

**SA780176**

## Royal Navy Pattern 20 Patent Binnacle with Liquid Boat Compass by Dent & Co London

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA780176****Date of manufacture: 1890**

### Dimensions

Height = 33 cm (13.0")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Depth = 28 cm (11.0")

## Description

For sale a very early Pattern 20 Royal Navy Patent binnacle with improved liquid boat compass by Dent & Co London dated to 1894. Comprised of a mahogany compass base housing with hinged front opening and a brass pyramidal and thick cut bevelled glass viewing section above. The base section opens to reveal the compass bowl with integral locking mechanism for transit and a receptacle for a spare candle (candle still present). The back of the door has paper instructions as follows: "This boat compass is provided with a lamp to burn the service deck candle. Besides the candle in the lamp a holder inside the binnacle is provided for a second candle in reserve. The lamp may be shipped on either side of the binnacle or in daylight when not required on the fore side. A sliding shutter is provided to close the window opposite the lamp in the day time, this slides under the candle holder inside the binnacle. The detached parts of this compass which should always be kept in their respective places are, the lamp, with candle socket spring etc. The cover of the window for observing bearings. The sliding shutter. NOTE: When the compass is in use, the gimbals should be unblocke...

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