



# THE PIER OF APOLONOVKA

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## SYNOPSIS

The people on the pier of Sevastopol Bay are a symbol of the inextricable dilemma in which the city finds itself: too impoverished for splendour and glory, and much too alive for the scrap-heap. People such as handsome 14-year-old Push, who finds mopeds much cooler than girl, or shy 13-yearold Nastja, still mourning her lost first love, spend their summer together on the pier. Even 80-year-old Galina still has a few tears to spare for the bass voice of her erstwhile lover, but not before she completes her morning swim at Apolonovka's run-down beach. And then again there's wiry, long-distance swimmer Sergej who, despite his 85 years, would certainly never consider neglecting the "third point" of health - sex. Finally we meet Vova and Andrej on the pier: one a tattooed former prisoner the other a discharged police officer "now working together illegally as divers next to the ships of the Black Sea Fleet. A summer on Sevastopol's pier, a place made...

## CAST AND CREW

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