



STORIES FROM THE SEA

SHIPWRECK OBJECTS



INDIPENDENZA

Date made

1875

Object ref.

FHD0003; [D1657-1]

Credit

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London

Description

This is a figurehead from an Italian vessel, the *Indipendenza*. It was on passage from Valparaiso with a cargo of guano, hooves and horn when it was lost off the Isles of Scilly, in 1881, in dense fog.

Questions

1. Can you write an account of a shipwreck from a figurehead's point of view?
2. What figurehead would you choose for your own ship?
3. How would your figurehead tell the story of a storm at sea? Would she be frightened? Brave?



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