



Large Model Of The 19th Century French Exploration Ship " Astrolabe "



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Length : 114 cm

Width : 35 cm

Height : 86 cm

Description

A finely crafted and highly decorative model of the French exploration vessel Astrolabe, representing the famous 19th-century naval ship active between 1811 and 1851. This detailed maritime model showcases exceptional workmanship, with a richly toned wooden hull likely executed in a combination of fruitwood and walnut, chosen for their warm patina and fine grain. The deck elements appear to incorporate lighter woods such as maple or beech, adding contrast and refinement. The rigging is meticulously hand-tied using natural fiber threads, complemented by numerous miniature wooden pulleys and blocks. The sails, made from aged canvas or cotton fabric, display a soft, authentic patina that enhances the historical character of the piece. The model is further

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enriched with finely cast metal details, including anchors, chains, lanterns, and decorative stern ornamentation, as well as a small suspended lifeboat. Mounted on a custom wooden stand bearing the inscription "Astrolabe 1811-1851," this model was likely produced in the mid-20th century circa 1960, possibly as a high-quality decorative or collector's piece inspired by traditional shipbuilding techniques. Both sculptural and evocative, it captures the spirit of French naval exploration and makes a striking display piece for any interior.