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ZEB FILM PREMIERES ABOARD SHIP

OFF WRECK ISLAND, MAINE- “ZEB- Schooner Life,” the documentary about the legendary schooner Captain Zeb Tilton, had its premiere screening at sea September 4th aboard the Schooner *Heritage*, anchored north of Wreck Island in Penobscot Bay. The *Heritage’s* crew and passengers crowded into the schooner’s galley for the screening, presented by the film’s director, Gordon Massingham who was aboard.

The *Heritage’s* Captain Doug Lee is a featured interview in the film which provides extensive background on the history and development of the schooner and how the schooner trade transitioned into today’s Maine Windjammer fleet.

Among those in the audience was Barbara Compton of Wellesley, MA, a passenger aboard the *Heritage* who, almost fifty years ago, also had been a passenger aboard the *Alice S. Wentworth*, Zeb Tilton’s iconic schooner. The *Wentworth* survived Captain Tilton to spend some years in the Maine Windjammer trade in the late fifties and early sixties. Mrs. Compton was pleased to tell of the many advances in passenger comforts aboard schooners in the ensuing years.

During the film, Captain Doug Lee points out that the *Heritage*, which now takes passengers for weeklong sailing trips along the Maine Coast, was built from a design inspired by the *Wentworth*. The *Wentworth* was scheduled to be restored with a federal grant in 1974 at Doug and Linda Lee’s North End Shipyard in Rockland, Maine when she was destroyed by an untimely blizzard at a wharf in Boston.

More information about “ZEB- Schooner Life” can be found on the film’s web site at www.zebtilton.com. More can be learned about the *Heritage* at www.schoonerheritage.com.

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