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Country: [USA](#)

Year: 2008

Running time: 102 Minutes

Genres: [Action/Adventure](#), [Documentary](#), [Political](#)

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Hero to conservationists and villain to hunters, marine environmentalist Paul Watson commits himself 100 percent to his cause. In this stirring profile, director and narrator Ron Colby explores Watson's beliefs, blunders, and triumphs. Though Watson helped to found Greenpeace Canada, the organization asked him to leave due to his extremist tendencies, so he started the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. He travels from Norway to Costa Rica, standing trial, doing time, and costing various nations millions of dollars by breaking up drift-netting, illegal poaching, and shark-finning operations (the latter campaign was also featured in *Sharkwater* SIFF '07). Actor, activist, and board member Martin Sheen praises him as truth speaking to power, while Greenpeace co-founder Patrick Moore dubs him the self-styled Rambo of the environmental movement. The media prefers pirate, a term Watson doesn't dispute, even flying a Jolly Roger-style flag from his ship, but matters turn more serious when he goes after Canadian seal hunters and Japanese whalers. Say what you will about the man, but Colby makes a convincing case that the world's endangered oceans are better off for the dedicated and controversial efforts of this Friday Harbor based subject. *Director Ron Colby expected to attend both screenings*

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