

A close-up photograph of a heavy, rusted anchor chain. The chain is composed of large, interlocking links that are heavily corroded, showing a mix of brown, orange, and dark grey tones. It is laid out in a slightly curved, overlapping fashion on a dark, textured surface that appears to be part of a ship's hull or a similar industrial structure. The lighting highlights the rough texture of the rust and the metallic sheen of the chain links.

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