

# **DETRICK LAWRENCE**

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## **Media Release**

### **Vineyard voices featured in *Zeb* motion picture**

EDGARTOWN, MA – Several Vineyard residents – or more accurately their voices – will be featured in the upcoming film/documentary “Zeb – Schooner Life,” which is being produced by Detrick Lawrence Productions of Edgartown. The film tells the story of Zeb Tilton (1866-1952), a legendary schooner captain from the Vineyard and his iconic vessel, the *Alice S. Wentworth*, as well as the history of schooners, the schooner trade, and its legacy. It is scheduled for a Spring, 2008 opening.

The voice of Zeb Tilton is played by Jon Harris, who has been an Island resident off and on since the early 1970’s. Jon, who is a distance energy healer and enjoys playing blues piano, taught in the Vineyard school system until 2006. His interest in the film began when a friend spotted the notice for auditions in a local newspaper. This is his first voice-over for a professional production.

Whit Griswold, copy editor/proofreader for *The Martha’s Vineyard Times*, plays the voice of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Cape Cod historian Henry Kittredge. Whit has been a summer resident of the Vineyard since 1944 and a permanent resident for ten years. A passionate fisherman, his previous endeavors include serving as Editor of *Fishing* magazine and acting as a charter fishing guide. Whit came upon a press release for voice auditions for the film and decided to pursue it because he has long been complimented for his ‘radio’ voice.

Fred Hotchkiss, a native Vineyarder born and raised, is the voice of John Leavitt, who sailed on the *Alice Wentworth* during the 1920’s and later became curator of Mystic Seaport. Although Fred left the Island for a time to pursue a career in manufacturing, he returned a few years ago with his wife Anita. Educated as a paleontologist, he has always been involved in marine research, and last year won a grant from the Martha’s Vineyard Cultural Commission to develop an educational program on starfish, which he presents around the island.

Detrick Lawrence, located in Edgartown since 1999, 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. Gordon Massingham of the company is directing the film, which includes more than thirty interviews with islanders and schooner experts from around New England. An island premiere is planned for June.

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