

## C7220 LE CRABE-TAMBOUR (FRANCE, 1977)

(Other titles: The crab drum)

**Credits:** director, Pierre Schoendoerffer ; writers, J. F. Chauvel, Pierre Schoendoerffer.

**Cast:** Jean Rochefort, Claude Rich, Jacques Perrin.

**Summary:** Naval melodrama set in Indochina in the 1950s and various places in the 1960s. Shows French naval officers torn by conflicts of friendship, honor, loyalty and a nostalgia for France's colonial past. Centers on the career of an officer named Willsdorf (Perrin) nicknamed Le Crabe Tambour, who served in the French Indochina War and has become a solitary character due to his faith in ideals and convictions at a time when his best friends are succumbing to outside political influences. The film's stunning photography at locations in Thailand, Africa, France and the North Atlantic won a French César award for photographer Raoul Coutard.

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