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ZEB TILTON TROPHY GOES TO JUNO

VINEYARD HAVEN, MA- *Juno*, the first schooner across the line in the annual Pat West Gaff-Rigged Race, was awarded the new Zeb Tilton Trophy on Saturday at post race ceremonies at the Gannon and Benjamin Shipyard on Martha's Vineyard. Captained by Scott DiBiaso, the 65 foot Nat Benjamin designed *Juno* finished the ten mile course under light winds in two hours and 38 minutes.

The Zeb Tilton Trophy was donated by Detrick Lawrence Productions who produced a recent documentary film about the famed Vineyard-based Captain Zeb Tilton who was fond of racing his iconic coastal schooner the *Alice S. Wentworth*. The trophy was designed by Zeb's General Store of Conway, NH, also named after the legendary captain. The cup has been deeded to the race as a perpetual trophy.

Gordon Massingham, the director of the film presented the trophy to *Juno* owner, Robert Soros, noting that Zeb Tilton knew nothing of handicapping, so thus the award to the first vessel home. The 42 foot Alden schooner, *Malabar*, captained by Jim Lobdell was the overall winner on corrected time. Ten other vessels participated in the race.

The documentary, *ZEB- Schooner Life*, in addition to telling a tale of Tilton outracing America's Cup yachts, devotes extensive coverage to the development of the schooner and includes footage of both *Juno* and *Malabar* as well as an interview with designer Nat Benjamin. More information about the film can be found at www.zebtilton.com.

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The schooner Juno, first across the line in the Gaff-Rigged Race



Zeb Tilton trophy awarded to Juno. Pictured from l. to r. Jim Lobdell of Malabar, winner on corrected time; Robert Soros, owner of Juno, and Gordon Massingham Director of "ZEB-Schooner Life." Photo by Louisa Gould



Schooners at the start of the annual Pat West Gaff Rigged race