

SA1194406

19th Century Marine Oil
 Painting Shipwreck Rescue
 Seascape – William Henry
 Williamson – Whitby Abbey
 Coast – Antique Gilt Framed
 Nautical Art

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1194406****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 136.2 cm (53.6")

Width = 91 cm (35.8")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

Large 19th Century Marine Oil Painting Shipwreck Rescue Seascape – William Henry Williamson (1820–1883) – Whitby Abbey Coast – Antique Gilt Framed Nautical Art Title Large Victorian Marine Oil Painting – Shipwreck and Rescue off Whitby Abbey Coast – William Henry Williamson (1820–1883) Subject & Medium An impressive large antique Victorian marine oil painting on canvas by the listed British marine artist William Henry Williamson (1820–1883). The dramatic seascape depicts a shipwreck and rescue in stormy seas: a dismasted three-masted merchant sailing vessel fights heavy waves close to a rocky headland as a smaller rescue craft approaches. On the cliffs above, figures watch and prepare rescue ropes, with a distant ruined abbey on the headland, plausibly inspired by Whitby Abbey on the Yorkshire coast. Composition & Technique A classic 19th century nautical painting with strong movement and atmosphere. Williamson uses sweeping diagonals to lead the eye through rolling seas to the stricken ship. A broken mast floats in the foreground; torn sails and rigging strain in the wind; seabirds circle beneath a dramatic storm sky. The palette is rich and moody, dominated by deep...

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