

SA552279

World War Period Faithful Freddie Submarine Binnacle Compass

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA552279****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 47 cm (18.5")

Width = 46 cm (18.1")

Depth = 20 cm (7.9")

Description

A World War period Faithful Freddie Submarine Binnacle compass. This superb piece of early Twentieth Century maritime history was used as a back-up device for the main gyro compass aboard submarines and was stowed in the conning tower during operations. Should the ship's main compass fail, the Faithful Freddie would have been mounted on the bridge and used to navigate the vessel whilst on the surface. The binnacle is comprised of a thick brass base ring for mounting to the conning tower with a wooden base made from teak and a cylindrical brass mount on top which houses the compass and gimbal. The brass mount has two thick solid brass port and starboard arms with a painted iron ball on each. The balls were used for correcting any errors in the compass created by the surrounding metal parts of the vessel and can be manoeuvred to suit. To the front of the mount is affixed a brass plaque stating, "Pattern 189 No 637H". The teak base has two "Niphan" system watertight cable couplings for providing power for the bulb that was contained within the centre of the binnacle and used to light the compass at night. Niphan was a patented product of Simmonds Brother Ltd during the Fi...

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