

SAGE/PRIME GENTLEMEN MONTHLY MOVIE



On the Sea is a sensitively played story of forbidden gay love. Shades of *Brokeback Mountain* hover over this thoughtful film about life in a tough and small-minded Welsh fishing village.

If circumstances had been different, Jack might have left his small, despondent hometown on the Welsh coast. He might have followed a career outside the family business instead of slogging with a rake and a bucket on the mussel beds. He might even have been able to live as an out gay man without having to endure sneers and barely veiled hostility. But the wide-open skies in his corner of the world are at

odds with the narrow horizons Jack faced as a young man.

Having been married to Maggie for more than half his life, Jack starts to question his journey here. Two factors shift his perspective: one is a cancer diagnosis (he is now in remission), the other the arrival of itinerant fishing boat skipper Daniel. *On the Sea* explores the collision of gay sexual awakening and repressed self-loathing which unfolds in working-class rural Britain, where masculinity comes with a rigid set of rules. The film becomes a quiet, sensual exploration of closeted desire, masculinity, aging, family, and the frightening possibility of changing your life. It is deliberately slow burning rather than a conventional romance, with an often bleak but beautiful coastal setting and some notable frank sex scenes. The raw desire between Jack and Daniel is sensitively awakened.

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1:30PM *at the* PRIDE CENTER

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