



STORIES FROM THE SEA

PIRATE OBJECTS



TANKARD

Date made

About 1829 - 1902

Object ref.

Not accessioned. No
Reference created

Credit

Great Yarmouth Museums

Description

Tankard is another name for a mug or cup. Pirates and other sailors would drink 'grog' at sea. Grog was a mix of rum and water. They drank it because the water tasted so horrible and was not very clean. Grog was safer to drink and tasted much better.

Unfortunately some pirates drank so much grog that they got drunk and could not fight. This is what happened to the famous pirate Calico Jack. He and his men were so drunk they didn't even realise they were under attack!

Questions

1. Near the handle is the name 'James Yates' Who do you think James was? Was he a nice man or a nasty man?
2. How did James' tankard end up in the museum? Write a story explaining how it got here.
3. Apart from grog what else could you put in the tankard?



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