

SA1230966

Faithful Freddie submarine binnacle

Price

GBP 2,600

| USD \$3,545 | EUR 3,034

Item Reference: SA1230966

Date of manufacture: 1920

Description

Faithful Freddie binnacle by Kelvin, Bottomley & Baird, Ltd, circa 1920. Royal Navy brass and teak portable submarine binnacle by Kelvin Bottomley & Baird of Glasgow. Gimble mounted liquid compass marked: No 22 Compass card marked: CAPTAIN CHETWYND'S PATENT No 25965 / 06 Label to the compass bowl: MANUFACTURED BY KELVIN, BOTTOMLEY & BAIRD, Ltd 16 - 20 CAMBRIDGE STREET, GLASGOW Height: 49.5 cm. Width: 43 cm. Replaced painted wood correction balls. The Faithful Freddie submarine binnacle was designed and produced to be small and portable so it could be brought up to the submarine's conning tower when surfaced. Introduced by the Admiralty in 1909, it became to be called the "Faithful Freddie" by the sailors and submariners after the PG Wodehouse character, Freddie Rooke (Faithful Freddie) in the 1921 book Jill the Reckless, and was used until the end of WWII.

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