

To our clients, colleagues and friends,

It is with deep regret and sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Olin J. Stephens, one of the founders of Sparkman & Stephens, at 100 years of age. Olin was clearly one of the most prominent and prolific yacht designer of our time, an inspiration to all those involved with yachts and yachting, its history and traditions. He was a yacht designer with great design intelligence and talent, yet he exhibited the same modest, thoughtful and genuinely caring demeanor regardless of whether he was discussing design with the lay enthusiast rebuilding his Tartan 34 in his garage on a shoestring or a top sailor at America's Cup level.

We know that you share in our feelings of loss and sympathy as we extend sincere condolences to his family.

Best regards,
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