



Sea chart of the Isle of Wight from the first English sea-atlas

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[The Solent and the Isle of Wight] To the R.t Hon.ble Edward Russell Admirall of Their Ma.ties Fleet, One of their Ma.ties most Hon.ble Privy Council and Treasurer of y.e Navy &c This is most humbly dedicated and presented by Capt. Greenville Collins.

London: c.1693. Coloured. 450 x 560mm.

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An untitled chart of the Isle of Wight and the Solent, with Southampton, Portsmouth and Lymington. It was engraved by John Harris for Collins' 'Great Britain's Coasting Pilot, being a New Survey of the Sea Coast', the first English sea-atlas based on personal survey. Undertaken on the orders of Charles II, Collins started his survey in 1681, a task that lasted seven years. The complete atlas was finally completed in 1693, and was so popular that editions were released, with only occasional revisions, until 1792. The quality of the impression suggests this is an early example.

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