

Shipping at Sea

Henry Moore

Sold



Description

Henry Moore, R.A. (1831-1896)
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Signed lower left: H. Moore A.R.A. R.W.S./1887
Watercolour over pencil
19.2 by 30.7 cm., 7 1/2 by 12 in.

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. The close viewpoint of the waves and the play of deep shadow on the rolling water suggest that the present watercolour was the result of one such voyage.