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CITATION / CUSTOM PERIOD OR VERNACULAR HOUSE

PETER ZIMMERMAN ARCHITECTS BAYBERRY POINT FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

This timeless piece of coastal land had been in the clients' family for several generations, and when it came time to build on it, they requested something that would fit into Cape Cod's cultural and historic landscape. Peter Zimmerman Architects gave them a house that's classically proportioned and simply detailed, a modern version of the turn-of-thecentury coastal New England house. Its first-floor living spaces flow out to a western terrace overlooking the ocean, and to a sitting porch on the north that takes in picturesque views of a tidal pond and protected land. Continuous windows, a tone-on-tone material palette, and an unfettered floor plan achieve a sense of transparency and light that makes the interior seem larger than it is.

Exterior walls are clad in red cedar shingles, as is the roof, whose Dutch gambrel form helps keep the house's scale in check. "It's a particularly beneficial shape when you're trying to create bedrooms, which in vacation houses





are critical because the owners want to accommodate as many guests as they can," says Peter Zimmerman, AIA. "The Dutch gambrel gives us the ability to have more space for the second-floor bedrooms while keeping a lower profile. It feels like a one-story house with dormers." There are four en-suite bedrooms, one on the first floor and three upstairs, including the main bedroom, which opens to a porch.

The firm's design of a calm, gracious retreat granted the owners' wish for something that looks iconic when viewed from the water, as though it has always been there.—*Cheryl Weber*

PROJECT CREDITS

ARCHITECT: Peter Zimmerman, AIA, principal in charge; Richard Pinkerton, RA, Peter Zimmerman Architects, Berwyn, Pennsylvania BUILDER: Ralph Cataldo, Cataldo Custom Builders, Falmouth, Massachusetts INTERIOR DESIGNER: Mary Hastings Interiors, Berwyn, Pennsylvania LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: Dan Solien, Botanica Fine Gardens, Falmouth PROJECT SIZE: 4,969 square feet SITE SIZE: 15+ acres CONSTRUCTION COST: Withheld

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CEILING FANS: Big Ass Fans CLADDING: #1 Blue Label red cedar shingles COOKTOP: Thermador DISHWASHER: Asko DOOR HARDWARE: Emtek DOORS/WINDOWS: Andersen ENGINEERED LUMBER: TJI Joists FAUCETS: Kohler, Moen GARAGE DOORS: Saw Mill Creek HVAC: Hydro-Air Heating & Cooling Systems OUTDOOR GRILL: Napoleon Prestige OVENS: Thermador REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER: Sub-Zero

KEY PRODUCTS

RETRACTABLE SCREENS: Cape Cod Retractable SINKS: Franke, Elkay TOILETS/BIDETS: Kohler TUB: BainUltra Meridian, Kohler UNDERLAYMENT/SHEATHING: AdvanTech WASHER/DRYER: Electrolux WINE REFRIGERATOR: Sub-Zero