

shared with the living room.

(top right, opposite page) The house is situated in the Oysterman's Row Historic District, near the waterfront. Outdoor elements include balconies, a private garden with stone patio, a potting room and an attached garage.

(left) The sunny kitchen is outfitted with handcrafted cabinetry, a marble-topped island, an Ilve Majestic oven range and hood and radiant floor heating.

(bottom right, opposite page) The third floor hall has a cozy built-in daybed.



Christine Straden on Rowayton, CT

Residents: 4,000 Avg. Home Price: \$1,300,000

Highlights of living here: Rowayton, one of Connecticut's most picturesque beach towns, is located just east of Darien along the stunning coastline of Long Island Sound and the Norwalk Islands. The active, family-oriented community is the perfect weekend escape destination, as well as an enticing place to settle down and plant roots.

The lifestyle in Rowayton: Relaxed and sophisticated. Surrounded by water on three sides, Rowayton is a water-sport enthusiast's dream, offering countless opportunities for boaters, sailors or beachcombers. Traditional town events include the Fourth of July fireworks, River Ramble, Shakespeare on the Sound and the summer concert series.

Ideal buyer for the area: Rowayton attracts a wide range of buyers, from young families and singles to downsizers and retirees. It's also quite international. It offers a lifestyle which can be found in many European towns where you can run your errands by bike and children can walk to school or to their sports events. It almost feels that the town becomes an extension of your backyard.

Favorite spots in town: That's a secret! There are many great spots you can enjoy year-round. My favorites include having breakfast on the deck of the Rowayton Market overlooking Five Mile Harbor, brunch at Sails, cocktails on the deck of the Rowayton Seafood restaurant, ice cream at Brendan's 101, attending a class at the Rowayton Library or a reception at the Art Center, or simply strolling down to Bayley Beach for a game of boule after dinner. I also love an evening sail watching the beautiful sunset! Once you have discovered Rowayton, it's hard to ever leave.

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