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Media Release

Zeb Premieres to sold out crowd

EDGARTOWN, MA –*Zeb Schooner Life*, the film documentary about the Vineyard’s legendary schooner Captain Zeb Tilton, opened on June 26 at the Capawock Theater in Vineyard Haven to a sold out audience. The event was a benefit for the Martha’s Vineyard Museum.

Tisbury Selectman Denys Wortman welcomed the crowd on behalf of the town of Tisbury, which was Zeb’s home port. Keith Gorman, Executive Director of the Martha’s Vineyard Museum, spoke as well, praising the historical value of the film and calling it a great gift to the Island.

Zeb Schooner Life examines the life and times of Zebulon Tilton, the famed captain of the iconic schooner *Alice S Wentworth*, and also explores the maritime history of the Vineyard and the legacy that is still evident today. It features more than thirty interviews with Islanders and schooner experts from around New England. Vineyard residents participated in making the film, including narrator Whit Griswold, CBS newsman Mike Wallace, boat builders Nat Benjamin and Ross Gannon, Robert Douglas, several members of the Tilton family and other Islanders. The film is based on the book “Zeb, Celebrated Schooner Captain of Martha’s Vineyard,” by Islander Polly Burroughs.

Following the show, Director Gordon Massingham of Tisbury spoke briefly about the making of the film, which was a labor of love two years in the making. Massingham is President of Detrick Lawrence, a film production company located in Edgartown which has produced more than 150 films, including “Gloucester’s Adventure” a documentary on the rise and fall of the fishing industry told through the story of the schooner *Adventure*, which was broadcast on WGBH.

Following the premiere, a cocktail reception was held at Louisa Gould Gallery in Vineyard Haven.

Future screenings are scheduled, including a July 15 show at the Tabernacle in Oak Bluffs, sponsored by the Martha’s Vineyard Film Society. For more information visit www.zebtilton.com.

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