

19TH CENTURY FRENCH HAND-PAINTED TOLE TRAY WITH HARBOR SCENE

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Decorate a coffee table, bar, or console with this richly colored antique French tôle tray, crafted circa 1870. Circular in form, the tray features a finely hand-painted central medallion depicting an animated coastal harbor scene with sailing vessels, fishermen, and figures gathered along the shoreline, rendered in the romantic manner of Claude-Joseph Vernet. The scenic painting is framed by a beautifully weathered rouge lacquer ground decorated with gilt grapevine and foliate motifs, lending the piece warmth, movement, and classic Napoleon III character. The gently raised rim with delicate hand-painted trim enhances the elegant silhouette while making the tray equally functional and decorative.
The antique tray displays a beautifully aged patina with light surface wear, soft oxidation, and subtle rubbing throughout, all consistent with age and use and adding to its authentic charm. A striking decorative accent for entertaining or display, especially layered atop books or displayed upright on a shelf or easel.
Dimensions: 17.5" Diameter.

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