

Object Summary



Sextant with Accessories in wooden box

Primary Maker

C no. A.C

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Dimensions

Wooden case: 13 x Wooden case: 23.7; Sextant: 24.3 x Wooden case: 25; Sextant: 19; Accessories: 18, 8.3, 9 cm

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Object Type

Sextant

Material

Wood, metal, Glass

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Museum

Malta Maritime Museum

Registration Number

MMM 000081.5

Description

Sextant with mahogany box and accessories. The mahogany box has two hooks for closure on either side, and a handle on the front. It is engraved with the letters C no. A.C. The box contains three separate lenses of varying dimensions. The sextant is mounted separately for exhibition purposes. It is engraved with the name "Philip Stratfield R.N". The sextant has a magnifier on a swiveling arm, a telescope bracket with perpendicular adjustment. The word 'sextant' was developed from the actual arc of the frame which occupies a sixth of a circle, and it was a development from the octant. The need to have an instrument measuring up to 120 degrees arose from the need of lunar observations for the determination of longitude. The sextant is useful to read horizontal angles and its all metal construction makes it more accurate than a wooden octant (Baddeley 1993: 50).

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