

# Bad Day to Go Fishing

Mal Dia Para Pescar

Spain-Uruguay/2009/35mm/Colour/Spanish

Indian  
Premiere 

**Direction:** Alvaro Brechner

**Producer:** Adolfo Blanco, Alvaro Brechner, Tomas Cimadevilla,  
Virginia Hinze

**Screenplay:** Alvaro Brechner, Gary Piquer

**Cinematography:** Alvaro Gutierrez

**Editing:** Teresa Font

**Music:** Mikel Salas

**Cast:** Gary Piquer, Jouko Ahola, Antonella Costa, Cesar  
Troncoso, Alvaro Brechner

## Awards/Festivals

Cannes Film Festival, Lima Latin American Film Festival, Best  
Screenplay 2009, Free Spirit Competition Award, Warsaw Film  
Festival 2009.

Jacob van Oppen, the former strongest man on earth, and his manager Orsini, make a good living by travelling around small South American towns and organizing wrestling exhibitions in run-down theaters. Once they disembark at the village of Santa Maria, business really kicks off: the local newspaper is immediately gung-ho on sponsoring the fight and puts an open call for a worthy adversary. Everything breaks loose when a massive young shop steward, who on the insistence of his pregnant wife, decides to challenge the former champion. Laconic humor and beautiful cinematic language make this adaptation of a short story by renowned writer Juan Carlos Onetti, a warmhearted movie exploring the themes of friendship, loyalty and respect.