

Breaking new ground to chart the Zuider Zee

At last a book has been published about the history of the former Zuider Zee, the Dutch Wadden area and the tidal inlets, including all nautical charts ever printed. The voluminous and lavishly illustrated pioneering work *Mirror of the Zuider Zee. History and Cartobibliography of the Zuider Zee and the Dutch Wadden area* describes and illustrates the cartography of these Dutch regions until the early twentieth century. The Zuiderzee Museum made a large part of its collection available.

The cartographic development of the Zuider Zee into the IJselmeer has never before been elucidated in a systematic manner. In addition specialists in the fields of waterway engineering, nautical history and historical geography let us share in their knowledge and expertise. They describe the genesis of the Zuider Zee, its expansion as a result of storm floods, land reclamation and changes in waterways and sandbanks. The book also deals with the development of the islands, the ports and navigation, and discusses the plans to dam and drain the Zuider Zee. The cartobibliography comprises over 130 maps and charts in colour, together with an extensive description.

Available now

Mirror of the Zuider Zee. History and Cartobibliography of the Zuider Zee and the Dutch Wadden area (ISBN 978 90 6194 230 6) fills 744 pages and is available at the bookseller's and at HES & DE GRAAF Publishers, at € 159. This bound edition is printed in full colour and comes with an attractive jacket, also in full colour. Erik Walsmit, Hans Kloosterboer, Nils Persson and Rinus Ostermann have participated in this publication. www.hesdegraaf.com.

Exhibition

Following the publication of the book, the Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen organizes the exhibition *Mirror of the Zuider Zee* (26 December 2009 to 21 March 2010). This exhibition presents nautical charts of the Zuider Zee area from the Museum's collection, many of which have been included in the book. Loans from libraries, archives and museums in this country serve to complete this exposition of maps and charts.

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HES & DE GRAAF Publishers are specialized in scientific books, bibliographic history and historical cartography. Since 2000 the firm has published the series of Historical-Cartographic Studies, in conjunction with the research programme URU-Explokart of the Faculty of Geo Sciences of Utrecht University. The research programme aims at analyzing, classifying and publishing historical cartographic material. *Mirror of the Zuider Zee* is the ninth volume of this series.

About the Zuiderzee Museum

The Zuiderzee Museum presents Dutch art, fashion , design and heritage at the interface of land and water. Inside and outside Museum buildings and throughout the year, expositions and events are organized that demonstrate interrelationships between the collection and current developments in the world of art and culture. Contemporary and classical themes are assigned a surprising angle of approach. www.zuiderzeemuseum.nl

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