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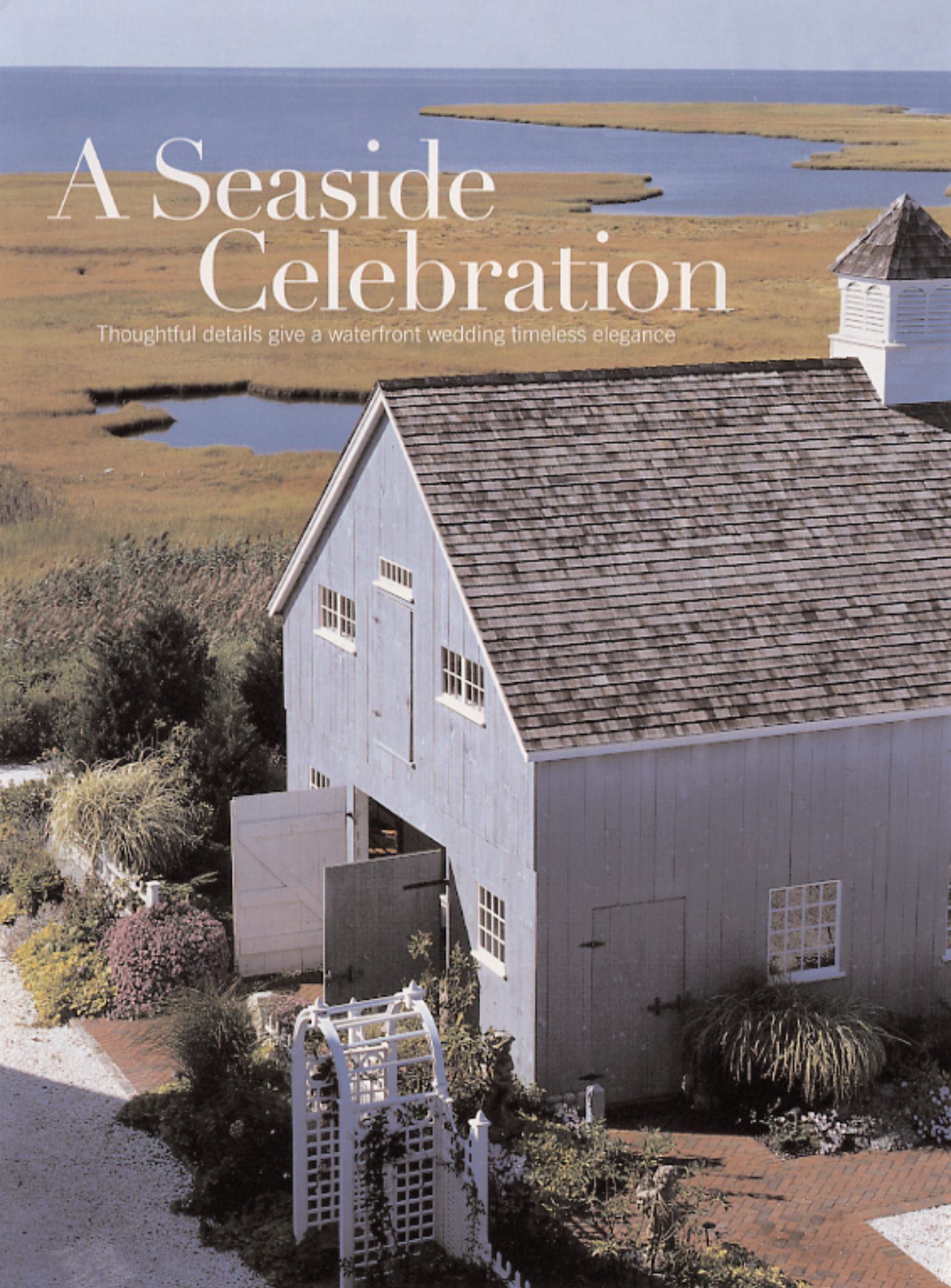
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A Seaside Celebration

Thoughtful details give a waterfront wedding timeless elegance



Shoreman wedding

With a nautical theme, the wedding ceremony and reception were held at the Bonnet Island Estate in Long Beach, NJ. The sun casts a golden glow over the setting for the ceremony, a 19th-century post-and-beam barn. This page, clockwise from top, A nautical compass motif highlights the wedding programs, which are tacked to windproof wooden boards. Pickled program boards, \$20 each, by Karen Bartolomei for Grapevine. A yacht club atmosphere, like the one at Bonnet Island Estate in Long Beach Island, NJ, adds refinement to natural beauty. Starfish and carefully tied rope make seaworthy invitations. Natural cork paper invitations and response cards, \$38 each with a minimum order of 50, by Karen Bartolomei for Grapevine.

a shore thing

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golden moments

This page, clockwise from top, Lengths of rope are wound into a large, round mat at the center of each table, reinforcing the nautical theme and weighting the doupioni tablecloth. A heavy copper lantern creates romantic candlelight—without risk of being blown over by a seaside breeze. Natural cork table numbers, \$10 each, by Grapevine. Anchor lamp, \$159, by Authentic Models. The setting can inspire a seaworthy take-home treat, from lobster- and life preserver-shaped cookies to keychains formed in sailor's knots—all gathered in a copper pail. Copper bucket, \$20, by Planter Resource. Sugar cookies, \$6 each with a minimum of 48, by Eleni's Cookies. Fralinger's salt-water taffy tin, \$12. Royal Dockyard tape measure, \$15. A seagull makes an uninited, but never unwelcome, guest. Opposite, Towering arrangements of hydrangea, bear grass and amaranthus lend a sand-dune vibe to a sunset supper. Bronze-hued linens and copper chargers add rich hues to the tablescape. Centerpieces, \$550 each, by Michelle Rago LTD. Tables, linens and tableware by Triserve Party Rental.





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tying the knots

Opposite, A rope-bedecked basket filled with white hydrangea petals is ideal for the flower girl, who wears her own sailor dress. Rope cone petal toss, \$175, by Michelle Rago LTD. This page, clockwise from top, Simple white-rope accents on the bride's bouquet of cymbidium orchids, hydrangea, scabiosa, wheat and steel grass underscore the maritime mood. Bouquet, \$225, by Michelle Rago LTD. Dress, \$3,730, by Liancarlo. Cool copper compasses guide guests to their seats. Seating-card compasses, \$12 each, by Grapevine. The men are ship-shape with these nautically knotted hydrangea and steel grass boutonnières, \$30 each, by Michelle Rago LTD.

