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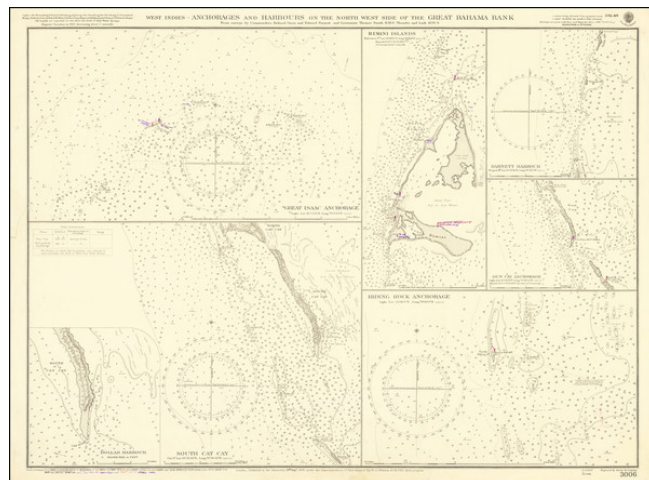
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Anchorage and Harbours on the North West Side of the Great Bahama Bank From surveys by Commanders Richard Owen and Edward Barnett, and Lieutenant Thomas Smith, H.M.S. Thunder and Lark, 1836-9.

Stock#: 67808
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1898 (1964)
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 26 x 18.6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A detailed map showing several harbors in the Bahamas, first published by the British Admiralty in 1898. Seven separate maps show different anchorages, covering most of the islands in the northwesternmost part of the Great Bahama Bank. The charts show extensive navigational information, including soundings, tidal information, reef channels, rip currents, and more.

The islands pictured are all part of the Bimini district of the Bahamas, including the Bimini islands, the Cat Cays, Great Isaac Cay, and various other small islands. The region is only sixty miles offshore of Miami, due east.

Partly due to the district's proximity to the US, Bimini has had an extensive history. Juan Ponce de Leon believed the Fountain of Youth to be at this location, giving the island its name. Bimini played a prominent role during prohibition as an important supply point during rum-running, being the closest Caribbean harbors to the mainland US. Ernest Hemingway also spent two years of his life in Bimini.

The British Admiralty published some of the best available sea charts into the modern era. This can be seen in the extensive soundings and other notes that have been made on the present map. Further information such as lighthouse signals is detailed. Inland areas, including the occasional building, are equally well documented. Some notes are made on topography, and all major roads and buildings are annotated. Manuscript notations provide some additional navigational information.



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In all, this is a good quality map of the westernmost Bahamas, remarkable for its visual simplicity while conveying extensive information.

Detailed Condition:

Some tearing in bottom of map along margin. Tear into image in the left.