

**J C Erhardt School
Makkovik
presents**

“On The Boat Again with Lorraine Rostad”

Cast

**Lorraine Rostad..... Lorraine Onalik
Captain; Tourist..... Gavin Evans
Tourist; Labradorian Passenger..... Cathy Semigak
Tourist; “Labradorian Passenger..... Margaret Ann Ford
Tourist; Mother..... Alicia Broomfield
Tour Guide; Janie..... Jenna Andersen
Tourist; Labradorian; Crew Member..... Nina Ford
Tourist; Labradorian Passenger..... Dasi Fox**

Teacher Advisor.....Joan Andersen

During the summer of 2001, Wayne Rostad of the CBC program “On The Road Again” visited Makkovik as well as other north coast towns. He took a trip on the *M V Northern Ranger* and did a portion of his show about it. The Kverna Creators Drama Group and their teacher advisor, Joan Andersen, followed suit and came up with their own script about travel life on the *Northern Ranger*.

“On The Boat Again With Lorraine Rostad”

(At front of stage)

Lorraine: Good evening, all you viewers out there. My name is Lorraine Rostad. Welcome to another program of “On The Road Again”. However today we are going to come off the road for a while and take to the water. We are going aboard the Northern Ranger. This is a motor vessel that travels the coast of Labrador, beginning its voyage in St. Anthony, Newfoundland and going as far as Nain before it turns around again. So come on board. Let’s meet the captain.

SCENE I *(On the bridge)*

Lorraine: Hello Captain Lake. So this is the bridge. Wow, you’ve got a great view from up here.

Captain: Yes, you can see all around. And if the weather is foggy, I depend on my trusty radar *(pats the radar viewer)* to keep a lookout for us.

Lorraine: Well that’s comforting sir. Have you ever had an emergency on board when you did not know what to do?

Captain: Oh I always know what to do. The captain has to know what to do or there’s no point in being here.

Lorraine: Well, that is even more of a comfort. Have there been any shipping emergencies on the Labrador coast?

Captain: The Northern Ranger hasn’t had any. But the William Carson sank on its way to Cartwright. That was in 1977.

Lorraine: Oh right. On the second of June by the light of the moon.

Captain: Oh you’ve heard the song have you?

Lorraine: Oh yes. So besides that, no emergencies?

Captain: Well just this fall the NADA had to be towed back to St. John’s. She hit a shoal near Windy Tickle and sprung a leak.

Lorraine: Oh, here’s the map. Where is that shoal? *(Captain points it out)* This is a neat map. What is this symbol for?

Captain: That is our next stop, Makkovik. The symbol stands for the Moravian Mission. Makkovik is the start of the Moravian coast.

Lorraine: Oh, can I blow the whistle when we arrive there?

Captain: OK, it will soon be time. Just get ready to flick the switch.

Lorraine: How many people are on board this ship, sir?

Captain: There are 28 crew members and 127 passengers.

SCENE II *(On deck. We see the tour guide for CRUISING LABRADOR talking to a group of tourists)*

Guide: OK folks, we will soon be arriving in Makkovik. I will give you a summary of what we will be doing at this stop. Once we get there we will take a walk to the White Elephant Museum and the Moravian Church. A lady from Makkovik will be your tour guide at the museum. She will tell you more about the Moravians. She will also tell you about the archaeological digs that are going on in this area.

Margaret: Will we get to see a dig?

Guide: No, it is next door in Ford's Bight.

Alicia: Oh, what are they digging for?

Guide: It is the remains of the first Moravian Mission house built in 1752 by John Christian Erhardt.

Cathy: Oh, that must be who the school is named after. I read somewhere about it. I am Norwegian. I understand the town was started by a Norwegian immigrant.

Gavin: That's right. His name was Torsten Kverna Andersen. You will find out more about him at the museum as well.

(Horn blows)

Dasi: Oh there it is. Not a very big place.

Guide: About 400 people live here.

Nina: Is that their fish plant near the dock?

Guide: Yes. The smoke means that they are in the process of cooking crab right now.

Lorraine: I certainly will pay a visit there.

Guide: OK, let's get ready to go ashore.

SCENE III (*Family is boarding the boat. A mother and three daughters. Go to purser's office. Purser cannot be seen. Nina is the middle size daughter.*)

Mother: Janie, look after the baby while I buy our tickets.

Janie: Oh Mom, I wish you would have let me go on Air Labrador. You know I would rather fly to Goose Bay. Plus now I'll have to babysit.

Mother: Watch her now. Stop your complaining please.

(The baby starts to run away. Janie goes after her, but knocks off her glasses. She can't find them. A boy comes along, sees her glasses and hands them to her. Janie puts them on and can see much better. She looks in awe at the stranger, who seems quite handsome to her.)

Janie: Oh, this is going to be an interesting trip after all.

(Two girls walk on dock towards boat)

Margaret: Oh, look. They're unloading a skidoo. I think it's the one daddy ordered. Yes, his name is on the side! Oh, I can hardly wait for snow!

Cathy: They've got quite a bit of lumber on board. Maybe it's what Daddy ordered in June. Now we can get the house finished before winter.

Margaret: Two tickets please..... to Goose Bay.

Cathy: Ohhh, I can feel the boat rocking already. I'm starting to feel sick.

Margaret: Thank you *(to purser)* Look, we've got cabin number 147. I know where that is.

Cathy: Let's hurry. I think I need to lie down already.

(They go to cabin and unlock door)

Margaret: Oh, isn't this great. I'm having the top bunk!

Cathy: Just let me lie down. I don't feel good.

Margaret: We even get our own bathroom.

Cathy: That's good. I won't have to go far to puke.

Margaret: Come on. It's almost dinner time. Let's go check out the cafeteria.

Cathy: How can you think about food?

Margaret: Who's thinking about food? I want to check out the guys.

SCENE IV (*cafeteria*)

Nina: (*Prances around*) The cafeteria is now open!

Lorraine: Oh, I love it when they let me get involved. I get to serve lunch today!

Dasi: Oh, you're Lorraine Rostad! I can't believe it! Can I have your autograph? Oh, thank you.

Jenna: (*As tourist*) What are you serving us today?

Lorraine: Jigs dinner is our special, me dear.

Jenna: Do you know what I like most about travelling the Labrador coast?

Lorraine: What's that, me love?

Jenna: There's not a MacDonald's or a Burger King in sight anywhere.

Margaret: Oh what I'd give to have a Big Mac right now. I think I'll settle for fries and gravy.

Cathy: What's good for an upset stomach?

Margaret: Just have some juice, why don't you? That will keep you going until supper. (*The girls carry their tray to a table and sit down. Cathy, still feeling sick, leans over the table. Then Margaret leans over in a loud whisper.*) Hey, see the guy who just walked in? I think he's kinda cute. (*Gavin gets food and sits at table next to the girls, back on to Margaret.*) Excuse me, we don't have any ketchup on our table. Can you pass me some please?

Gavin: Sure.

Margaret: (*About a minute later*) Can you pass the salt please?

Gavin: Sure.

Margaret: *(another minute passes)* Sorry to be such a bother, but can you pass the pepper, please?

Gavin: Sure, but now I need the salt.

Margaret: Ah, why don't you come and sit with us. We can share everything then.

Gavin: OK.

Margaret: My name is Michelle and this is my friend Amanda.

Gavin: Hi, my name is Magnus.

Margaret: So where did you come from?

Gavin: I am from Oslo, Norway. But I am a student at Memorial University.

Margaret: Ah, my ancestors came from Norway.

Gavin: Are you an Andersen?

Margaret: Yes!

Gavin: Do you speak Inuktitut?

Margaret: No, but we learn it as a subject in school.

Gavin: Oh, tell me some words in Inuktitut.

(Make up conversation)

SCENE V *(On deck. Janie and her little sister are out at the railing. Margaret and Cathy come out, along with Magnus)*

Margaret: Oh hello, Janie. I'd like you to meet Magnus. Magnus Tormod.

Janie: Hi, you're the one who picked up my glasses. That was real nice of you.

Margaret: Want to go up to the top deck? It's got the best view.

Cathy: Ohhh, I can't move away from this rail. *(Throws up)*

Nina: Wait for me, I'm coming too.

Janie: Ah sissy, the movie you wanted to watch in the lounge is starting now.

Nina: I think I'll skip it.

Janie: Sissy, I think you should go.

Margaret: Yeah, it's a really good movie.

Janie: Well, how about we play a game of Hide-N-Seek?

Nina: Yeah! I'll be the counter first while you guys hide. *(Finds a spot, begins to count while the others take off. When finished counting, she runs to look for them, but off stage)*

SCENE VI *(On top deck.)*

Margaret: Oh, look there's a whale.

Gavin: Oh I love to watch the whales. And look at that huge iceberg.

Margaret: And do you see the seal sunning itself on the flat part of the iceberg?

Cathy: Aren't we too close to that iceberg? Oh no, we're not going to sink are we?

Margaret: Don't worry this is not the Titanic.

Janie: Magnus, I have some pictures that you might like to see. I took them while working at an archaeological dig this summer.

Gavin: Oh yes, I heard about that.

Janie: How about if we go down to the lounge. I'll meet you there with my photo album.

Margaret: There they go. Guess we'll have to keep our eyes open. There must be more than one nice looking chap on board here.

Cathy: Too bad we were only allowed to bring eight people to the festival.

Margaret: What?

Cathy: Oh nothing.

SCENE VII *(In the lounge. Janie and Gavin are looking at photos. Janie explains about the “pet” whale that used to visit the waters near their site every day.)*

Janie: Would you like to have this photo of the whale?

Gavin: Yeah, that would be cool.

Janie: Here, I’ll put it in your backpack.

Gavin: Wait, I have a postcard of Norway in my side pocket. Would you like to have it?

Janie: Yes.

Gavin: OK. Well thanks a lot, Janie. I’ll see you around. *(In comes Margaret and Cathy. Gavin goes over to them.)* I’m really glad I met you. Perhaps when I get back to St. John’s, we can email each other. Do you have a computer?

Margaret: Of course I do. Yes! What is your email address? *(Gets out paper and they exchange addresses.)*

Gavin: Oh, I have something in my backpack for you. *(Takes out a Norwegian flag)* I always carry a flag when I travel. I decided I would like to give a souvenir of my country to a native of Makkovik. So, would you like to have it?

Margaret: Oh that is so freaky. I always carry a flag of Labrador whenever I travel, just in case I meet someone that I want to give a souvenir to. Here I want you to have it.

SCENE VIII *(On deck.)*

Lorraine: And so you see, it’s an interesting place, this Northern Ranger. It is a way of travel, a supply ship and a place to meet people and learn about each other. I’ve certainly enjoyed my stay onboard. I hope you have too. OK, camera #1, get a shot of me here by the lifeboat OK? Back up some more, so you can get the whole boat in the picture. Oh! Watch out! Oh no! Man almost overboard!

Alicia: What’s going on?

Lorraine: Help! The camera man is over the rail.

Alicia: Oh no!

Lorraine: Go get the captain! He always knows what to do! *(Captain arrives and grabs a*

*piece of rope, lassos the camera man and hauls him aboard) Oh, that was close.
Thank you captain. You really know what to do.*

*(Cast members take their places at front of stage for final song. It is sung to the tune of "The
Babylon Mall" - a song performed by the Wonderful Grand Band. Permission was received to use
the melody with our lyrics.)*

Chant: On the boat, on the boat, on the Labrador boat. *(Repeat)*

On the boat
On the Labrador boat
Where the ocean rolls
And the wind never stops
You can spill your guts to the gulls and the lops
Watch the whales and waves and scenery
But you'll watch the boys if you're anything like me..
On the boat
On the Labrador boat.

Chant

You can drink your tea from a real hard cup
Visit the captain if you're allowed up.
You can travel the coast and spend your money.
Hang out in the lounge and find yourself a honey.
On the boat
On the Labrador boat.

Chant

You can see the natives in traditional dress
Visit the museum and be impressed
By the artifacts if Erhardt's time
the Moravian Mission is so sublime.
Off the boat
The Labrador boat.

Chant.