

SA1218114

Mid-19th-Century Swedish School, Choppy Sea With Various Vessels - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1218114****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 74 cm (29.1")

Width = 103 cm (40.6")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This luminous mid-19th-century Swedish oil painting captures a moment of maritime transition. Beneath towering clouds and shifting light, sail and steam move together across restless green waters - embodying an age when centuries of traditional seamanship encountered the unstoppable arrival of industrial power. At first glance, the scene appears calm and beautifully ordered. Yet the sea is alive with motion. Waves roll heavily beneath the vessels, their white crests catching fleeting sunlight as hulls rise and fall against the swell. The artist understood water intimately. Each surface changes constantly - translucent green troughs deepen into dark blue-black shadow before dissolving again into spray and reflected sky. The central vessel in the background is especially interesting. Its hybrid configuration - both steam propulsion and sail rigging - places the work within the transitional era of maritime engineering. The single funnel, together with the elongated hull and retained sailing masts, strongly suggests an early paddle steamer of the type seen between approximately 1835 and 1870. During these decades, steam technology had not yet entirely replaced sail. To the...

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