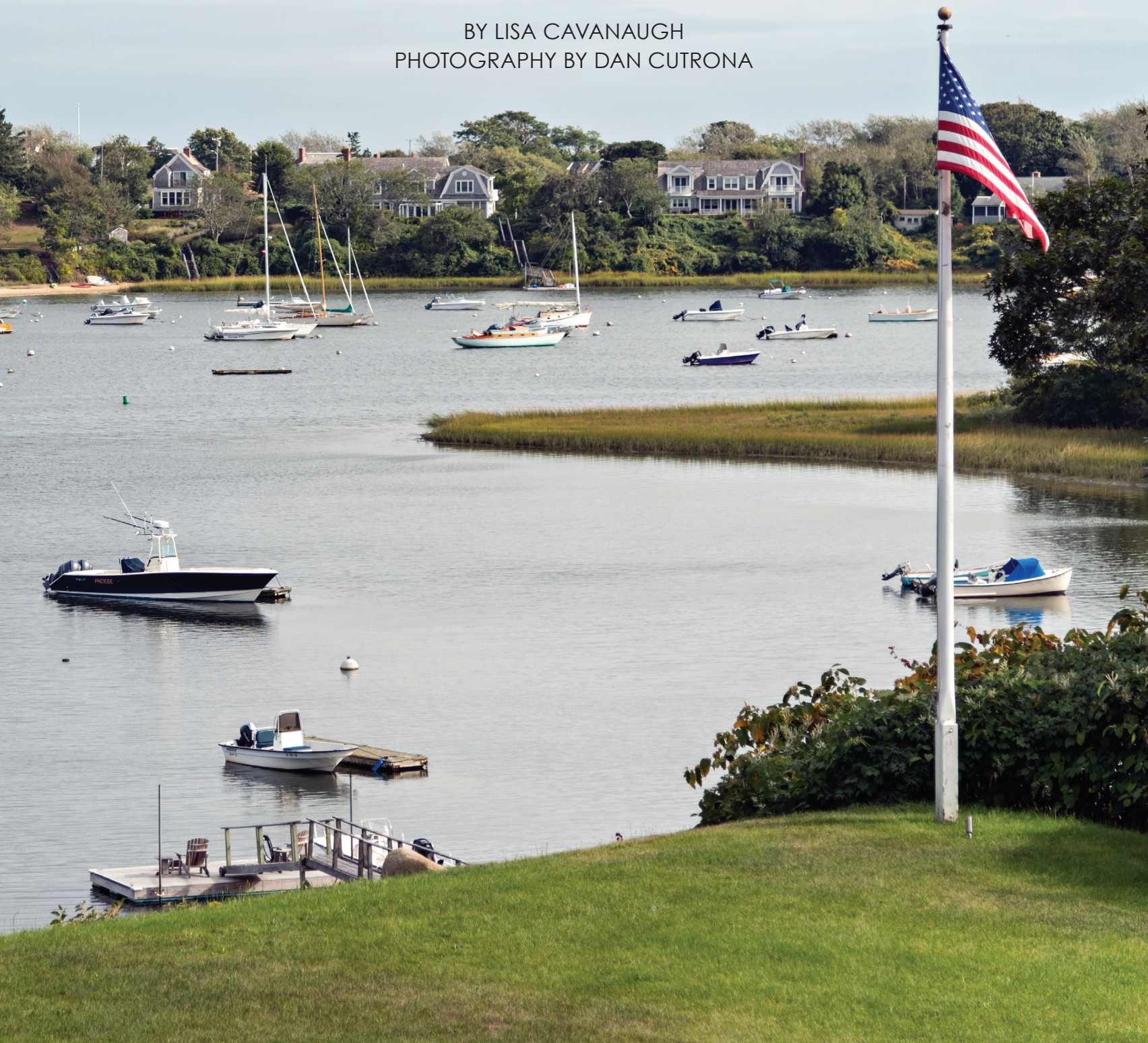


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A new Chatham home
is crafted to provide a
summer's worth of ease.

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Stunning water views anchor the functional yet sleek kitchen.

Summer memories infused the graceful property situated on a saltwater pond in Chatham, MA. For more than a decade, a large and active family had relished their seasons in the sun on the elbow of Cape Cod in their beloved older home, but with everyone growing up, it appeared time to tear down. The couple and their five sons had the good fortune to choose SV Design to design their new, larger house.

"The homeowners wanted to preserve their amazing view and maintain plenty of yard for play and relaxation," says the team at SV Design, a Cape Cod and North Shore-based architecture and interior design firm. But they also needed more socializing space, room for the many guests that visited each year, and the whole family had their hearts set on a pool. They agreed that the plan should include keeping the existing separate garage, which meant the new design would find the house spreading off into two wings on either side of a welcoming front portico under a gambrel roof. Cape-based C.H. Newton Builders were tasked with constructing the spectacularly designed home. The two

teams worked seamlessly together, especially as there was an urgency to try to complete the project in time for summer vacation - and a houseful of boisterous boys. Each side of the equation - design, and build - added their own knowledge and skill to the process.

The home's exterior has a classic Cape feel, with a Shingle Style design, while the interior reflects a modern family's lifestyle. It has a beachy yet sophisticated look, with clean lines, transitional decor, and carefully placed built-in bookcases, window seats, and stairwell nooks to maximize chill downtime. SV Design worked with Classic Kitchens & Interiors, located in Hyannis, on the open kitchen. Two islands - one for cooking and prep and one for eating and chatting - dominate the expansive space, which has stellar views of the water. The wide over-sink window is framed by cabinet columns in a soft blue-grey, housing a Sub-Zero Refrigerator on one side and dual Wolf ovens on the other.

An adjacent dining room with a white inset buffet and modern table offers space for more formal dinners, yet the sliding glass doors, with a view of the lawn and water, give the nod to the





casual shore life. The living room and study, each with a gas fireplace and plenty of seating, provide convivial gathering spots, while other private corners in the home surprise with soft chairs, padded and wooden benches, and ceramic tables, perfect for holding a drink or book.

The interior design team at SV Design chose a soft palette of ecru, taupe, celadon, and sky blue, with pops of navy and teal scattered throughout in soft furnishings and wall art. Elegant metal accents - in lighting fixtures and occasional tables - add refreshing icy shimmers to the warmth of the

rooms. The central quarter-turn stairwell is a soothing ascension of white wood with dark railings, while a secondary staircase is a slim, curved steep adventure that leads up from a hall with a circular tray ceiling and nautical telescope, ready for star gazing.

The bedrooms reflect the same aesthetic serenity as the common rooms, with soothing-toned armchairs and natural materials. The upper-level balcony, which travels the length of the back of the house, and faces the inlet, allows for moments of natural repose from nearly every room on the second floor.



The design of the home was focused on bringing the sense of the outdoors inside, with plenty of windows, decks and natural hues.

The architectural plan ensured that every opportunity to experience the outdoors was taken. Glass doors on the first floor lead to a water-facing semicircular stone patio with outdoor dining for a crowd. At the same time, the other wing's exterior space includes the pool and spa, an outdoor shower, a grilling area, and plenty of loungers for every member of the extended family as well as an adjacent fire pit area off the lower-level game room.



Enjoyment of the waterside location is enhanced by SV Design's decision to give both levels of the home maximum views and outdoor access.



The Chatham home offers outdoor dining at its finest, ready for a summer's worth of memories.

Architect & Interior Design: SV Design
Builder: C.H. Newton Builders
Landscape Architect: Jenick Studio



Jenick Studio, a landscape architecture and consulting firm in Sandwich, MA, partnered with SV Design to create a simple and natural landscape to mirror the relaxed mood of the home and the owners. The company stresses its commitment to environmental stewardship of the sensitive landscapes of the Cape. Taking their cues from the iconic setting, Jenick's design included hydrangeas, roses, flowering trees, and native evergreens.

With a commanding position on the water, multiple windows, decks, and patios, and a circular widow's walk on the roof, the home could feel imposing. But instead, the overall plan from SV Design was sensitive to the locale, thoughtful in scale, and ultimately successful for the clients. The family continues to grow, as do the memories of life on the Cape, now with a marvelous and perfect home to experience it all in.