

ZEB-Schooner Life

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“Zeb Schooner Life” Tops Accolade Competition

EDGARTOWN, MA – *Zeb Schooner Life*, a film documentary produced by Detrick Lawrence Productions of Edgartown, has won the prestigious Best of Show Award from the California-based Accolade Competition. The award was given for a documentary which features an exceptional story line.

The film, produced by Detrick Lawrence Productions of Edgartown, explores the life and times of Captain Zeb Tilton – who kept alive a way of life, moving freight under sail, long after others had consigned it to the dustbin of history. It also tells the story of the *Alice S. Wentworth*, his iconic schooner and role of schooners in American maritime history. Gordon Massingham of Tisbury directed the film, which includes more than thirty interviews with people who knew Zeb and schooner experts and historians from around New England.

The Accolade recognizes film and television professionals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity, and those who produce standout entertainment or contribute to profound social change. Entries are judged by highly qualified professionals in the film and television industry. Thomas Baker, Ph.D., who chairs The Accolade competition, states, “the Accolade is not an easy award to win. Entries are received from around the world. The Accolade helps set the standard for craft and creativity. The judges were pleased with the exceptionally high quality of entries.”

Massingham, no stranger to film festival awards having won 140, says, “Many people put a great deal of effort into making the film a success, so it’s nice to see that work rewarded. We’re hopeful the award will bring the film to the attention of a wider audience.”

Detrick Lawrence, located in Edgartown since 1999, has produced some 200 films. *ZEB-Schooner Life* is based on the book “Zeb, Celebrated Schooner Captain of Martha’s Vineyard,” by Polly Burroughs and premiered this past summer at Vineyard Haven’s Capowack Theater.

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