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1840 Marine Chronometer With A Dial Signed "robert Molyneux, London," No. 2314



3 400 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Solid wood

Description

19th-century English marine chronometer, signed by Robert Molyneux in London and numbered 2394, presented in a double-lidded ship's case.The silvered dial bears the engraved signature "Robt Molyneux, 30 Southampton Row, Russell Square, London, No. 2394." The Roman numeral hour markers are surrounded by a graduated minute track. An "Up/Down" winding indicator is located at 12 o'clock, and a small seconds sub-dial at 6 o'clock.The brass case is mounted on a gimbal suspension, designed to keep the instrument level despite the ship's movements. The wooden case, reinforced at the corners with brass brackets, is equipped with two fold-down side handles and a locking key. The top lid opens to reveal a glass window that allows the time to be read without exposing the

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chronometer. The winding key is stored inside the case.On board, this type of chronometer kept time based on a reference meridian. By comparing it to local time, the navigator could calculate his longitude.Period -- England, circa 1840.Dimensions of the closed case -- 16.5 × 16.5 cm, height 18 cm.Chronometer diameter -- 11.5 cm.Condition -- GOOD CONDITION FOR THE CASE AND IN PERFECT WORKING ORDER