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[White Sea] 'T Westersche deel vande Witte-Zee begrijpende de Zeecusten van Laplandt van Warsiga vergij Ombaij tot Kandelox en de Custe van Corelia daer tegen over

Stock#: 75201
Map Maker: Blaeu

Date: 1623 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.8 x 10 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

White Sea

Nice example of Blaeu's sea chart of the northwestern portion of the White Sea, from Blaeu's *Zeespiegel, Inhoudende Een Karte Onderwijsinghe in de Konst de Zeevaert, en Eene beschrijvinghe der Seekusten van de Oostersche, Noordsche, en Westersche Schipvaert.*

The chart shows the navigation from the sea to include extensive soundings, anchorages, rhumb lines and several compass roses.

Blaeu' Zeespiegel was one of the most important Rutters or Sea-Atlases of its time. Willem Janszoon Blaeu published two great pilot guides: the first (*Het Licht der Zee-vaert*) was published in various editions and languages between 1608 and 1630. Blaeu's copyright to this work appears to have run out in 1618, and from 1620 Johannes Janssonius was publishing his own versions. Blaeu responded to this threat from his publishing rival by the publishing his *Zeespiegel* in 1623. The work covers much the same coastal regions, but does so in much greater detail, with larger scale maps. The *Zeespiegel* expanded the number of charts to 111 (the *Zee-Vaert* had only 42).

Blaeu's work would become the proto-type of the Dutch pilot-book in the 17th Century and went through a number of editions between 1623 and 1652. All editions of the *Zeespiegel* are rare, despite its wide circulation, their constant use on board ship insuring that few copies survived.

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Detailed Condition:
Some soiling