



A 17th century Dutch sea chart of the North Atlantic

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A Dutch chart of the North Atlantic, showing the British Isles (with the Channel Islands but without south east England) bottom right, clockwise to Jan Mayen Island, Iceland, Greenland, Davis Strait and Baffin Island, the Hudson Strait, Labrador and the northern-most tip of Newfoundland. Of interest are the cartographical errors created by Martin Frobisher (c.1535-94), the Elizabethan sea-captain knighted for his services against the Spanish Armada. Crossing southern Greenland is 'Martin Forbischers Straet' (actually an inlet on Baffin Island; and in the mid-Atlantic is 'Bus', for 'Buss Island', a phantom island reported by Frobisher's third expedition in 1587 and finally disproved by John Ross in 1818.

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