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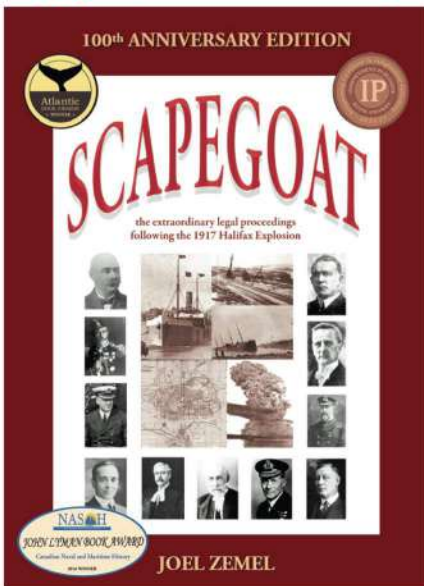
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# “Scapegoat” book wins the prestigious International **JOHN LYMAN AWARD** (Canadian Naval and Maritime History)

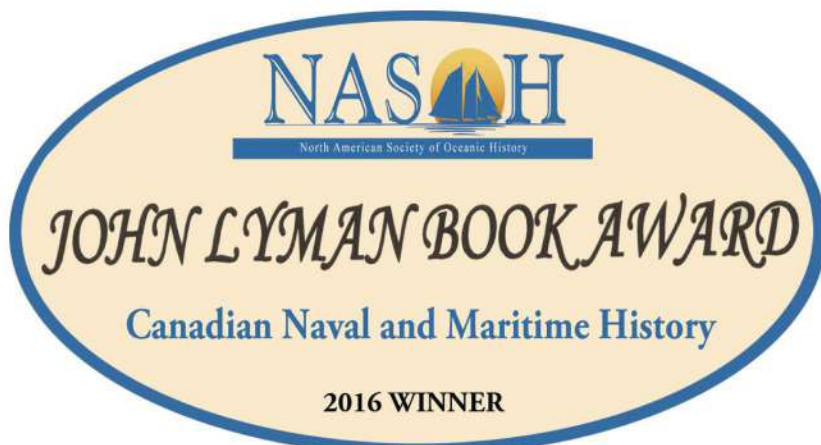
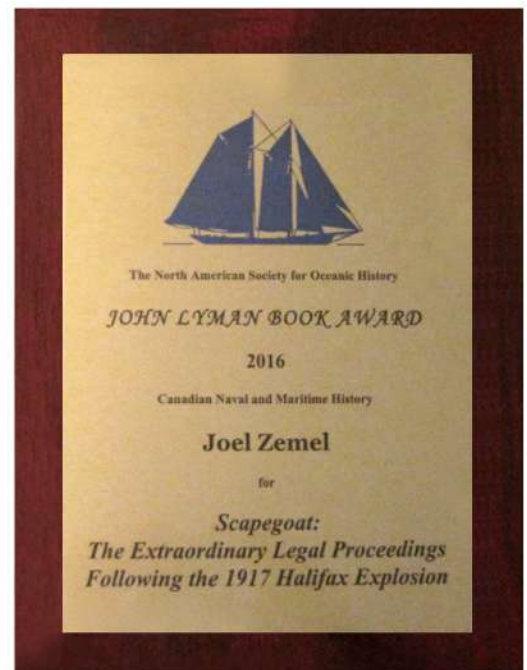
*Scapegoat, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition*, was recently announced as the 2016 winner of the prestigious *International John Lyman Award*. The award was for books published in 2016, and was announced by the *North American Society for Oceanic History* (NASOH) in June, 2017. The cover, award sticker and plaque are attached.



The *John Lyman Book Awards* are given annually by the *North American Society for Oceanic History* (NASOH) to recognise excellence in “books, authors and editors that contribute significantly to the understanding of the maritime and naval history of North America, its rivers and lakes and adjoining oceans”. These awards are named after Professor John Lyman of the University of North Carolina. There are six awards: five for the USA and one for Canada.

*Scapegoat*, the amazing story of the post-Halifax Explosion (December 6, 1917) legal proceedings has won several previous awards, with the first edition winning the 2014 *Atlantic Book Award* (*Robbie Robertson Dartmouth Book Award*) for the best non-fiction book published in Atlantic Canada that year. That was followed in 2015 with a bronze medal in the *International Independent Publisher Awards (IPPY)*.

This new edition was released early (late 2016) as an updated edition for the *100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion* to be memorialized on December 6, 2017. This edition has been thoroughly edited and revised, with many re-organized & consolidated appendices, as well as all-new additional chapters (28 new pages ... see details of additions on p.2 of this release.



## PRESS RELEASE CONTINUED:

### NEW MATERIAL:

1. A new chapter on the “Ships in the Harbour” on that fateful day ... 41 vessels with 33 accompanying photos;
2. Another new detailed chapter on the first Royal Naval College of Canada, founded in 1911 in Halifax, but moved to the west coast after the devastation of Halifax.
3. An important detailed *time line from Collision to the Explosion* itself (very popular at talks/presentations).
4. Complete witness lists for trials, commissions, appeals.
5. Seventy (70) additional historical photos (many never previously seen - many from USA and UK)

### CONSULTANT:

Author, Joel Zemel is the **historical and design consultant** for Canada Post Corporation’s 2017 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the **Halifax Explosion Stamp Project** - (Official First Day Cover to be released on 6 November 2017). He is also the historical consultant for an upcoming online interactive presentation on the explosion by the **Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)**. Generally, Joel is the “go to person” on the Explosion for much of the media regionally and nationally ... and he has been an historical consultant and official supplier of unique photos for several new Atlantic Publisher’s titles for the 2017 Explosion Anniversary.

### Public Events with Joel Zemel:

A. Canadian Nautical Research Society - CNRS-RCN Historical Conference 2017

Admiralty House (Naval Museum of Halifax) Friday Morning (8:30-1:30), 11 August 2017:

Alan Ruffman & Joel Zemel, *The 1917 Explosion Cloud as seen in Halifax Harbour: An Ephemeral Signal for Help*

B. The **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Halifax Explosion lecture** at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic: December, 5; 7 PM (Small Craft Gallery). [Joel also delivered the MMA official lecture on the 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to standing room only crowd].

### NEW Book by Joel Zemel (September, 2017)

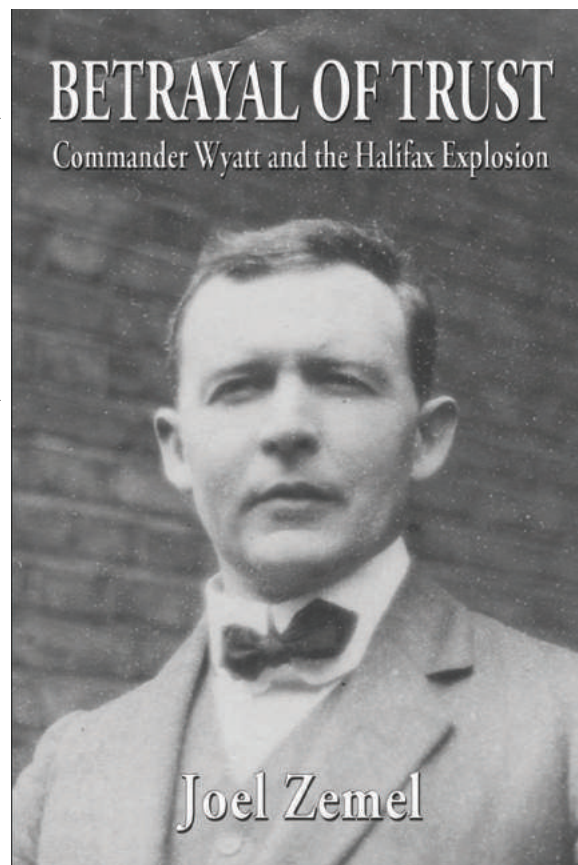
***Betrayal of Trust: Commander Wyatt and the Halifax Explosion:*** the story of Commander F. Evan Wyatt, the only person criminally charged and subsequently acquitted in connection with this tragic event. Fascinating personal story of Wyatt’s early life in UK, his schooling, as RCN examining officer in Halifax Harbour (1917) criminal charges, trial, acquittal, plus divorce and subsequent long life afterwards in the USA. **ISBN 9781895814767 - \$19.95; e-book-\$9.99** New World Publishing will publicly release this title on September 16 at the 2017 Word on the Street festival (check with the New World booth - Queen Street end of Publishers’ tent).

Respectfully submitted,

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