

WHARF RATS

HOOK, LINE & SINKING



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Logline: Clueless brothers Martin and Hughie had hoped for their entire small-town lives to some day own their Dad's boat, Big Knots, and become legendary fishermen. However, unforeseen events at the wharf have the foolish pair resort to various harebrained schemes to achieve their fishy fantasy, much to the chagrin of the residents of Split Lip Cove.

Wharf Rats is a single-camera sitcom set in the vibrant and colourful world of the imaginary fishing community, Split Lip Cove. The comedy revolves around two small-minded but affable brothers Hughie and Martin Hackett with big dreams of becoming famous fishermen, the only problems being they don't have a boat, a license or the brains needed for the job.

The brother's wait impatiently their entire lives for their father to allow them to work his boat with them, expecting to take over the family business. Unfortunately, their father dies before this happens, and their long-time rival Angus, gets left with their inheritance by their father.

Hughie and Martin's adventure through the season takes them from sending big knots on a collision course with the wharf, to getting tangled in the nets of fish poachers, to helping the town get back on its feet after a devastating blow to the fish processing plant. They even get a taste of the spiritual when the reincarnated spirit of their father appears as a seagull. Some of the colourful cast of small town characters includes a big city biologist, a university educated small-town bartender with big city dreams, fellow fisherman, low-life poachers, Department of Fisheries officers, and gossipy old women working the processing line in the fish plant.

Wharf Rats draws on modern, edgy sensibilities of shows like **Eastbound and Down** while drawing inspiration from classic Canadian shows like **The Beachcombers**. And, it's all set in a part of Canada well known and beloved for comedy.

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Big Knots
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