

Basic Detail Report

Title Capt. Parker's Chart of Saybrook Barr

Date 1771

Primary Maker Abner Parker

Medium Engraving; printer's ink on laid paper Drawing; watercolor on laid paper

Description Chart of the Saybrook sandbar at the mouth of the Connecticut

River where it meets the Long Island Sound, with routes around the shoals or

sandbars. The banks of the river are dotted with houses and trees, and the

governor's house, Hachets Pinte (Hatchett Point) and the "Old Dry Cow" are

labeled. Four channels around the shoals are plotted with lines and labeled: the

middle, east, west and south. At the far left of the map is Hen and Chickens reef.

Depth measurements of some kind also appear on the map - there are numbers

given that are followed by the letter "F," which may denote depth in fathoms,

possibly feet. Other numbers, without qualifiers, are also marked, on both the

water and shoals. Small "x"s and dots also appear on the shoals, with greater

concentration around the edges than in the centers.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 26 7/8 x 39 5/8in. (68.3 x

100.6cm) Sheet (height x width): 26 7/8 x 39 5/8in. (68.3 x 100.6cm)