Europe/Africa

Cartographer: Jorge Reinel
Date: 1534
Size: 79 X 59 cm
Location: University of Minnesota
Pedro Reinel (c. 1504). Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Munich.

Pedro Reinel (c. 1462 – c. 1542) was a Portuguese cartographer, author of one of the oldest signed Portuguese nautical charts (c. 1485). That is a portolan chart, covering western Europe and part of Africa, and already reflecting the explorations made by Diogo Cão in 1482–1485. With his son Jorge Reinel (c. 1502 – c. 1572), and the cartographer Lopo Homem, he participated in the construction of the well-known Miller Atlas (#329.1) 1519. His Atlantic Chart of c. 1504 is the earliest known nautical chart with a scale of latitudes, and the first to depict a wind rose with a clearly drawn fleur-de-lys. He has a Portuguese postage stamp in his honor.