

SA1204901

Neapolitan Pierhead Painting S.S. Shelley in Heavy Seas



Price

GBP 4,250

| USD \$5,740 | EUR 4,971

Item Reference: SA1204901**Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 61 cm (24.0")

Width = 85 cm (33.5")

Depth = 1.3 cm (0.5")

Description

S.S. Shelley in Heavy Seas — Attributed to Lucas Papaluca (1890–1934) Early 20th-Century Neapolitan Marine Painting | Gouache on Paper | Maritime Antique for Sale Overview A highly atmospheric early 20th-century marine painting depicting the British auxiliary steamship S.S. Shelley navigating heavy seas. Executed in gouache on paper, this work exemplifies the precision and refined tonal quality associated with the Neapolitan “pier-head” school of marine painting. This antique ship portrait captures a pivotal moment in maritime history, when steam and sail coexisted, offering both decorative appeal and historical significance. Subject & Medium This finely detailed maritime artwork portrays the S.S. Shelley broadside against wind-driven waves, conveying motion, resilience, and industrial power. Medium: Gouache on paper Period: Early 20th century Palette: Cool blue-green seas contrasted with a muted grey sky, enriched by warm tones of ochre, rust, and signal red on the vessel Technique: Precise brushwork with subtle tonal layering and crisp definition The use of gouache allows for exceptional clarity, with finely rendered rigging, masts, and deck structures, making this pie...

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