

Cousteau Omega or Bond Rolex?

Two wristwatches, made famous by Jacques Cousteau and James Bond, are in the Charterhouse auction of nearly 1,000 lots on **Friday 14th December**.

“As a child in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s my world was full of day dreams, Jacques Cousteau with Omega and James Bond with Rolex watches,” commented Richard Bromell. “Today we would call this product placement but as a child I just thought it all pretty wonderful.”

The Omega Seamaster going under the Charterhouse hammer was the first professional divers watch produced. Developed in conjunction with international marine diver, explorer and conservationist Jacques Cousteau, the Omega Seamaster was capable at working at depths up to 600 meters or 2000 feet. With its large red button, to enable the diver to set the bezel for decompression timings, this rare Omega was bought new by an RAF officer in 1975 who as well as flying aeroplanes, was also involved with the shallow water recovery team.





1975 Omega Seamaster Professional

At half the cost of the Omega Seamaster professional wristwatch in the 1970's was another iconic wristwatch, the Rolex Submariner.

The Rolex Submariner first appeared on Sean Connery's wrist in the 1962 Bond film Dr No. The Submarine being sold by Charterhouse was made in 1997 and comes to auction with its original box and papers.





1997 Rolex Submariner, with box and papers

Both watches come from a Somerset collector who has decided to thin out a few watches. The Omega, despite being the rarer of the two watches and originally costing twice as much as the Rolex, is estimated at £4,000-£4,500 and the Rolex Submariner £4,500 - £5,000.

Viewing for this auction, which also includes a huge selection of model trains, cars, stamps, coins, militaria, clocks and other collector's items is **10am-5pm on Thursday 12th December 10-5 & Thursday** or you can view all the lots on **www.charterhouse-auction.com**

Charterhouse are now accepting entries into their specialist auctions of pictures, books and maps on 17th January and Beswick, automobilia and antiques the next day on the 18th. They are also taking entries for their auctions of classic cars and classic motorcycles, both in February

To enter items into this auctions, contact **Richard Bromell** and the team of experts at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or via email **info@charterhouse-auction.com** to arrange a home visit.