

Basic Detail Report



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Title
The RED JACKET in Hobson's Bay

Date
1856 - 1857

Medium
reproduction printed and framed

Dimensions

Overall (Including frame): 1260 × 1865 × 110 mm Sight (Visible image): 918 × 1525 mm

Name
Painting

History
The era of the clipper ships was dominated by a sense of romance, competition, national pride and innovative technology. The sleek and graceful ships were a symbol of modern America and a fundamental part of the expanding global economy. Their design concentrated on speed instead of cargo capacity and was a great benefit to shipping companies eager to transport goods quickly. The LIGHTNING and the JAMES BAINES were both made by the renowned ship builder Donald McKay around 1854 and both successfully set records for the quickest time taken to make a sea crossing. The JAMES BAINES sailed the transatlantic route between Boston and Liverpool in a record time of twelve days and six hours. The LIGHTNING set the all-time record for a single day’s sail, covering 436 nautical miles in a twenty-four hour period. The RED JACKET was a 2460 ton ship built in 1853 by George Thomas and became famous after its groundbreaking maiden voyage from New York to Liverpool, which was completed in thirteen days, one hour and twenty-five minutes.