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LOGLINE

A restless coach fleeing from herself and a widowed man who has long since given up cross paths by chance on a ferry between island and mainland. What begins as mutual misunderstanding evolves into a quiet, intimate conversation – about life, time, and the question:

*What
remains
when
everything
stands
still?*

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SYNOPSIS

Two people who couldn't be more different:

Julia, in her early thirties and a successful project manager at an international agency, rushes onto the ferry back to the mainland at the very last second. Ludwig, in his early sixties, a former theater props master and widower, is already sitting on deck—introspective, silent, gazing out at the Wadden Sea.

When the vessel unexpectedly runs aground due to the receding tide, the two of them start to draw closer against all expectations. Initially out of boredom, then out of genuine interest.

As a dialogue unfolds below deck—marked by subtle friction, philosophical questions, and an unexpected lightness—a deep connection begins to form. Not romantic in the traditional sense, but in a quiet, almost soulful way. When they finally arrive back at the harbor, a moment of silence remains, in which both know:

*This
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was brief,
but far from
meaningless.*

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CAST



LUDWIG

Wolfgang
Seidenberg



JULIA

Marieke
Gester



HELEN

Julia Lindhorst-
Apfelthaler

CREW

Directed by	Henrik Toepfer & Rolf Schapals
Production	Rolf Schapals & Mitja Braun
Written by	Henrik Toepfer & Rolf Schapals
Cinematography	Mitja Braun
Editing	Rolf Schapals
Original Score	Florian Linkus

SPECS

Premiere Status	World Premiere	Resolution	4K DCI (4096×2160)
Runtime	approx. 22 Minuten	Exhibition Format	DCP, ProRes 422 HQ
Year of Production	2025	Aspect Ratio	17:19
Language	German	Frame Rate	24 fps
Subtitles	Upon request	Sound	Stereo

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