

Can you find...

a woman with snake hair?



Where to look

Go to the Upper Deck and look for the back, or stern, of a ship. You will find this **figurehead from the ship *Implacable*** on the wall.

Figurehead from the ship *Implacable*

Safety at sea

Figureheads were made to decorate the bows, (the front end) of ships. Many were based on mythical creatures who were thought to protect the ship from danger or frighten enemies.



Don't look at Medusa!

This figurehead, from a ship called *Implacable*, is of Medusa, a monster from Greek mythology. She had snakes for hair and would turn you to stone if you looked at her!

The *Implacable* was first called *Duguay-Trouin* and was a French ship that fought at the Battle of Trafalgar. Later it was taken by the British and renamed.

Pull a scary face like this figurehead.

Imagine that you have a ship. Draw a lucky figurehead below to decorate the front of your ship and keep it safe at sea.



There are many more figureheads all around the Museum.

Look out for them and write down the name of your favourite figurehead.

AFTER YOUR VISIT: log on to www.nmm.ac.uk/sailsafe to find out about sailing and safety at sea.