

Historic *USS Constitution* Colors from the Collection of H. Richard Dietrich, Jr. Auction April 30, 2012

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Freeman's art handler Nate Norley unrolls the earliest naval flag from Dietrich's collection, a rare 4-5-4 patterned, 8 stripe 13-star American naval flag late 18th century/early 19th century.



Freeman's art handlers Nate Norley (left) and Thom Clark (right) prepare the earliest naval flag from Dietrich's collection, a rare 4-5-4 patterned, 8 stripe 13-star American naval flag late 18th century/early 19th century.



Freeman's art handlers Thom Clark (left) and Nate Norley (right) prepare this rare and early U.S. Commodore's Broad Pennant of the *USS Constitution* circa 1840, the oldest known U.S. Commodore's "broad pennant"



Freeman's art handler Nate Norley (left) with the earliest naval flag from Dietrich's collection, a rare late 18th century/early 19th century 13-star flag as Dan Esten (far) and Thom Clark (near) prepare the U.S. Commodore's Broad Pennant of the *USS Constitution* circa 1840, the oldest known U.S. Commodore's "broad pennant"