

LITTLE PORT



Little Port near Lark Harbour on the west coast of Newfoundland was one of the locations where the movie *Outlander*, a peculiar oeuvre combining Viking age and science fiction, was shot in 2006. The producer was Barrie Osborne who also produced *The Lord of the Rings*. This caught my interest because I thought the Newfoundland west coast would also have been a great location for certain scenes from Tolkien's saga (which was shot in New Zealand instead).

The movie shooting was a big thing in the small outpost at the very end of the road on the southern shore of the Bay of Islands. Local residents were involved as both background actors (for 9\$ per hour) and through technical support behind the scenes. Terry Travers, whom I met with his wife Ruth at the slipway of Little Port adjacent to the original movie set, told me he operated a fog machine from his fishing vessel to create the mystic atmosphere from

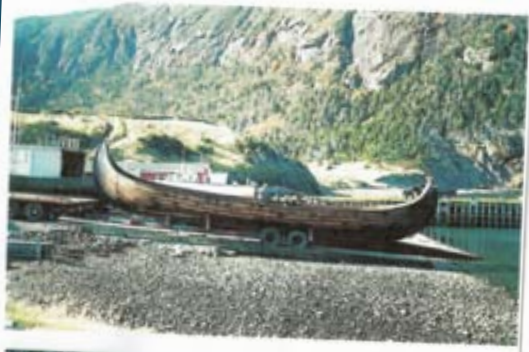
which a Viking ship emerged when sailing into the bay. According to Ruth and Terry, the movie shooting was not only exciting times for Little Port and Lark Harbour. They feel it changed their view onto the place they call home: for them the Norse history of Newfoundland and Vinland became real through the fiction of the movie.

The movie's Viking ship mockup had been put up in front of the Lark Harbour town hall in 2007, but was removed from there two weeks before I visited the place. It was in bad condition I was told, but parts of it shall be refurbished and relocated along a hiking trail nearby.





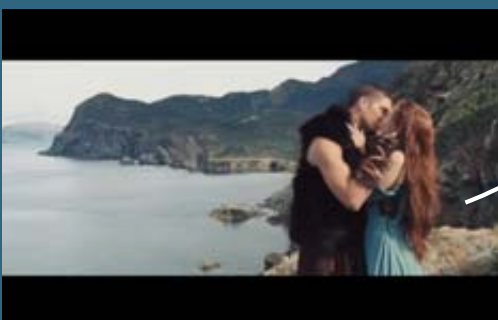
Tesry and Ruth Travers



Photos from the movie shooting, scanned and printed by a lady at Lark Harbour town hall from a printed scan of photos taken by a local resident



Photo of the Viking ship in front of the Lark Harbour town hall from 2011 found on: jenneandmarcelstravels.blogspot.de



This movie scene was shot there...

