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A SEASONAL COTTAGE HOVERS OVER LAND & SEA

Located on the rocky eastern shore of Cliff Island, only a short walk from the last stop “down the bay” on the Casco Bay Lines ferry route, this seasonal cottage is nestled into the edge of the woods and yet lies so close to the shore that you can hear the pebbles rolling out with the tide.

The local clients had just closed on this property when they reached out to Kevin Browne Architecture to transform and expand the existing rustic camp into an island retreat that would comfortably accommodate their family.

Due to the extent of the renovation, two-thirds of the structure had to be rebuilt and elevated on concrete piers in order to comply with current flood-zone requirements. The new design took full advantage of the 30 percent expansion limit by expanding upward to create three additional small bedrooms. This upward expansion allowed for taller ceilings throughout the first floor. Exposed rafters and V-match pine on the ceilings maintain the rustic charm of the original camp, while modern fixtures and finishes add to the comfort of the retreat. An expanse of windows wraps the cottage and showcases an awe-inspiring view from every space, including views of the ocean through the cottage on the approach from the narrow camp road.



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