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ZEB AND CHANTEYS AT THE OLD WHALING CHURCH

EDGARTOWN, MA- Favorite songs of the famous singing Tiltons and chanteys of Vineyard whalemens sparked an evening of entertainment capped off by a screening of the new documentary, "ZEB- Schooner Life" to an appreciative audience at the famous Old Whaling Church on Wednesday.

Captain Zebulon Northrup Tilton was descended from a long line of Tiltons, the second European family to settle on Martha's Vineyard. The Tiltons became famous down through the centuries for their singing voices. Mark Alan Lovewell led off the evening with a collection of the Tilton's favorite songs including "Rolling Home to Sweet New England" and "Granny's Old Armchair."

William, Captain Zeb's older brother also went to sea, but as a chanteyman- hired on for the express purpose of leading work crews in song. Tisbury Selectman and folksinger Tristan Israel provided sea chanteys of Vineyard whalemens including "They Advertise in Boston" and "Cape Cod Girls."

"ZEB-Schooner Life's" Director, Gordon Massingham, introduced the film, noting that the Old Whaling Church played a role. While Captain Zeb Tilton went into the schooner trade where he became a legend, many Vineyard boys at the time of his youth went in search of whale oil. Among them was another Zeb sibling, George Fred Tilton, who became a famous whaling captain.

The next screening of “ZEB-Schooner Life” is planned for the Katherine Cornell Theater on Spring Street in Vineyard Haven on Saturday, August 30. More information can be found on the film’s web site at www.zebtilton.com.

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