



The First State of Waghenaer's sea chart of south east Scotland

WAGHENAER, Lucas Janzoon.

Beschrijvinge van een deel vann Schottlandt van Bambourg tot Aberdein daer Edenburg de Princepaele Copestat in es...

Leiden, 1585. 330 x 530mm.

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A superb example of the first printed sea chart of the area, showing from Dunstanborough Head north to Aberdeen, including the mouth of the Firth of Forth and Edinburgh. It was engraved by the renowned engraver Johannes van Doetichum for the Second Part of Waghenaer's sea-atlas, the 'Spiegel der Zeevaerdt'. It has all the decorative details that make the series so attractive: strapwork cartouches for the title and scale, galleons and sea-monsters. This example is the rare first state, before the addition of a Latin title. Koeman (IV, p.469) writes: 'Thanks to the unparalleled skill of the engravers, Baptist and Johannes van Doetichum, the original ms. Charts by Waghenaer were transformed into the most beautiful maps of the period.'

KOEMAN: IV, p.474.

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