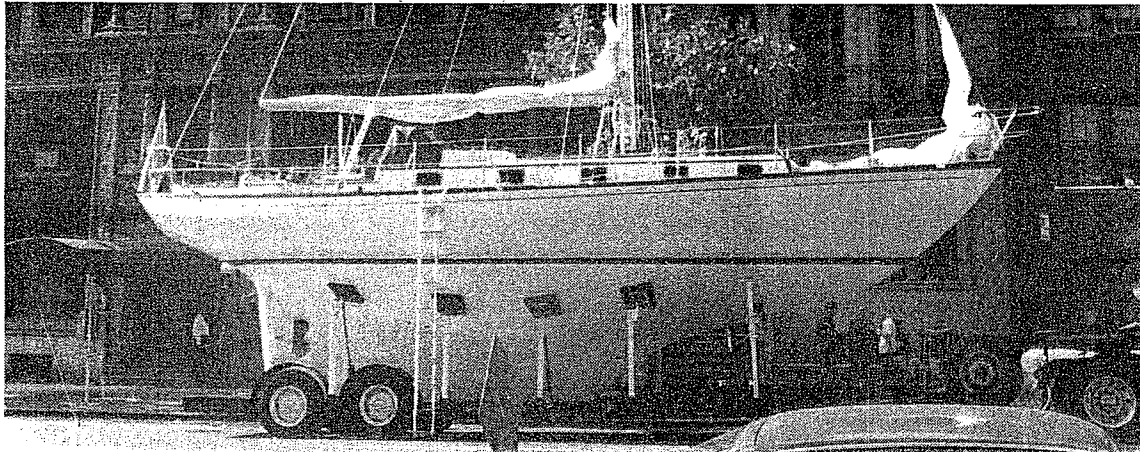


# Tinseltown gets into boats



**ANGELINA** — The hero's dream in "Romancing the Stone" poses in Manhattan's West End Avenue while producers film the closing scenes. Getting the 43-foot yacht downtown required special permission from city officials. On location it was fully rigged with the sails up. Filming took three days.



**STAR** and director of the film, Michael Douglas coordinates action aboard Angelina, a Mason 43. The film's producers rented the boat from a City Island yacht brokerage.



**ON DECK** — Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner, hero and heroine in the film, "Romancing the Stone," take a break from the New York City filming, shot in October last year.

## Adventure flick puts sloop in Manhattan

By PATTY KOLLER

An image on a tattered photograph that Michael Douglas holds throughout "Romancing the Stone" becomes animated in the closing scenes of the new 20th Century Fox movie.

Douglas, the adventuresome hero, rolls up Manhattan's West End Avenue with a fully-rigged and canvassed 43-foot sailboat — his lifelong dream. There he meets his love, played by Kathleen Turner, from whom he'd parted in Colombia, for a happy conclusion to the popular movie.

Such scenes take up just minutes of the viewer's time. But actual filming spanned three days in October 1983. The boat was Mason 43, imported from Taiwan by California-based Pacific Asian Enterprises, rented from Minneford Yacht Sales in City Island, N.Y., and trailered into Manhattan.

"We had to have special permission from the city," said Peter DePalma, director Michael Douglas' assistant at 20th Century Fox.

Then the boat had to be rigged. Bill MacDougal, a Minneford broker who accompanied the film crew, said a worry was whether a puff of wind would come along and blow the fully canvassed boat off the trailer.

"We rigged breakaway lines on the sheets," said MacDougal, who was down below with another Minneford employee while filming ensued.

"If the wind were to come up it would break those and we'd come up and drop the sails. But we never had a problem."

MacDougal said Minneford Yacht Sales has been approached before by movie producers wishing to rent boats, but that before this they had never done it.

"Mainly because we didn't have any boats ready," he said.

Boats from Minneford, however, have appeared in fashion modeling spreads.