

SA881608

Mid-Victorian Cased Marine Compass by Louis Casella of London

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA881608

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 16 cm (6.3")

Width = 27 cm (10.6")

Depth = 27 cm (10.6")

Description

For sale, a mid-Victorian cased marine compass by Louis Casella of London. This ship's steering compass is comprised of an oak case with sliding lid, the case sides hold a brass gimbal with a seven inch, brass compass bowl painted white to the inside and with a floating compass rose printed on card with a central brass and agate cap for balance. The card is printed with an eight-pointed star with compass points in white relief. The North point being decorated with a large Fleur de Lys motif. The outer circumference is divided into 90 degree sections and the central circle is retained for the maker's name, L. Casella, London - Maker to the Admiralty & Ordnance. Compasses such as these featured in both the Casella catalogues of 1860 and the 1870 catalogues of Negretti & Zambra variously described as marine or ship's steering compasses and came in various sizes from seven to twelve inches. The maker, Luigi Pasquale Casella was the son of a musician who came to The British Isles in the Early Nineteenth Century and the anglicised "Louis" was born in Edinburgh in 1812. His Father eventually rose to be a music tutor to George III's daughters but by the 1830's, his son had a...

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