

SA453199

Victorian Oak Cased Ship's Barometer by Henry Hughes - Thames Marine Officers Training School Prize

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA453199****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 7 cm (2.8")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

A historic Victorian ship's barometer by Henry Hughes of 59 Fenchurch St, London in original oak presentation case with silver engraved mount. The silver plaque states, "Thames Marine Officer's Training Ship Worcester, Port of London, General Good Conduct First Prize, Harry Hughes, Christmas 1873". This superbly crafted instrument has a four and a half inch silvered dial stating the maker, "Henry Hughes, 59 Fenchurch St, London" with integral Fahrenheit mercury thermometer and a pressure reading 28 to 31 inches. As is usual with nautical ships barometers the setting hand is manoeuvred by means of a brass knob that stands proud at the base of the brass case. It has a brass ring at the top as a means of hanging if required but sits snugly in its original oak case. The maker Henry Hughes founded the business in 1828. Noted for its life size wooden figure of a seaman with sextant displayed outside the front door, Hughes premises at Fenchurch street was a popular destination for merchant and Royal Navy seaman alike and Hughes gained much business from the Admiralty in the nineteenth century due to the quality and precision of his instruments. The business was incorporated a...

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