

SA700267

Victorian RNLI Fishermen's Aneroid Barometer by Negretti & Zambra London - No 1694

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA700267****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 16 cm (6.3")

Width = 16 cm (6.3")

Depth = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

For sale, a Victorian Fisherman's Aneroid Barometer with five inch enamelled dial by Negretti & Zambra of London and issued by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) – No. 1694. As early as 1864, Negretti & Zambra were advertising "The Fisherman's Aneroid Barometer", their catalogue states, "No trouble or expense has been spared to obtain a trustworthy instrument at a moderate cost. It is mounted in a stout metal case, with a plate glass covering, the dial is of enamelled metal and five inches diameter. The range of scale is 26 to 31 inches, subdivided into tenths, corresponding with the scale of the mercurial barometer. It will be noted at the top of the dial is placed the word CHANGEABLE, to the right and left of this word is printed a condensed form of Admiral Fitzroy's rules for prognosticating the coming weather. Should the blue index move to the right fine weather may be anticipated; on the contrary, should it recede to the left, bad and stormy weather is indicated. These movements correspond with those of the mercurial barometer, hence the aneroid, like the mercurial instrument, is said to be rising, falling or steady." The moderate cost for one of th...

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