

**SA709200**

## George III Brass Bound Mahogany Oval Oyster Bucket

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA709200****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

### Dimensions

Height = 34 cm (13.4")

Width = 39 cm (15.4")

Depth = 33 cm (13.0")

## Description

No 10895 A George III Brass Bound Mahogany Oval Oyster Bucket of coopered construction with a folding handle and a brass inner liner. Circa 1780 Price :£ 1500-00p. H: 13.5", 34 cms, W:15.25", 39 cms, D:13", 33 cms. The history of eating oysters goes back beyond Roman times when they were part of the staple diet. Here in the UK during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries oyster beds surrounded these islands with hundreds of tons being consumed annually in London alone. Oyster bars were a feature of Georgian London and street vendors of oysters abounded. Famous satirist, essayist, poet and author Jonathon Swift (1667 to 1745) once said: "He was a bold man that first ate an oyster." Swift overcame his fear of oysters to become a convert and enthusiastic advocate of oysters. In Swift's most famous book 'Gulliver's Travels' (1726); the main character and ship's captain 'Gulliver' became shipwrecked and landed at Lilliput, where he collected and ate raw oysters on the beach in order to conserve his food provisions. Swift even penned instructions on how to boil oysters: "Take oysters, wash them clean that is, wash their shells clean, then put the oysters into an earthen pot, wit...

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