



STORIES FROM THE SEA

SHIPWRECK OBJECTS



RESCUE (JAMES PEARCE LIFEBOAT)

Date made

about 1865-75

Object ref.

GRYEH : 1956.350

Credit

Great Yarmouth
Museums

Artist/maker

Joseph Nash

Description

This huge painting by Joseph Nash shows the lifeboat *James Pearce* trying to rescue people from a sinking ship in a terrible storm. The lifeboat men are struggling against the waves as they battle to reach the vessel in distress. The *James Pearce* was one of the most famous lifeboats in Caister. She saved over 300 lives over 15 years. This painting is hanging in the Great Yarmouth town hall as a reminder to everyone of the work done by local lifeboat men.

Questions

1. Look closely at the painting. What are the people doing?
2. Lifeboats are small and can sail into the shallow waters where larger ships have got stuck. But this makes them very scary to be in. Would you prefer to be on a big ship or a small boat? Why?