



## Mary O. Etchells

November 28, 2006

Mary O'Toole Etchells, a world champion sailor who founded a successful women's sportswear manufacturing company, died at her home in Easton, MD, on November 28, 2006. She was 85.

Born in Baltimore, MD, on January 30, 1921, Mary graduated from the College of New Rochelle in New York. In 1941, she married E.W. "Skip" Etchells, a naval architect, boat builder and world-class sailor. They sailed together as skipper and crew, and Mary handled the business side of things at the company Skip founded, Old Greenwich Boat Co., in Old Greenwich, Conn. In 1951 at Gibson Island, MD, Skip and Mary captured the world championship in the Star class of racing sailboats. Mary became, and remains, the only woman to win a Star class world championship.

With her friend and neighbor Barbara Reynes, Mary later founded Meadowbank Inc., a manufacturer of women's sportswear. Mary's husband Skip, after retiring from the boatbuilding business, became a regular at Meadowbank, continuing their partnership. They eventually sold Meadowbank and retired, moving to a home on Shipshead Creek in Easton. Skip died in December 1998 at 87. They were married for 57 years.

Mary is survived by her daughter Anne and husband Eric Krebeck of Easton; her son Tim Etchells and wife Betsy of Middlebury, Vt.; three grandchildren,

Eric Nieuwma of Orlando, Fla., Emily McCarren of Honolulu and Peter Etchells of Middlebury; sister Anne Page of Fairfield, Conn.; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, George O'Toole.

A service will be held December 4 at 11 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Easton. Burial will follow in Oxford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Mary's name to the Tred Avon Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program, P.O. Box 337, Oxford, MD 21654.

Arrangements are by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton, MD.

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