



STORIES FROM THE SEA

SHIPWRECK OBJECTS



‘CAPT. G.W. MANBY, F.R.S.’ [GEORGE WILLIAM MANBY]

‘Author of the plan for the preservation of Shipwrecked Mariners also for rescuing persons from the Flames, and for saving those, who break through the Ice.’

Date made

1832

Object ref.

PAD3603; [PU3603]

Credit

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London

Artist / maker

Lithograph by J.M. Johnson after T.J. Wageman

Description

George William Manby was a militia captain and barrack master at Great Yarmouth (from 1803). He invented the line-firing mortar known as the ‘Manby apparatus’ for saving lives from ships wrecked close to shore. It was first successfully used at Yarmouth in 1808 and rapidly became widespread.

Questions

1. What does this picture tell you about how Captain Manby feels about his invention?
2. Can you design your own poster to promote the Manby mortar?