

BOAT HARBOUR
By
Queen of Peace Middle School
Happy Valley-Goose Bay

Cast

Abby Williams	Jane Woodward
Ashley Dingwell	Aunt Tammy
James Cabot.....	Mark
Rachel Pike	Kate
Megan Mugford	Nicole
Katelyn Chambers	Boss
Stephanie Cornect	Catherine
Liam Hillis	Earl
Noah Hillis	Nathan
Eric Winacott	Captain James
Monica Colbert	Bonnie
Christan Mansfield	Jeremy
Brandon Dingwell	Ryan
Abigail Blackmore.....	Annabelle
Mary Pilgrim	Darcy
Aaron Cabot	Coastguard 1
Dylan Packwood.....	Coastguard 2
Victoria Penney	Darhen
Taylor Williams.....	Taylor

Crew:

Aaron Cabot, Amy Pike, Ashlee Coles, Bailey Dooley, Brooklin Caines, Charles Chaulk, Dylan Packwood, Emily Harris, Emily Snow, Katelynn Heath, Katie Ryland, Madison Janes, Megan Hanrahan

*Our play opens with terrible storm sounds and blue cloth waves. The whole cast is on stage, eventually. Abby appears out of this confusion and in the follow spot wanders the stage singing **Three Fishers**. After the song, the cast, and corpses, disappear, and Abby begins her narration.*

Jane: **Boat Harbour.** Hardship and heartbreak. It's always been like this for people who earn their living from the sea. But the people go on, and so do most of the outports. ...And so does Boat Harbour.

My name is Jane Woodward and I was born Jane Chambers in Bear Cove in 1849. When I was 17, I married Joseph Woodward, and moved to Boat Harbour where I died in 1821.

So..., you might be wondering what I'm doing here? A lot of my friends, both living and dead, are upset by this magazine article about my great grandson Melvin Woodward. It appears, through some editorial error, it got printed that Boat Harbour "no longer exists". I'm here to show you that it does. I like to keep my eye on what happens in Boat Harbour. *(Walks, stops, turns, and says:)* Oh, and I've also heard that young Melvin has done all right for himself.

Scene 1 We Meet The Cow

The actors come on and freeze.

Jane: This is Boat Harbour in 1988. *(Points to the beautiful picture on the cyc)*
Everyone makes mistakes, but where will they find themselves this time? This is the story of Mark, the oldest brother, Kate the sister, and Nicole, the younger sister. It's Friday, and the kids come home to ... an unexpected surprise.

As children approach home from the bus stop.

Aunt Tammy: Hey kids, you wouldn't have happened to see Boss? That silly cow wandered off again.

Nicole runs on ahead, and into the house ahead of the others.

Mark: Nope.

Kate: Sorry, we haven't seen her, if we do, we'll let you know.

Aunt Tammy: Ok! She might be over visiting Daisy. Silly old cow!

Kids arrive home, Nicola runs to the door before the others.

Nicole: Hurry!! Call Aunt Tammy!!

Kate: Why?

Nicole: I found Boss!!

Mark and Kate look at each other and run to the door.

Boss: Moooooooooo.

Kate: Uh-oh...

Mark: I ain't cleaning that up.

Mom comes and sees the mess.

Mom: You will if I tell ya you will.

Mark: Why me? Why not Kate?

Mom: 'Cause you're the oldest!

Mark: Yeah, but she's more responsible!

Boss: Moooooooooo.

Mom: Clean it up.

Kate smiles and walks away. Mark glares at her and goes to clean it up.

Scene 2 The Fisherman Leave

Jane: Meanwhile just after all that went on, Kate, Mark, Catherine, Earl, Bonnie, and Nathan are at the dock preparing to leave... for a fishing trip.

Catherine: Please stay safe.

Earl: I will.

Nathan: Hurry up bhy! We got to leave before nightfall, bhy!!

Earl and Fisherman board a fishing vessel offstage. The following dialogue is said from the wings.

Captain James: Are we all aboard??

Earl and Nathan: Yes, Captain!!

They wave around the curtain.

Mark and Kate: Bye Dad!!

Earl: *(Not seen)* Bye, I loves ya!!!

Bonnie: I will see you when you get back, Nathan.

Catherine: I loves you too!!!

Nathan: Bye Bonnie!!!

But they are too far away to hear each other.

Scene 3 The Party (Boys)

Jane: Later that day, the boys get together to plan a little excitement for when Catherine is out to darts.

Mark: I finally finished cleaning up that mess.

Jeremy: It smells like you did a pretty good job!

Ryan: So... all clean for the party tonight. *(Ryan also smells him.)*

Mark: Cut it out you guys, or I won't invite you.

Boys react.

Mark: Yeah, I'm ready. We just gotta find a way to keep Kate's mouth shut about it.

Jeremy: Kate's gonna be there?

Mark: Unfortunately.

Ryan: So you haven't told him yet?

Jeremy: Dude....

Mark: Told me what?

Ryan: Jeremy likes Kate!

Jeremy: Dude! Keep it down!

Mark: *(laughing)* Wow!! I wasn't expecting that one. I thought you liked that chick from St Annnty?

Jeremy: No way!

Ryan: He hasn't liked her for the longest ol'time now! *(Pause)* It must be at least two days!

Scene 4 The Party (Girls)

Jane: Meanwhile, the girls are having a very similar conversation.

Annabelle: Dude!

Kate: What?

Darcey: Why didn't you invite us?!?!

Kate: Invite you to what?

Annabelle: The party... Your house?... Tonight?!

Kate: What party?!?!?!? There's no party!

Darcey: That's what everyone is saying!

Kate: *(Thoughtfully)* MARK.

Annabelle: Oh my gosh...

Kate: What?

Annabelle: Mark's party?... Jeremy's gonna be there?...

Kate: Ohhhh.

Darcey: Here's the plan. Tell Mark the only way you'll keep your mouth shut is if he promises that Jeremy will be there!!

Kate: Good idea!

Scene 5 The Deal

Mark comes on with a chair downstage right. Kate enters from upstage left.

Kate: I know about the party.
Mark: What party?
Kate: Don't pretend like you don't know.
Mark: What do you know?
Kate: Enough.
Mark: Don't tell.
Kate: I will... Unless...
Mark: Unless what....?
Kate: Is Jeremy coming?
Mark: Yeah why?
Kate: K' I'm in.
Mark: Oooooooo, you like him.
Kate: Maybe... but remember..., I can change my mind.
Mark: What?

Kate walks away smiling.

Scene 6 Heading Home!

Jane: The boys have had a very successful trip. They are unaware of the trial to come.
Nathan: Will ye look at all them fish bhys!
Earl: The tanks are nearly full Captain.
Captain James: Well boys, we'll be heading in. It looks like a bit of weather coming.
Earl: I can't wait to see my family again.
Nathan: They look like a right nice bunch Earl.

Earl: They are. Kate and Mark are really social, not like little Nicole. They're kind to everyone. And Catherine is just lovely. I miss them all dearly!

Nathan: Eaa bhy, I'd miss em too!

Captain James:: What about your family?

Nathan: I's only got the wife.

Captain James: Don't 'cha miss her?

Nathan: Oh yes. I do bhy. I was only saying...

Earl: We'as only kidding, bhy.

Nathan: Oh, I didn't know.

Captain James: Come on boys, let's give up on this and head to port. I smell some weather brewing!

Scene 7 The Party Starts

Jane: That same night, just after Catherine goes off to darts, Kate and Mark's father is proved right, as more and more kids come to partake of Kate's and Mark's "socialness and extreme kindness".

Kate: Exactly how many people did you invite?!?!

Mark: Not this many!

Kate: Well how did they all get here?!?!?

Mark: I don't know!

Jeremy: Hi Kate.

Kate: Hi.

Mark walks away.

Jeremy: Wooooooo..., there's a lot of people here!

Kate: Urrr... I know...

Scene 8 Things Get Sticky

Jane: Meanwhile Ryan, who wasn't so "social", discovers Catherine's Christmas cookies in the freezer. We join him in the kitchen.

Ryan: Ewwwwwww... ! These are disgusting! *Throws them out the front door. Tries a different kind.* Ahh..., these are pretty good!

Mark comes on.

Mark: What are you doing?!?!

Ryan: What does it look like I'm doing?? I'm eating cookies!

Mark: Those are Mom's Christmas cookies!!!

Ryan: Ohh...

Mark: Yahh... She's gonna kill me when she gets home!

Ryan: Well here man. *(Spits out cookie and goes to put it back.)*

Mark: Gross Dude!!

Scene 9 The Storm Hits

Jane: While Ryan is still chewing on the cookies, Earl and the fishermen are having a rough time.

Thunder and lightning during the whole scene, waves are back to swallow the bodies.

Earl: The waves are getting a bit big, don't you think Nathan? Look at that one, it's huge!

Nathan: Nay bhy, back in my day you wouldn't stop fishing even if the boat tips over!

Earl: Yes bhy! You would have drowned!

Nathan: You knows what I means.

Captain James: Earl is right, the waves are only going to get worse. Look at that one!!

Boys fall and are on their knees in this scene. Very dramatic and scary.

Captain James: Dear God, please let Jessica and my daughter be safe.

Nathan: Who's Jessica?

Captain James: She's my ex-wife. I left her back in England when I moved here.

Nathan: Yes bhy, Ya learns something new every day.

Earl: Guys look!!!

Everyone looks up at a huge monster wave and huge crashing sound.

Scene 10 The Call

The spot light comes on Jane, she is up sitting on the catwalk. She looks very worried, then pulls out an iphone and rings the closest coast guard.

Jane: Oh dear, here we go again! *(She dials. Phone rings in coast guard office. We don't see these men but we hear their end of the call.)*

Coastguard One: Coast Guard! Yes I hear you loud and clear. Yes, we know that location. I understand. *(Hangs up.)* Hey Dylan!! That was that same kid calling from up Boat Harbour way! She says a boat has capsized!! She gave me the exact co-ordinates!!

Coastguard Two: Let's move on this one, Aaron!! That kid is never wrong!

Scene 11 Kate Sings

We rejoin the dance, where Jeremy is trying to get up the nerve to ask Kate to dance, instead he comes up with this:

Annabelle: Kate, has Jeremy got up the nerve to ask you to dance yet?

Kate: Are you kidding?! Brave is not his middle name!

Annabelle: Look, he's heading this way! I'm outa here!

Jeremy nervously approaches

Jeremy: Kate, can I ask you something really important?

Kate: Why sure Jeremy, you can ask me anything.

Jeremy: Would you sing one of your songs for me?

Kate: Sing? You want me to sing a song for you? Oh, I'll sing for you, here goes...

Kate signals to the DJ and does a very moving rendition of Whitney Houston singing "I Want to Dance With Somebody".

Scene 12 Darhen Arrives

Jane: What the kids don't know is that Aunt Tammy's granddaughter, Taylor, has just arrived with a new friend, Darhen, who has herself just arrived from England.

Taylor and Darhen look out the window at where the party is taking place.

Darhen: What's going on over there?

Aunt Tammy: I don't know... It looks like a house party. You should go check it out. Three kids live there. The oldest is Mark, you remember him don't you Taylor? And two sisters Kate And Nicola.

Taylor: I think maybe we better...

Aunt Tammy: Oh, go on with you!! I wants to know what's going on too. I'm surprised Catherine would let them have a party, especially so late. Oh, and tell that young man outside to get in the house, its getting cold out there!

Taylor: OK. I have my phone if you need me.

Aunt Tammy: OK don't be too long.

Scene 13 Catherine Finds Out About the Storm

Jane: We now join Catherine at darts, where we find her dreaming about a life she hasn't lived.

Catherine performs her dream dance, collects her darts and is interrupted by Bonnie, who has disturbing news from the bathroom.

Bonnie: I just heard that we're about to have the biggest kind of storm. The girls in the bathroom were talking about it. They said the coast guard has already got a call!! They're calling it the worst storm in history.

Catherine: But Earl, and Nathan.... They're still out fishing!! I have to call the kids. *(Dials Repeatedly)* Pick up! Pick up! Please pick up! It's no use, I have to go and check on them.

Bonnie: Can I come with you? I'm really worried about our boys!

Catherine: Sure, Bonnie, but hurry! This storm looks really bad!

Scene 14 Back at the Party

Jane: Darhen and Taylor get quite the reception at the party.

Mark: Who are they?

Ryan: I have no clue, but they sure are cute!

Mark and Ryan make their way over.

Mark: Hi, I'm Mark, and this is Ryan.

Taylor: Hi, I'm Taylor, and this is my friend Darhen.

Mark: Hi, Darhen.

Darhen: Hello.

Mark: Sup?

Darhen: Excuse me?

Mark: Like, what is up?

Darhen: Oh, well it looks like the roof is above us.

Taylor: He means, "What are you doing?"

Darhen: Oh.

Mark: Where are you from?

Darhen: England.

Mark: Oh, why are you here?

Darhen: I'm here visiting with Taylor. She has family here.

Ryan: So, where are you guys staying?

Taylor: We're at my nan's, Aunt Tammy!

Mark: Oh, that Taylor, you and me are cousins!

Darhen: Well that sure is interesting.

Mark: So Darhen, want to dance?

Darhen: That would be nice I'm sure.

Ryan: Come on Taylor.

Taylor: Umm.. OK!

Ryan, Mark, and the girls start to dance.

Darhen: Umm, excuse me Mark, you're making a fool of yourself! Try this...

Darhen and Taylor change the music to an Elvis Presley waltz. Darhen attempts to teach Mark how to waltz.

Mark: Well this is different.

Darhen:: It's called waltzing!

Ryan: Enough of this let's put on some real music! (*Ryan walks over and puts on hip hop.*) This is how we dance!

Taylor: Oh yeah! Come on Darhen let's show em what we got!

Everyone: OOOOOOOOoooooooo

Taylor and Darhen start to dance hip hop. Darhen can't really do it so it's really bad.

Darhen: How am I doing?

Taylor: Umm great!

Mom and Bonnie come in the back door and can't believe how loud the noise is. Catherine walks over and turns off the music while Darhen is still dancing.

Catherine: EVERYBODY OUT!! Darcey, Annabelle, Ryan, Taylor and her friend. You stay! Kate and Mark!! You're grounded!

Kate: Mom, I can explain!

Catherine: Not now Kate!! Something terrible has happened!

Mark: Oh no! Where's Dad?

Catherine:: Your father's still at sea and there is a terrible storm raging. The coast guard is already responding to a call.

Kate: Oh no, what are we going to do?

Catherine: Since all your folks will be sleeping, I think you should stay here until we get word about Earl and the boys. We'll gather every one here early tomorrow morning. Now, go to sleep.

Scene 15 Before Bed

Jane: The kids are down in the basement talking quietly, to afraid to speak out loud.

Kate: Why today? Why did he have to go on that stupid fishing trip today?

Jeremy: It'll be all right! He should be home soon.

Kate: What if he don't tho? He could be anywhere!

Mark: Kate, girl, chill! He'll be home. He always makes it home. He knows what to do!

Darhen: My father is a fisherman too. He always makes it home also. I don't see him very often... Since the divorce....

Mark: Your parents are divorced?

Darhen: Since I was three.

Mark takes Darhen's hand.

Mark: It'll be ok. (*Playing with a locket*)

Darhen: Thanks. I don't remember before... it's just been Mom and me since I can remember... I really miss him. ...since I was three!

Mark puts his arm around Darhen.

Kate: We should go to bed now... It's getting really late.

Mark: I guess so.

The kids go off both sides to bed.

Scene 16 A Walk on the Beach

Jane: Very early the next morning, the storm having run its course, the children decide to go for a walk on the beach while they wait on word about the men. They know, the more time passes, the less hope there is.

Kate: Oh, I hope they make it home!

Mark: Me too!

Darcey wanders off and finds a small piece of wood which she looks at nervously.

Darcey: Guys! Look what I found! It has some letters on it!

Kate: What letters?

Annabelle: Let me see. It looks like "I" "L" "V"

Darhen: What is it Kate?

Taylor: Kate, tell us what you're thinking...

Kate: The name of the boat my dad went out on is ***The Silver Dawn!!!***

The children huddle together in silent horror. While this is happening there is the sudden large sound of a ship's horn.

Mark: That's the coast guard ship!! Come on every one, let's get to the wharf! Maybe they found them!

Scene 17 Safe at Home

Jane: The men meanwhile have arrived on the wharf and are a little miffed that there is no one there to greet them.

Earl: Well this is a fine thing, almost lost at sea and nobody even here waiting for us!

Nathan: She was a bad storm Earl, they must've give up hope!

Captain James: There would have been no hope if it wasn't for that kid calling the coast guard.

Earl: That sure is a puzzle ain't it?

Nathan: Here they come, looks like they're glad to see us after all!

Kate: DADDDDD! You made it! I thought you got lost at sea and when I found pieces of the Silver Dawn, I thought I was never going to see you again!

Mark: I told you dad always makes it home ok. He knows what to do !

Earl: I think the one who you're supposed to be thanking here is Captain James .

Captain James: Thank you Earl, that storm was quite fierce but I knew if I held..

Darhen: Father is that you?

Captain James: Darhen??

Darhen: Father! I missed you so much! I always think about you and look what I still have!

Darhen shows her father her father (Captain James) the locket.

Captain James: I still have mine too! *(Takes his out of his pocket.)*

Darhen and Captain James hug and walk off stage.

Nathan: Well bhys, me and Bonnie are outa here. Sees ya soon Kate, Mark, Nicole, Catherine and Earl!!

Earl: See you later Nathan!!

Nathan and Bonnie walk off stage.

Catherine: Welcome home Earl, we were all very worried about you!

Earl: The waters were rough out there, but we have one of the best captains ever.

The family group hugs. All cast members walk off stage. Nathan and boss come onstage.

Nathan: Yes bhy!

Boss: MOOOOO!

Jane: And that's the story of Kate, Mark, Nicole, Earl and Catherine