Don’t tell Olin Stephens that this Friday the 13th is an unlucky day – after all, it is his 99th birthday. But before that happens, the world-renowned yacht designer headed south from his home in New Hampshire to Rhode Island to visit one of his first successes, the 52-foot yawl, Dorade, which is being restored to its former glory. Olin designed Dorade in his early 20s and in so doing, launched a new era of yacht design. Olin went on to design many of the America’s Cup defenders, including the J-class boat Ranger. His firm Sparkman and Stephens also designed the 12-metres Columbia, Constellation, Freedom, Intrepid and Courageous. For his many contributions to the sport of sailing, in 1964 Olin was awarded US SAILING’s most prestigious award, the Nathanael G. Herreshoff Trophy. He also received US SAILING’s National Sportsmanship Trophy in 2004. Occasionally, Olin still gets out to race, although he regrets that it is not as often as he used to. Nevertheless, he is further proof that sailing is a lifetime sport. Happy Birthday, Olin!