

WOW ON THE WATER

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SOME FOLKS DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES TO GO ON VACATION.

Sherrie Pellini's home in Mamaroneck's historic, gated Edgewater Point Association is a vacation.

"I love the area. I love my house," says the warm, chatty Pellini. "When friends invite me to go away with them, I don't even feel like going."

You wouldn't either. The house — whose 1.5-acre waterfront site once contained the home of pioneering movie director DW. Griffith — was designed in 1999 by architect Robert Keller to mimic the fluidity of the maritime ex-

perience. The result is as yare as a superyacht.

The open floor plan has undulating hallways and archways. The main floor offers curving views of Larchmont Harbor, the Larchmont Yacht Club and, on a clear day, that latter-day Emerald City — Manhattan. (The house is just 35 minutes away.) Upstairs, the views are only of the water.

"I feel like I'm on a ship," Pellini says. "When I walk through, I feel like I'm floating."

With a home like this, who needs the Hamptons?

But the house is much more than a summer getaway or fair-weather weekend retreat.

"It's beautiful even in the winter," Pellini says from the two-story great room. With its stone fireplace and butterscotch-colored wood niches, "it feels like I'm in a ski chalet."

Other main floor features include a professional home office, airy living and dining rooms, each with commanding views of the harbor; a suite that's ideal for live-in help; and a gourmet chef's kitchen with two of everything — stoves, refrigerators and sinks plus an island range and a warming drawer.

Upstairs, you'll find a media room, the laundry, and the remaining five bedrooms, one of which has been turned into a home gym complete with reinforced flooring.

Each bedroom has a skylit en suite bath, a deck and, Pellini says, its own character. The master suite boasts a sitting area, a bath with a double shower and a Jacuzzi tub, a vanity area and closet space the size of many Manhattan apartments. Throughout the house, the closets and drawers are both spacious and unobtrusive. Two bedrooms actually share a Jack and Jill bath and a deck. Each of



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EDGEWATER POINT AT A GLANCE

- ≈ Mamaroneck
- ≈ 8,004 square feet
- ≈ 1.5 acres
- ≈ Bedrooms: 6 (one converted to a home gym)
- ≈ Baths: 8
- ≈ Amenities: Gated community, 350 linear feet of direct waterfront, private member beach and dock, salt-water pool, fully stocked pool house, three-car garage, media room, Crestron automated system
- ≈ \$7,895,000

these has a ladder that leads to a small loft, perfect for the junior "pirates" in your life. The last bedroom has an octagonal ceiling.

But before Pellini even saw all this, the causeway had her at hello. It fans out to the harbor and, beyond that, the Long Island Sound as you wind along the road past residents jogging and walking their dogs.

The property boasts 350 linear feet of direct waterfront uninhibited by the meticulously manicured grounds that contain a salt-water pool, a fully stocked

pool house and a three-car garage. A private member beach and dock underscores the sense of security that Pellini has had in this gated community.

So who would want to leave?

Pellini says it's time. Family in Stamford beckons. So does travel. Now she's looking for an apartment with a doorman.

"Easy," she says. ■

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