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SANCTUARY by the ocean

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On the western part of Fire Island, sandwiched between the Great South Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, lies
THE SECLUDED HAVEN OF SALTAIRE.

A testament to its name, this coastal hamlet is a seasonal respite for those who relish the tonic of briny breezes and fresh sea air. Even after sustaining damage from Hurricane Sandy, Saltaire is still a highly desirable place to live and the homes that remain have proven their resilience. »





A stacked stone fireplace in the family room adds a linear feel to the contemporary design.

The family room, outfitted in a neutral color scheme, has sweeping views of the ocean.



Just off Lighthouse Road is a 3,600-square-foot, six-bedroom, six-bath home that was rebuilt after Sandy by Fire Island-based contractor Mike Wood. “The owners wanted a low maintenance design with an organic component,” describes Rose Ott of Rose Ott Design, who worked with Wood to outfit the new home. “We incorporated smooth oak, natural stone and other raw materials to achieve that look.”

Upon entering the contemporary home, visitors walk up a few short steps to get to the main level, where they are introduced to the great room that looks out onto a deck. Awash in neutral tones with a punch of blue, this room features a generously sized built-in bar with a wine refrigerator, dry storage and shell backsplash, which Ott chose to mirror



The focal point of the dining room is a live edge table made from African Iroko wood.



the ocean reflecting off sunlight. This concept is also maintained via an area rug in blue and sand tones, designed to mimic the sky, water and sun.

Of note is the stacked stone fireplace that anchors the space and provides visual contrast. “We wanted a straight edge and linear feel to create a more contemporary atmosphere,” explains Ott. Window treatments are used for privacy purposes and are hardly visible to the naked eye, so as not to create any visual obstruction. “We didn’t use a lot of wall art because the view is the artwork,” says Ott.



The eat-in kitchen features two dishwashers, a convection oven and hidden dumbwaiter.

On the other side of the bar is the dining room, which boasts a live edge table fashioned from ancient African Iroko wood. Paired with chairs from Crate & Barrel, the look represents a marriage of high and lower-end design styles. To top it all off, the room has a linear minimalist LED pendant fixture overhead for adequate lighting, post-sunset.

The eat-in kitchen maintains the home's neutral color palette and features high-top seating in a crisp black-and-white print at the center island. Fully-stocked amenities include two dishwashers, a convection oven and polyester cabinets. Ott explains, "Everything warps near the ocean and this plastic is very durable in the salt air."

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A custom bed and headboard, with built-in niches that substitute for nightstands, is a highlight of the master bedroom.



The master bath is designed with organic pebble tile and natural stone.

The hidden gem of this space: a dumbwaiter installed to the left of the oven that enables homeowners to transport drinks and food to the deck for outdoor entertaining.

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When day is done, the master bedroom on the main floor beckons with its custom-made bed and headboard, with built-in niches on either side in place of nightstands. Swing-arm lamps provide ample light for bedtime reading and can easily move up and out of the way when not in use. Five additional bedrooms, each with upholstered headboards in different colors, and five baths comprise the bottom level of this home.

The master bath includes a shower lined with organic pebble tile and natural stone—another nod to the waterfront setting. “The homeowners wanted an outdoor shower, but we went with this instead to give that same illusion,” says Ott. Louvers installed in the shower provide privacy, while permitting a view out to the ocean.

In Saltaire, it’s a view that’s difficult to miss—and one worth savoring. *LIL*

Pamela Brill, a lifestyle journalist living in Northport, aspires to live in a house by the water, but for now will settle for a home within walking distance.