

Post Production Script
Old Jack's Boat – TX01: The Pearl Earring

By Tracey Hammett

Characters appearing in this script:

Jack
Miss Bowline-Hitch
Emily Scuttlebutt
Ernie Starboard
Pearl (Shelly Perriwinkle)

MUSIC 1 10:00:00-0138

SCENE 1: TITLES/JACK'S INTRO/SONG

IN THE TITLES OLD JACK'S BOAT TAKES A COURSE ALONG AN ANIMATED MAP. WEAVING IN AND OUT OF THE VARIOUS SITUATIONS AND CHARACTERS FROM THE STORIES. AT THE END OF THE ANIMATED JOURNEY, OLD JACK'S BOAT AT 20" RISES UP TO FORM THE 'OLD JACKS' BOAT LOGO. A FAST ZOOM IN TO THE BOAT'S Porthole FINDS JACK EXITING HIS HOUSE ALONG WITH SALTY.

10:00:21

SCENE 2: OLD JACK'S COTTAGE

JACK PULLS THE DOOR BEHIND HIM AND POINTS TO CAMERA

JACK:
Good day to you!

JACK WINKS AND THEN STRIDES OFF DOWN THE ROAD WITH SALTY. THE MUSIC SEQUES INTO "JACK'S SONG"

10:00:28

SCENE 3: EXT VILLAGE

SEES JACK WALKING THROUGH THE VILLAGE MEETING HIS VARIOUS FRIENDS. HIS FRIENDS ARE EACH ON THE WAY TO WORK.
THERE IS A GENERAL AIR OF BUSY ACTIVITY AS EACH OF THE CHARACTERS GETS READY FOR

THEIR DAY. OLD JACK WAVES TO THEM AND THEY WAVE BACK. THE LYRICS OF THE SONG THAT JACK IS SINGING GIVE A BRIEF, FOND DESCRIPTION OF EACH OF THE CHARACTERS. AT THE END OF THIS INTRODUCTION SEQ THERE IS AN ANIMATED GRAPHIC OF A FISH THAT WIPES THROUGH FRAME.

LYRICS:

10:00:32

This is the place to be
For Salty dog and me
Down by the harbour we'll be there
Round every corner there's something to share
Give us a cheer
Our friends are here
Just Salty dog and me

(Come on Salty !)

10:00:49

This is the place to meet
Down at the end of the street
Seagulls flying up in the blue
There's always a cup of tea waiting for you
Out in the sun
Having good fun
Just Salty dog and me

10:01:02

Haul away haul away

10:01:07 ANIMATION – SEAGULL SHOOTS UP

Sing a song of the sea
Hoist the sail, I'll tell you a tale
Of Salty dog and me

10:01:14

This is the place to go

And these are the people we know
The village is busy with things to see

10:01:21 ANIMATION – RAINBOW @ QUAY

And there's the Rainbow down by the quay
There's stories to tell

Join us as well
Just Salty dog and me

10:01:36 ANIMATION – SQUID WIPE L-R

10:01:38

SCENE 4: EXT. EMILY'S STALL

JACK AND SALTY ARE WALKING
TOWARDS THE RAINBOW WHEN THEY
SEE MISS B.H TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS
OF EMILY SCUTTLEBUTT BESIDE HER
ICE-CREAM STALL.

EMILY IS HOLDING UP A COUPLE OF T
SHIRTS – ONE HAS A PICTURE OF AN
ICE-CREAM AND THE OTHER HAS A
PICTURE OF A SEAGULL. EMILY IS
WEARING ONE OF HER T SHIRTS.

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

That's it Emily, big smile! Lovely!

SHE CLICKS AWAY.

SHE FINISHES JUST AS JACK
APPROACHES.

JACK:

Greetings ladies.

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

Well hello Jack, hello Salty.

HER PHONE RINGS AND SHE CHECKS IT

Oh phone hasn't stopped.

SHE GETS ON HER BIKE

Better get going. Busy busy busy.

MISS B-H RIDES OFF DOWN THE STREET

EMILY & JACK:

Bye bye!

EMILY:

TURNING HER ATTENTION PROPERLY

TO JACK

How are you dear?

JACK:

I've never felt better.

HE POINTS TO THE T SHIRTS

Listen I like the look of these T shirts!

Salty does too.

EMILY:

Miss Bowline-Hitch is taking our photos today for her village scrapbook.

JACK:

Oh..

EMILY:

She wants us to look smart, so I came up with these T Shirts.

JACK:

Very nice indeed!

EMILY:

Oo, I'm a whizz with my fabric paints!

JACK:

Yes, so I see. Yeah well, I've got a bit of painting to do over there on The Rainbow, got to keep her looking shipshape you know !

EMILY:

Absolutely!

SHE GIVES HIM A WAVE AS THEY WALK
OFF

JACK:

Ta da then

EMILY:

Have a good day the pair of you!

JACK:

And you bye bye.

10:02:30

SCENE 5: EXT. ERNIE'S FISH STALL

ERNIE IS WEARING A KIPPER TIE AND IS
LOOKING VERY UNCOMFORTABLE IN
IT.

MISS B.H. IS TAKING HIS PHOTO.

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

Right Ernie, carry on as normal and I'll just snap away.

ERNIE:

Oh ok, Miss B.H.....

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

And another pose please Ernie

JACK AND SALTY ARRIVE.

JACK:

Alright Ernie! Hello you're wearing a tie! And a very wide tie at that!

ERNIE:

Yes it's er...

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

Put the box down, lean forward.

ERNIE PUTS THE BOX DOWN AND LEANS FORWARD.

THE TIE STRETCHES AND ERNIE REALISES IT IS TRAPPED BETWEEN BOXES.

ERNIE:

Oh oh oh oh dithering dabs!

ERNIE MANAGES TO RELEASE THE TIE AND IN A QUIETER VOICE SPEAKS TO JUST TO JACK AND SALTY.

ERNIE:

Between you and me it's a bit of a nuisance...
and it's really uncomfortable too... but Miss B.H.
wants me to look smart for me photograph.

MISS BH LINES UP HER SHOT AND
THEN LOOKS DISAPPOINTED.

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

Oh dear...

JACK:

Um Ernie...?

HE POINTS AT ERNIE'S TEA. THE TIE IS
NOW IN THE TEA.

ERNIE:

Oh... no...

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

Oh really Ernie... I'll never get a decent photo of
you now.

HER PHONE BEEPS IT AND SHE
CHECKS IT

Uh oh, better go but I'll be back later when that
tie's dry.

SHE GETS ON HER BIKE.

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

Busy busy!

ERNIE:

Bye.

ERNIE WAVES TO HER AND THEN
TURNS TO JACK.

ERNIE (CONT'D):

Back later?!?

JACK:

Yeah

ERNIE:

She could be gone all day. I don't think I can wear this tie for that long Jack. But I don't want to take it off and upset her.

JACK:

Well listen maybe you should go and see Emily she might be able to help you with your tie problem.

ERNIE:

Perfect! I'll do that.

JACK:

Good man yeah come on Salty, let's get out of here ! Look at all that tea all over the, honestly come on !

SALTY & JACK LEAVE LOF

10:04:06

SCENE 6: GENERIC ARRIVING AT THE RAINBOW

10:04:06 ANIMATION BLUEY WHALE L-ROF

10:04:10 ANIMATION SEAGULL SWOOPS

WE SEE JACK AND SALTY APPROACH THE RAINBOW. THE RAINBOW LOOKS TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES LIKE A REAL BOAT. IT IS A LITTLE DOWN AT HEEL. YOU CAN SEE THE ORIGINAL COLOURS HAVE FADED BUT IT IS STILL A JOLLY CRAFT AND HAS VARIOUS HOMELY TOUCHES.

JACK AND SALTY STOP.

JACK:

There she is

10:04:17 ANIMATION – THE RAINBOW QUAYSIDE

The Rainbow - what have you got for us

10:04:19 ANIMATION –THE RAINBOW HARBOURSIDE

today me dear ?

MUSIC 3 10:04:20-37 = 17"

JACK AND SALTY SALUTE IT AND THE RAINBOW EMITS A PUFF OF SMOKE FROM ITS FUNNEL.

Come on Salty de de de de

10:01:26 ANIMATION – THE RAINBOW QUAYSIDE

10:04:30 ANIMATION - THE RAINBOW TRANSFORMATION

JACK AND SALTY CLIMB THE

GANGPLANK AND DISAPPEAR INTO THE BOAT. AS THEY DO SO THE RAINBOW GIVES A MAGICAL SHIVER, TWINKLES SEEM TO FALL AWAY FROM IT AND IT SEEMS TO GET YOUNGER! THE COLOURS BRIGHTEN AND WHOLE VESSEL TAKES ON A HEIGHTENED MAGICAL LOOK. THERE IS ANOTHER ANIMATED WIPE AND WE CUT TO THE INTERIOR OF THE RAINBOW.

10:04:38

SCENE 7: INT. THE RAINBOW

THE INTERIOR OF THE RAINBOW IS A CLUTTERED PLACE. IT IS FULL OF THE BRIC-A-BRAC OF A LIFE LIVED AT SEA. ANY PROP NEEDED TO HELP TELL A NAUTICAL TALE COULD BE FOUND DOWN HERE. BUT IT ALSO HAS PLENTY OF HOMELY TOUCHES AND OLD JACK LIKES HIS CREATURE COMFORTS. THERE IS A BATTERED OLD ARMCHAIR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CHAOS. NEXT TO IT IS A COMFY DOG BASKET WITH OLD TOYS AND A LOVELY WARM BLANKET FOR SALTY TO SNUGGLE UP TO.

ON THE PANELLED WALLS ARE PICTURES OF ALL JACK'S FRIENDS FROM THE VILLAGE. ALONG THE SIDES OF THE CABIN ARE Portholes. THERE IS ALSO A SMALL GALLEY TO THE REAR OF THE CABIN AND LOTS OF OLD BARRELS AND NETS AND FISHING TACKLE CLUTTERING THE FOREGROUND.

OLD JACK AND SALTY CLAMBER IN GET THEMSELVES SETTLED. THERE IS A SMALL HARP ON THE ARMCHAIR WHICH OLD JACK MOVES SO HE CAN SIT DOWN

JACK:

Go on your bed, go on good girl yeah, oh dear
now, you curl up in your bed while I find the
paint and don't distract me! Alright, oh there we
are, that's the, that's the one ! Yeah

CHUCKLES

JACK TURNS TO CAMERA

JACK:

Do you know Ernie did look funny with that tie of
his dangling in his tea. I mean they're not the
easiest things to wear.

A THOUGHT STRIKES HIM

I had to wear a fancy tie once... a bow tie it was...
very smart indeed – do you remember yeah ?

SALTY LOOKS UP AT HIM

JACK:

Let me get comfortable and I'll tell you the story.

OLD JACK SETTLES DOWN AND
ADDRESSES THE CAMERA

THE PEARL EARRING

By Tracey Hammett

JACK:

10:05:19 ANIMATION – WS THE RAINBOW LEAVES STAITHES

Once upon a twinkly time, The Rainbow set off
from Staithes, waved goodbye to Whitby and
disappeared over the horizon...

MUSIC 4 10:05:23-44 = 21"

10:05:27 ANIMATION – WS THE RAINBOW @ SEA

Salty and I we were waiting for Pearl, our
favourite mermaid, to escort us to the Barnacle

10:05:33 ANIMATION – SALTY / JACK CU Ball

I was wearing a smart bow tie and Salty was

10:05:37 ANIMATION – CU SALTY + RIBBON

wearing her red scarf and silky pink ribbon - she
looked ever so pretty.

And as we sailed along we had a little sing song.

MUSIC 5 10:05:45-06:03 = 18"

10:05:44 ANIMATION – CU SALTY / JACK

SONG

Just Salty Dog and Me
Upon the briny sea
The sun is up and the wind is fair
We've brushed our fur and we've combed our
hair

10:05:56 ANIMATION – WS THE RAINBOW @ SEA

And we've dressed ourselves smartly
To go to a party
Just Salty Dog and Me whoah !

"Ah Salty, My girl," I said, "you are a very fine
looking hound."

"I know I am," she whined, "But I've got a scarf
why do I have to wear a ribbon too, I'm not a
ribbon sort of dog!"

MUSIC 6 10:06:18-36 = 18"

Well just then we heard three perfect notes...
drifting on the wind.

"That sounds like Pearl!" yapped Salty.

10:06:26 ANIMATION – THE RAINBOW / PEARL IN WATER

And sure enough, Pearl popped up from the
waves.

10:06:31 ANIMATION – CU PEARL

"Sorry I'm late, but I couldn't decide what to
wear," she chimed. "In the end I chose my best
necklace."

JACK:

Pearl looked beautiful in her necklace made from
little pearls, and Salty and I had a gift for her
which was sure to make her the belle of the ball.

10:06:48 ANIMATION – CU PEARL

She opened it eagerly,

10:06:50 ANIMATION – CU PEARL EARRINGS

"Pearl earrings!"

10:06:52 ANIMATION – CU PEARL IN SEA she said with delight, "ooh thank you, they're
lovely!" and she put them on straight away.

MUSIC 7 10:07:02-38 = 36"

"Right!" I said, "Let's be off to the Ball!" And before we could say bobblybarnacles we were strolling along the sea bed"

10:07:10 ANIMATION – BARNACLE BALL VENUE ON SEABED

The Barnacle Ball was taking place on board a splendiferous sunken galleon.

10:07:15 ANIMATION–JACK/SALTY+PEARL "Follow me," said Pearl, "The sunken ballroom's this way!"

Ho tangly seaweed pushed up through the floors and dangled in the doorways.

We were just trying to wind our way through it when

10:07:30 ANIMATION–JACK/PEARL+MRS COD

someone pushed past Pearl quite rudely...

"I must say I'm extremely disappointed Harold!" said a cross sounding fish.

10:07:42 ANIMATION – CU MR COD

It was Mrs Cod, who was closely followed by her husband, Mr Cod. Mrs Cod could not find an outfit to wear to the Ball so she was in a panic.

10:07:50 ANIMATION–CU MR+MRS COD

"I have been looking everywhere Penelope dear," Mr Cod told his wife,

10:07:55 ANIMATION – BCU MR COD

"but because you are such a perfect cod, it's hard to find an outfit that is good enough for you!"

10:08:06 ANIMATION – BCU MRS COD

"But the ball is about to begin..!" said Mrs Cod, "I must, must, must get a move on!"

"Yes dear" said Mr Cod. Then the Cods pushed past us again, causing Pearl to whirl around until her lovely long hair tangled in the seaweed.

She tried to untangle it and one of her earrings came loose:

MUSIC 8 10:08:28-36 = 8"

10:08:28 ANIMATION–PEARL EARRING SINKS TOWARDS CRACK IN FLOOR

Downwards it drifted and before we could catch it, it slipped into a crack in the wooden floor.

JACK:

"Don't worry Pearl, we'll get it out in no time," I said.

But the crack was too small and my hand wouldn't fit.

Even Salty's paw was too big.

"What am I going to do?" cried Pearl.

MUSIC 9 – 10:08:46-09:06 = 20"

10:08:49 ANIMATION – CU SHARK R-L / PEARL

A shark swam by and offered to help.

10:08:52 ANIMATION – CU SHARK

"Tell ya what," it said, "I'll bash in the crack with me 'ead, that'll make it wider!"

10:09:00 ANIMATION – PUFFERFISH DIVING TOWARDS FLOOR

It biffed and it boffed and it bashed quite a lot... but it couldn't make the crack any bigger and it ended up with a lumpy bump on its head.

"Ouch!" said the shark.

Next, a swordfish swam by with a snout full of teeth and

MUSIC 10 10:09:14-33 = 19"

10:09:15 ANIMATION – SWORDFISH / PEARL

offered to help.

"I'll use my saw, cos that's what it's for." It said.

10:09:22ANIMATION – CU SWORDFISH DIVING TOWARDS FLOOR AND SAWS WOOD

It gnashed and it gnawed and it chipped and it sawed... but it couldn't make the crack any bigger.

10:09:29 ANIMATION – BCU SWORDFISH MOUTH

"I think I think I've lost a tooth!" it moaned.

"Oh dear," said Pearl "I think my pearl earring has gone forever."

"Now then Pearl," I said, "Don't upset yourself. I've heard that it's quite the thing nowadays to wear one earring, Kitty Cutlass the pirate she does it all the time, so let's just go to the ball and forget about it."

I could see that Pearl was a little sad, but we headed for the ballroom.

MUSIC 11 10:09:59-10:55 = 56"

10:09:59 ANIMATION – PEARL, JACK + SALTY @ BALL

The dancing had just begun... and crowds of colourful sea creatures shimmered to the wonderful sounds of the galleon band.

Oh it was such a marvellous thing to see all those glittering tails and fins. Salty couldn't wait to join in...

HE LEANS INTO CAM INTIMATELY AND WHISPERS

Salty is is a rather fabulous dancer in her spare time, aren't you my girl ! Yeah ha ha

JACK:

But as she was dancing she kept trying to shake her ribbon off because it felt very uncomfortable. She's not really a ribbony sort of dog.

So, there we were, waltzing and weaving and, err.. scratching with the dancers at the Barnacle Ball when suddenly Mrs Cod, swished past, with her husband, and guess what... she had found something to wear and it was dangling from her fin.

10:10:55 ANIMATION – CU PEARL

"Look!" cried Pearl, "That's my pearl earring!"

10:10:59 ANIMATION – CU MR + MRS COD

"Your pearl earring?" Mrs Cod replied, "Indeed it is not! Tell her Harold"

"Well.." said Harold - about to start...

10:11:08 ANIMATION – PEARL, MR + MRS COD, B/G THE BALL

"My husband gave it to me just a moment ago," interrupted Mrs Cod "Didn't you?"

10:11:13 ANIMATION – CU MR COD

"Yes dear" said Mr Cod "I found it, on my way here," he added proudly, "Isn't it lovely!"

We all looked flabbergasted.

10:11:29 ANIMATION–CU MR COD/SALTY

“Pity it isn’t pink though,” Mr Cod continued, and he looked keenly at Salty’s ribbon, “pink is Penelope’s favourite colour.”

MUSIC 12 10:11:36-45 = 9”

And then Salty’s whiskers whiffled, she was having one of her bright ideas.

She gently pulled off her ribbon and proudly offered it to Mrs Cod. “I think she wants to swap her ribbon for the earring!” I said. “she isn’t really a ribbony sort of dog.”

10:11:58 ANIMATION – CU MRS COD + PINK RIBBON

Mrs Cod she was overjoyed at this idea... and the pink ribbon really suited her.

“I’m not really an earring wearing sort of dog either,” said Salty. And she gave the earring to Pearl which made her the happiest mermaid at the Barnacle Ball... and probably the pearliest!

MUSIC 13 10:12:20-43 = 23”

JACK:

10:12:21 ANIMATION – WS SALTY / JACK / PEARL /MR+MR COD + SWORDFISH

So we danced and we danced all night until the whole galleon was full of happy dancey bubbles.

Then, when Salty’s paws got hot and needed a rest, we jumped back on board the Rainbow and set our course for Staithes and home...

Oh oh it was a lovely evening though – she does like dancing

SALTY BARKS

MUSIC 14 10:12:46-50 = 4”

10:12:48 ANIMATION – THE RAINBOW HARBOURSIDE

MUSIC 15 10:12:50-13:09 = 19”

10:12:50 ANIMATION – PUFFERFISH WIPE L-R

10:12:52

SCENE 8: EXT. NR ERNIE’S STALL

JACK AND SALTY ARE MAKING THEIR WAY BACK.

AN ANIMATED SEAGULL FLIES OFF FROM IT'S PERCH AND DISAPPEARS INTO THE DISTANCE

JACK:

You liked that story didn't you Salty?

10:12:55

THEY WALK ON
SCENE 9: EXT. ERNIE'S FISHSTALL

AS JACK AND SALTY APPROACH, ERNIE GIVES THEM A WAVE. AT THIS POINT WE CAN'T SEE WHAT HE'S WEARING, HE'S STANDING BEHIND HIS FISH CRATES.

ERNIE:

Jack! Salty! Over here!

JACK:

TO SALTY

Ernie looks happy! Doesn't he ? Come on..

MISS BH RIDES UP.

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

Hello everybody, right Ernie, I'm ready to take your photo. I hope you've got that tie under control!

ERNIE HOLDS UP THE KIPPER TIE.

ERNIE:

I'm sorry Miss BH but I can't wear this tie, I was getting myself in a right messy muddle with it!

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

What?!

JACK:

Uh oh....

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

But what about my scrapbook!? You won't look smart for my photograph.

ERNIE:

Of course I will, I'm still wearing a tie... only this tie won't get caught in my fish crates!

HE STEPS OUT FROM BEHIND THE FISH CRATES AND HE IS WEARING A T SHIRT THAT HAS A KIPPER TIE PICTURE ON IT.

ERNIE:

Emily made it for me... she's a star!

JACK:

Yeah

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

Oh isn't that clever – and smart! Oh I love it!

JACK:

It's very funny! Yeah and it's very you!

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH STARTS CLICKING HER CAMERA.

MISS BOWLINE-HITCH:

Oh and one with you too Jack, smashing.

JACK:

Do you know what I'm going to get Emily to

MUSIC 16 10:13:50-14:13 = 23" make *me* a T-shirt with a bow tie on the front how about that ! Come on Salty – me with a bow tie stuck on a T-shirt

JACK & SALTY WALK OFF.

SCENE 10: GENERIC GOODBYE FROM JACK

Edited out

10:13:58

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