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THE SPORTING LIFE

Mashpee Commons, Cape Cod, MA

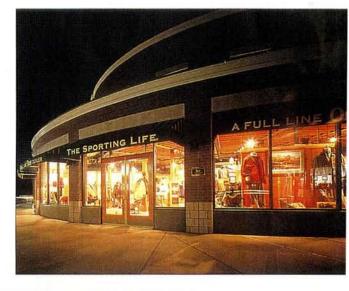
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IN A SPACE that was originally a brick bank building in the Mashpee Commons in Cape Cod, MA, the Orvis Company introduced a new concept store to the resort area. The new store is The Sporting Life.

According to the designer Jill Neubauer of Jill Neubauer Architects of Falmouth, MA, "The store represents the warmth and genuineness of the products being sold." The original facade was pulled out to fill in a recessed colonnade and when the 8 ft. 6 in.-high plaster ceiling was removed, the architects found the "radiating structure." Not only did the designer utilize that feature but they emphasized it and brought the ceiling up to its fullest height. The mechanical, electrical and HVAC systems were



redesigned and exposed. The ceiling was sandblasted and new, heavy floor joist hangers were installed.

The walls of the interior are made of vertical grain fir wood. The wall system of built-ins, cubbies and display furniture were also custom designed by the architect and built of fir. "The display walls have hangers and a shelf on the inside of the store but act as a display background for the exterior of the store." Adding to the warm glow of the store is the lighting plan. Jura green limestone is used to top the check-out counter and it develops a rich patina with use and age.

The store's product lines include gear for travel, fly fishing and the appropriate Sporting Life apparel.

