

# *Escanaba in Love* Character List

## **Alphonse Soady; 70's**

Great grandpa Alphonse built this camp and this family, and he shot the great Soady Ridge Buck. Feisty, full of life and somewhat confused at times. Has sudden, unreserved mood swings. Alphonse is the original, immigrant American Soady scion. He's on from the very beginning through the end of the show.

## **Albert Soady Sr.; 45-60**

A widower, he does most of the chores in camp and is the serious, taciturn member in camp. Still misses his wife, but he is proud of his boy. He's in denial that his son may die in the War. Senior must be capable of showing many emotions while remaining reserved throughout show. Also on stage almost the entire show.

## **Albert Soady Jr.; 18-25**

Full of the enthusiasm, innocence and inexperience of youth. Being called up for service has forced Junior to think about Death: he marries Big Betty at the Porcelain Bus, so he can go to War "being a man".

## **Salty Jim Negamanee; 40-60**

A Man of the Sea, even if he's never been off the Great Lakes. Alcoholic, crippled and forgetful, he still attacks life with relish and lots of energy.

## **Big Betty Balou; 20-35**

Talk about energy – Big Betty's got that and enough for everyone else in 'da U.P. She's been on her own since her early teens and can take care of herself in every way. She can outhunt the men in the Soady Camp, outdrink them, and dance with the best of anyone north of 'da Soo. Also, she really wants to get on with her and Junior's "Wedding Night".