

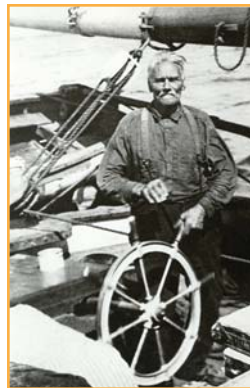
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Voyage to a Vanished World

It seems that small offshore islands develop a strong character that belies their size and, not surprisingly, give rise to unique characters who are immediately connected with sailing and the sea. Martha's Vineyard, south of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, is such a place, and Zebulon Tilton, Vineyard native and schoonerman, described in the new film *Zeb-Schooner Life*, as the "vineyard Paul Bunyan, John Henry, and Casanova," was such a person.

When Zeb was born, in 1865, the whaling industry was already in decline. As skipper and eventual owner of the 73-foot two-masted gaff schooner *Alice S. Wentworth*, he hauled general cargo up and down the coast and developed a well-deserved reputation for skilled ship handling, inspired navigation, and an eye for the ladies. Legend has it that he sailed the *Alice* into Newport Harbor, Rhode Island, during an America's Cup race and outpaced the Cup defender.



ZEB-SCHOONER LIFE

Detrick Lawrence Productions,
2008 Video
83 minutes, \$24.95
(order from www.zebtilton.com)

Various Tilton relatives and islanders appear on camera to share anecdotes, Vineyard folklore, and their memories of their outsize, funny, and notorious friend and relative. What's more, you'll learn much about New England sailors, their ships, and the sea. **A.U.**