



MID-CENTURY SPANISH CARVED ARMADA STYLE MODEL SHIP THE "FRAGATA ESPANOLA, 1780"

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This elegant and majestic frigate model was crafted in Spain, circa 1950. Named "Frigata Espana," the large naval sailboat sits on an integral wooden base decorated with a small plaque which reads "Frigata Espana Ano 1780." The main boat itself features authentic and unique details including many string ringings, spare boats, hanging netting, a steering wheel, and two anchors. The piece of maritime art is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and has a hand painted finish throughout, with the body of the ship painted black and gold details adorning the several guns on either side of the ship. The billowing sails have brown vertical stripes and feature a large crest composed of a double-headed eagle, a crown, and a smaller crest on the chest of the eagle. The model vessel would resonate with sailors or other seafaring enthusiasts. There is evidence that this ship was one of the Spanish ships that fought in the battle of Cape St. Vincent, which took place off the southern coast of Portugal on January 16, 1780 during the American Revolutionary War. It was one of the opening battles of the Anglo-Spanish War, as part of the French Revolutionary Wars, where a British fleet under Admiral Sir John Jervis defeated a greatly superior Spanish fleet under Admiral Don José de Córdoba y Ramos near Cape St. Vincent, Portugal. Measures: 31.5" W x 8.5" D x 24.5" H.