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## [Emden / East Frisian Islands] De Wester ende ooster Eemsen met de ander gaten der Zee tusschen Amelandt en Langeroogh

**Stock#:** 75569  
**Map Maker:** Blaeu  
**Date:** 1623 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 14 x 10 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### ***Emden / East Frisian Islands***

Extremely rare sea chart of the sea coast of a at the mouth of the Ems River, covering part of East Friesland and neighboring Islands from Blaeu's *Zeespiegel*, *Inhoudende Een Karte Onderwijsinghe in de Konst de Zeevaart, en Eene beschrijvinghe der Seekusten van de Oostersche, Noordsche, en Westersche Schipvaart*.

Oriented with south at the top, the chart shows the navigation from the sea to include extensive soundings, light houses, rhumb lines, compass roses, etc.

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-vaart*) 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



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circulation, their constant use on board ship insuring that few copies

**Rarity**

The only record for this map listed in OCLC is an example in the National Library of Spain.

**Detailed Condition:**

Dampstaining and soiling.