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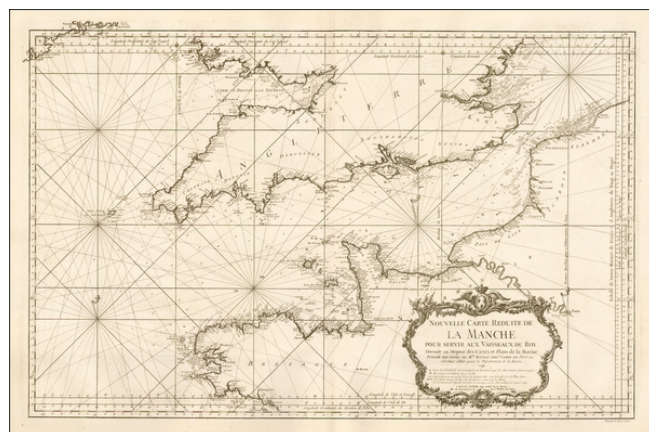
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## Nouvelle Carte Reduite De La Manche Dressee Pour Servir Aux Vaisseaux du Roy . . . 1749

**Stock#:** 35854  
**Map Maker:** Depot de la Marine  
**Date:** 1749  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 34 x 22.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Detailed chart of the English Channel, showing the coastlines, soundings and other details from the Spanish coastline in the south to Kent and Calais.

This finely engraved sea chart was one of the 18th-century's most important maps to depict the English Channel, one of the busiest commerce corridors of the 18th Century.

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: