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BOAT DESIGN TURNS 50

WAREHAM — The Shields One Design Sailboat design turns 50. The first 20 Shields One design Sailboats were built by Cape Cod Shipbuilding Co. in 1963 in Wareham. The Shields is a traditional 30' fiberglass sloop with an active One Design Association that has fleets across the country.

The Shields was conceived by Cornelius Shields who turned to Sparkman & Stephens to cre-

ate a strict one design sailboat for maritime cadets to understand how sailboats perform. The Shields Class Association was formed in Larchmont, N.Y. and many fleets followed; some established with donations by Cornelius Shields to maritime academies and others formed at private yacht clubs around throughout country.

Almost 260 Shields have been built since 1962. There are currently active racing fleets of Shields in: Larchmont, Greenwich and Mystic, Conn., Chicago, Northern Massachusetts, Oyster Bay, N.Y., Irvine, Monterey and Long Beach, Calif., Edgartown, Newport, R.I., Marion and Oxford, Md.

The 49th Annual Shields National Regatta will be held this year at Tred Avon Yacht Club in Oxford, Md. The 50th Annual Shields Nationals will take place in Long Island Sound hosted by the Larchmont Yacht Club.