

The RHODES 22

“ Easier to sail than a motorboat is to motor “

If you share The Rhodes birth year, you are young at 50. The Rhodes at 50 is old, historically very old for continuous in production sailboats at this premiere 50 year old show. What better testimony that renowned naval architect Phil Rhodes got it right. Ongoing creativity throughout its historic longevity has kept the Rhodes the newest, and best of trailing sailboats, for all the rewarding reasons sailing reaches out to be part of your life.

If the Rhodes is new to you: You should know that Rhodes aesthetics and comfort shapes and dimensions are by the aircraft industries industrial design team Ten Eyck Associates, its better and better nature, born from the priceless feedback of owners adventures: Sailing to Bimini, The Dry Tortugas, Block Island, The San Juan Islands, Baja, some single handed. We vetoed Hawaii. The Rhodes would make it, not sure the skipper would.

In striving to have everyone dreaming of a Rhodes, sailing a Rhodes, General Boats offers price categories from \$7K to \$70K. So take all the time you want bombarding the show crew with all your questions. They are unpaid volunteers, here from as far away as Canada, to share their joy in sailing a Rhodes; even taking you for a demo sail. No need to take notes or pictures at the show, our 2 home made, but interesting, picture packed sites will help with your homework. The GB site, on Apple's no longer supported I-Web, is teetering, but remains extremely information intensive.

www.usedrhodes.com and **www.generalboats.com**

If you have concluded the Rhodes is for you, consider the savings on the show boats. Or, placing a fully refundable deposit for proposals on recycled Rhodes with new boat guarantees, finished to your specifications, for delivery on a day of your choosing. Still mulling. Visit the plant for a test sail or an overnight rental, cruising the Albemarle. Sailing with an owner near you is also a possibility. Still a few decision years away? A Rhodes has been waiting for you for 50 years; waiting another year or two is OK.

On a personal note: As founder of General Boats 60 years ago, my 2 right hands now gone, at 92 I need partnering for General Boat's next 60 years. The possibilities of where GB's groundwork can now take this enterprise are guaranteed to amaze. Start an e-mail conversation. Or even an in person one here at the show. **stan@rhodes22.com**