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Dealers in Campaign Furniture
& Travel Items

Naval Campaign Armchair

Sold



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Height: 93 cm (36.6")

Width: 58.5 cm (23")

Depth: 51 cm (20.1")

Description

A mahogany Naval Armchair with a caned seat.

When the call 'clear the decks' came onboard ship, everything had to be removed so the guns could be brought into action. For this reason, the folding action on Naval Chairs is very quick and simple. Typically, the arms on such chairs have a sprung metal catch but on this example, the arms and their posts fit together just on a mortice and tenon joint with the arms lifting off. Both posts and arms will then drop on their holding pins. The hinged seat can then be lifted to rest against the back and the front seat rail will push to fold in a concertina action, reducing the depth of the chair to only 6 inches.

The back legs have a subtle kick to the bottom which allows the chair to free stand when folded. The chair's concave back has a line mould cut into each section. The seat has a replaced, buttoned leather cushion. Naval chairs are an early, iconic design of campaign chair. Late 18th Century.