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Plan de Cassis et Environs

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Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
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Description:

Attractive navigational chart showing Cassis and environs, in Provence (France).

Oriented with southeast at the top, the map includes numerous soundings and shows onshore details which would have been of use to sailors, for example, towns and topography. Several islands are also shown and named.

Cassis

The area around Cassis was first occupied between 500 and 600 BC by the Ligures, who constructed a fortified habitation at the top of the Baou Redon. The current site of Cassis could have been inhabited by the Greeks, though no proof has yet been found.

During the Roman times, Cassis was part of the maritime route made by the Emperor Antoninus Pius. It was a small village, established mainly around the Arena and Corton beaches.



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From the 5th to the 10th century, invasions by foreign tribes led the population to seek refuge in the castrum, a fortified city that, in 1223, became the property of the Seigneurie des Les Baux-de-Provence.

In the fifteenth century, Cassis was ceded to the Counts of Provence, then René of Anjou gave the town to the Bishops of Marseille, who ruled the town until the Revolution of 1789.

Detailed Condition: