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Endless coastal views from majestic Stamford home

By Robert Storage

This waterfront home exudes New England character. If you love water and the scenic views of the Long Island Sound, boating or water sports, this majestic house in Stamford near the Darien line is just for you.

"My favorite part of this house is looking out onto the water, curled up in a chair and reading," said Barbara Priest, who along with her husband, Bob, are selling the house they've lived in for 16 years to move to South Carolina. "It's so wonderful to watch the barges at night. There is a nautical feeling to this house."

Priest said nine of the 10 rooms in the house have an unobstructed view of the water. The only room in which the water cannot be seen is the 'little room,' which is currently used as a nursery for the Priest's grandchildren.

Enter the first floor of this split-level house and you will walk into the living room on the right. Off the living room is a sitting room, Barbara Priest said, which has two sides of windows that look out onto the water. The first floor also features a two-year-old kitchen with an eat-in area "which makes you feel like you are in a boat because it has a teak and holly table," Priest said. Teak and holly are woods used in a flooring on boats and yachts.

There is an oversized dining room on the first floor that is great for entertaining.

The second floor has three bedrooms and a large master suite with a 10-foot ceiling. There is also a master bath with a large oversized shower. The master suite also comes complete with two walk-in closets and a sitting room/den, Priest said. The den, she said, has a wet bar and a hot tub. The first floor level also includes two custom-designed patios and there is also a custom-designed fire pit. The basement, she said, also has abun-



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Above: The living room at 119 Carter Drive in Stamford features wainscoting paneling, custom built-ins and a fireplace with stone surround. **Below:** The sitting room is lined with hardwood flooring and includes access to the patio area overlooking the Long Island Sound.

Details

Address: 119 Carter Drive, Stamford

Price: \$1.899 million

Rooms: 10

Features: Water, water everywhere. The water is just 35 feet from this beautiful home, which looks out on the Long Island Sound. It has a 10-foot ceiling in the master suite, a den with a wet bar and a hot tub and beautiful landscaping. The split-level home includes an eat-in kitchen that is only two years old and an oversized dining room perfect for entertaining. The home is walking distance of three marinas and near Darien.

Schools: KT Murphy Elementary, Turn of River Middle; and Westhill High School.

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In 2000, Priest said the family wanted to move "to a destination house." The house on Carter Drive was known as just

that in the neighborhood.

"All of our (three) kids and their friends wanted their parties here, their pre-prom and post-prom parties, you name it," Priest said. "The kids can be down on the lawn playing their games and the parents can be on the deck having their quiet time."

The landscaping, Priest said, "is like our own little resort. There are a lot of perennials, roses and hydrangeas."

The house is also between two beaches: Cove Beach and Cummings Beach. Cove Beach, Priest said, has one of the best walking areas in the region.

In addition, Priest said, the house is in walking distance of three marinas and is one-and-a-half miles from Darien.

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