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Nautical Treasures Sail Away at Kaminski Auctions **Exceptional Model Ship Realizes \$6,325**

(Beverly, MA) - Kaminski Auctions' Maritime Auction, held on August 11, 2007, featured an impressive collection of nautical antiques, collectibles, and fine art. Held under the big tent at Kaminski Auctions in Beverly, this auction enticed bidders with fleets of model ships and pond yachts, maritime instruments, and beautiful paintings of ships and seascapes. Capturing the seafaring spirit of New England, the auction attracted bidders from across the region. (All prices reflect a 15% buyer's premium)

Highlights of the day included a highly polished brass ship's engine order telegraph. This beautiful instrument was crafted by the American firm Henschel of Amesbury, Massachusetts and includes a brass lever handle, black faceplates with ship's orders and an external bell on the base. An ideal specimen, this instrument realized a final price of \$3,162.

Perhaps the most impressive grouping of items was an armada of detailed model ships. Underscoring the success of this group was a museum quality model of the Boston-built clipper ship, "Flying Cloud". The ship represented painstaking craftsmanship and included a copper sheathed hull, gold figurehead and fully rigged sails. A bidding war over this coveted item ended with a final price of \$5,175.

Perhaps the most noteworthy lot of the day was a remarkably detailed model of the steam yacht, "Harvard". A steam yacht of the Golden Age, the original craft was built at Bath Iron Works in Maine in 1896. This beautiful model included a planked deck, mahogany deckhouses with raised panels and six equally detailed

launches hanging from davits. The excellent condition of this model contributed to the feverish bidding and it realized a final price of \$6,325.



“The timely nature of this summer auction was quite evident,” commented Frank Kaminski, owner of Kaminski Auctions. “Bidders were eager to own their very own piece of New England’s rich maritime history.”

Kaminski’s next auction takes place September 15, 2007. An Americana and Continental Estates Auction, it will feature a number of consignments from estates across New England, including an important silver collection. Please contact Kaminski Auctions for more information at 978-927-2223 or visit www.KaminskiAuctions.com.