

SXSW: 'Vessel' Follows Activist Providing Abortions at Sea (Exclusive Video)

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The film, part of the documentary competition, chronicles the travels of Dr. Rebecca Gomperts.

Vessel, a documentary about a woman who provides abortions on the high seas, will have its world premiere during the South by Southwest Film Festival as part of the documentary competition.

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The Hollywood Reporter debuts an exclusive clip from the film, which follows Dr. Rebecca Gomperts as she sails a ship around the world, providing abortions at sea for women with no legal alternative. With each roadblock comes a more refined mission, until Rebecca realizes she can use new technologies to bypass law -- and train women to give themselves abortions using WHO-researched protocols with pills.

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Directed by **Diana Whitten**, the film will have its world premiere Sunday, March 9, at 11 a.m., [at the Austin film festival \(http://schedule.sxsw.com/2014/events/event_FS15201\)](#). The film was produced by Whitten and **Mitchell Block**.

Watch the exclusive clip above.

SXSW's film portion runs March 7-15 in Austin, Tex.

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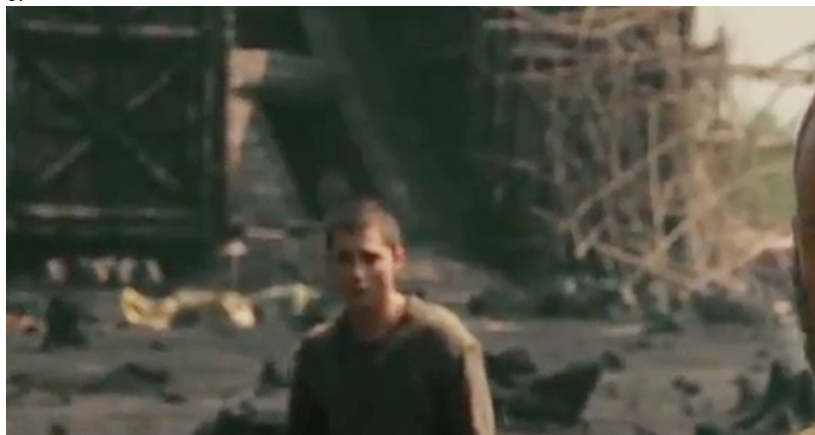
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