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**The art of navigation**

1705-1726

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**Summary**

**Title:** The art of navigation

**Date:** 1705-1726

**Size:** .15 linear feet (1 volume)

**Abstract:** This manuscript notebook was created in the early 18th century by an unknown student and likely served as an alternative to a printed textbook. It contains problems, examples, and calculations related to navigation and is heavily illustrated with charts, tables, projections of spheres, and maps. Includes sections on plain sailing, oblique sailing, sailing to windward, sailing in a current's way, sailing by tables of inspection, and sailing by the true sea chart. Also included are sections whose purpose for inclusion is less clear, including a portion of a journal of a voyage from the "Lizzard of England" to Cape Henry in Virginia (1705) which was presumably copied from another source, as well as an "account by John Goodwin, Master" dated January 1725/26, an entry titled "Carolina Yacht in Helvoet Sluys Road," and two pages from a log about a voyage involving the Kind of England as a passenger Bookplate of former owner, Robert Bristow of London, Esq. is intact, and an etching of Queen Anne has been glued into the volume

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