

Shipping off the Coast

Henry Moore



Description

Henry Moore, R.A., R.W.S. (1831-1895)
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Signed lower right: Henry Moore 1882
Watercolour over pencil heightened with touches of bodycolour
39.3 by 69.6 cm., 15 ½ by 27 ¼ in.

The son of the landscape painter, William Moore, three of Moore's siblings were also artists including his younger brother Albert Joseph Moore (1841-1893). Henry entered the Royal Academy Schools in 1853 and exhibited his first picture that year. As Peter Nahum noted, Moore 'was one of the first painters to try and observe accurately the movement and moods of the sea' (Peter Nahum, *A Century of Master Drawings*, 1995). He had a scientific interest in the form of waves and from the 1870s Moore spent several weeks aboard yachts owned by friends, painting and studying the sea.