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William Adolphus Knell (Attributed), Yachting In The Mediterranean - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1113199****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 79 cm (31.1")

Width = 115 cm (45.3")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This mid-19th-century oil painting attributed to British artist William Adolphus Knell (1805-1875) depicts a sailing yacht before a Mediterranean coastline. Knell was one of the leading maritime painters of his generation and exhibited extensively. Illuminated by vivid light, sails billowing, and travelling at speed, she cuts elegantly through crystalline waters. It's a blissful sight, a day spent sailing amid perfect conditions. On deck, three women in bell-shaped dresses sit to enjoy the view. It's possibly Naples or Capri in Italy. Yachting was a popular pastime for the Victorian landed gentry who often commissioned these elegant craft for racing, pleasure trips or both. Numerous races were held across the British Isles with prize money awarded for the top finishers. Usually, the yachts were sailed for them by hired crew. Note how the artist has depicted the boat heeling to provide a view of the deck. Born in Cowes on the Isle of Wight, Knell's fascination for maritime painting probably developed early when observing numerous ships as they navigated The Solent. One can imagine the young aspirant with his sketchbook in hand, spending countless hours in the harbour. C...

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