

SA1183763

19th Century Painting HMY Victoria and Albert Royal Yacht off Osborne House

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,796 | EUR 7,606

Item Reference: SA1183763

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Dimensions

Height = 52 cm (20.5")

Width = 62 cm (24.4")

Depth = 3.5 cm (1.4")

Description

HMY 'Victoria and Albert' Royal Steam Yacht off Osborne House c.1852 – 19thC British Marine Watercolour
Description A fine early Victorian British School watercolour on paper depicting HMY Victoria and Albert (I), the first British royal steam yacht, underway off Osborne House on the Isle of Wight. The yacht steams through the Solent on a busy day, surrounded by small craft and yachts – a classic mid-19th-century marine subject with strong royal, naval and Cowes / Isle of Wight appeal. Subject The composition centres on a broadside view of HMY Victoria and Albert, with her ornate paddle boxes, three masts and single funnel clearly shown as she moves through a gently animated sea. In the foreground, open boats and cutters crowded with small figures have rowed out to watch the royal yacht pass. Additional vessels fill the middle distance, creating a lively sense of activity across the Solent. To the left, Osborne House is picked out above a tree line, its long stuccoed façade and towers firmly anchoring the view off East Cowes. The work is executed in transparent watercolour, combining precise draughtsmanship in hulls and rigging with soft atmospheric washes in sky and water...

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