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LIVE THE DREAM:  
**THE HOUSE  
THAT  
LASERS BUILT**

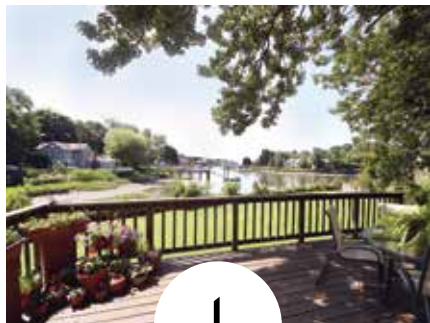
*Designer Bruce Kirby's waterfront property is for sale.*

*By Kim Kavin*

**B**RUCE KIRBY WAS drawing San Juan sailboats for the Clark Boat Company when he got a call in the 1970s asking for a car-top sailboat. His sketch during that call became known as “the million-dollar doodle,” evolving into the Laser, one of the most popular single-handed dinghies in history. “That was my most money ever made in the shortest time,” Kirby says. “It tripled my income.”

With his newfound cash, he bought a waterfront home in Rowayton, Connecticut, with views of Long Island Sound from every window. He scored it at a steal from an IBM comptroller.

*After designing the Laser dinghy, Kirby was able to buy this Connecticut home. His studio is on site, along with a boat ramp.*



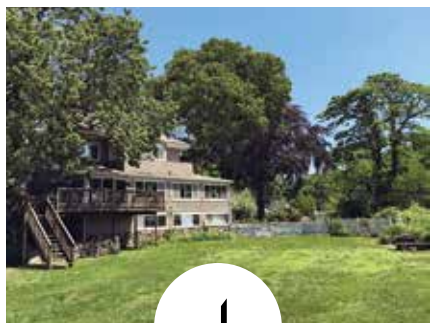
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1. The land is a half-mile from Long Island Sound, with a hurricane shelter. 2. The home's unassuming exterior. 3. Lasers race worldwide today. 4. The lawn overlooking the water. 5. Kirby's dock can take a 45-footer, and his launch ramp can handle 9 or 10 feet of beam.

"He had a purple motorboat in front of the house," Kirby recalls. "He really didn't know the value of the property for somebody like me, for a real boat lover."

Kirby didn't need the tandem garage on the harbor side, so he installed a pair of 7-foot-long drafting tables. "I've done most of the boats here, I guess starting with the San Juan 30," he says. "The space where my computer is, I turned it around so it wasn't facing the water. It's the only way I could get some work done."

Kirby raised his kids here and taught his grandchildren to sail by way of the boats at his dock: Lasers, of course, plus others he designed, such as the Nightwind 35 and Norwalk Island Sharpie.

Now turning 88, Kirby is selling — but not to anyone with a purple motorboat.

"We've got the best spot in Rowayton — some people say in all of Connecticut," he says with understandable pride. "I'd like to see somebody buy it who wants to do all that good stuff on the water. It's almost like owning a yacht club." 📍

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### EVO 43: SHAPE-SHIFTING DECK SPACE

Evo Yachts got its start in Italy in 2015, and the Evo 43, debuting stateside this month, is the builder's first model. She is designed as a day cruiser that looks as sleek and stylish as any Italian express boat on the water today — but on the hook, she gives new meaning to the idea of an oversize aft sunning area. Press a button on a touchscreen panel (or on your smartphone), and what the builder calls XTensions slide out, taking less than 30 seconds to increase usable space by 40 percent. The result: a nearly 270-square-foot lounging space with hydraulic swim steps and a platform that can lower right into the water. Volvo Penta IPS and Cummins straight-shaft engine options are available, with a top speed of 38 knots and a 30-knot cruise. *Take the next step: [evoyachts.com](http://evoyachts.com)*

