Arbalestre) for measuring the altitude of the sun.
- The ship's wake or 'sillage'.
- The sounding lead (la sonde) for measuring water depth and the composition of the sea floor.
- The planisphere and a description of the earth's rotation.
- A simple astrolabe.
- The compass and compass card.

This is the first edition of the map. The second edition, issued in 1778, is far more common.

Detailed Condition: