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***Zeb* opens 2008 MV Film Society season at Tabernacle**

OAK BLUFFS, MA –*Zeb Schooner Life*, a film documentary about the Vineyard’s legendary schooner Captain Zeb Tilton, opened the 2008 season of the Martha’s Vineyard Film Society to an enthusiastic crowd last night at the Tabernacle.

MVFS President Richard Paradise introduced *Zeb* Director Gordon Massingham, who made opening comments, setting the tone for the evening as he spoke about the legend of Zeb Tilton and the *Alice S. Wentworth*, and of Vineyarders’ enduring pride in both the man and his vessel.

The film examines not only the life and times of Zebulon Tilton, but also the maritime history of the Vineyard and the legacy that is still evident today. It features interviews with Islanders and schooner experts from around New England. Vineyard residents participated in making the film, including narrator Whit Griswold, CBS headliner 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.

More than 300 attended the screening at the historic venue, now in its 129th year of providing culture and spiritual events at the Campground.

Massingham, a Tisbury resident, 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 as told through the story of the schooner *Adventure*, which was broadcast on WGBH.

Future *Zeb* screenings are scheduled on the Island, including an August 1 show at the Chilmark Library and an August 20 show at the Old Whaling Church in Edgartown, featuring a special appearance by *Sixty Minutes* newsman Mike Wallace.

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