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ANTIQUES / FINE ART



**Evening atmosphere at sea**  
painting, paintings, oil on canvas,

108 x 70 cm  
3' 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 2' 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

19th Century  
Oil on canvas  
108 x 70 cm (42 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches)  
Signed lower centre, left

Evening Scene at Sea

Josef Carl Berthold Püttner (1821–1881)

Oil on canvas | Signed lower centre, left

Dimensions (without frame): approx. 108 × 70 cm

19th century

Provenance:

Private collection, family heirloom.

Description:

The painting depicts an evening scene on a bustling coastline, with a rich atmosphere. At its heart lies

the interplay of light, water and movement – in my view, typical of Püttner's style.

The left-hand side of the picture is dominated by low-hanging sunlight, which spreads across the sky and the sea in golden and copper-coloured tones. The right-hand side of the picture shows several sailing ships – some at anchor, some about to set sail. In the foreground, a small rowing boat is approaching the jetty. The figures depicted are in motion: a man rows with concentration, whilst two other figures – possibly women or children – are absorbed in the scene. Barrels, ropes and wooden planks are stored on the pier – indications of a bustling trading port or a fish landing. The sea is choppy but not stormy. Seagulls and small boats enliven the scene.

#### Condition:

The painting is in good condition. The original canvas shows no damage or overpainting. The artist's signature is visible at the bottom centre, on the left.