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Dealers in Campaign Furniture
& Travel Items

Bosun's Persuader

Sold



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REF: 80652

Width: 3 cm (1.2")

Depth: 3 cm (1.2")

Description

This Bosun's Persuaders or Cosh is a good examples of the skill of the sailor in making his own tools and weapons.

It is made of a lead weight to each end joined by strips of baleen to give the cosh shaft a flexibility. The whole is covered in a finely woven hemp or twine, the quality of which shows the dexterity of the maker. The Botswain was a senior non commissioned officer and would be responsible for much of the equipment on board. Such a weapon could be used to keep sailors in line on board or to press gang future sailors on shore. Early to mid 19th Century