



As Long As Shipbuilders Are Singing

Original title: Zolang er scheepsbouwers zingen

When the last ship was finished at the Boelwerf Temse shipyard, the shipbuilding industry in Belgium came to an end. The documentary tells the history of this industry from the beginning (small wooden boats) to the end (sophisticated oil tankers). The saga is first of all a portrait of a socio-economic history. From confidence in unlimited growth, the story goes to doubts and revolt. At the end, we are left with a question : isn't our economic system a ship adrift? Why should we accept the devaluation of the quality of our labour? Video documentary in three parts : Part I: Champagne - 1829-1969 (86') - The story of expansion Part II: Fuddle - 1969-1986 (81') - The story of revolt and economic crisis Part III: Hangover - 1986-1997 (83') - The story of deception and idle hope.

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CREATION DETAILS

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Production

GENRE: Documentary

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TECHNICAL SPECS

RUNNING TIME: 250'

RELEASE FORMAT: Analog Betacam



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