

MID-CENTURY ENGLISH OIL ON BOARD BOAT PAINTING SIGNED JC WRIGHT DATED 1948

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This mid-20th century painting was found in southern France; set in the original wooden frame with white wash finish, the colorful painting features sailboats in harbour with housing in the background. The work of art is signed by the artist J.C. Wright on the lower right, and dated 1958. The piece is in excellent condition with rich and vivid colors. James Couper Wright was born in Kirkwall, Scotland on March 21, 1906 and grew up in the Orkney Islands. Wright studied at Edinburgh College of Art, graduating with top honors. After graduation, he went to France and Germany on scholarship to study the design of stained glass windows. While studying this art form, he worked with transparent painting mediums and became particularly interested in watercolor painting.

Following his art studies, he came to the U.S. in the 1930s. After working for seven years in Santa Barbara, he settled in Pasadena, where he taught at the Otis Art Institute, City College, Occidental College and Coronado School of Fine Arts.. During the 1930s, his still lifes and landscapes were considered bold and modern and garnered 48 awards. Wright died in Los Angeles on December 25, 1969. Transparent watercolors were his favorite medium, and while he often went out on location to sketch, he preferred to paint his final works in the studio. He also conducted private classes in watercolor painting for many years. Measures: 29.75" W x 26.75" H.

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