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GIMBALED BINNACLE COMPASS

[Gimbaled binnacle compass].

Author
KELVIN & HUGHES

Publication date
[c1950-1960].

Publisher

Publication place
London,

Physical description
Brass helmet case with glass window and lateral oil lamp cylinder, gimbaled compass within, signed Kelvin & Hughes.

Dimensions

Notes
A compass used for lifeboats.

The traditional purpose of the binnacle was to hold the ship’s magnetic compass, mounted in gimbals to keep it level while the ship pitched and rolled.

The company Kelvin Hughes was formed in 1947 by the merger between the scientific instrument manufacturing firms of Henry Hughes & Son, London, and Kelvin Bottomley & Baird, Glasgow.

Bibliography

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