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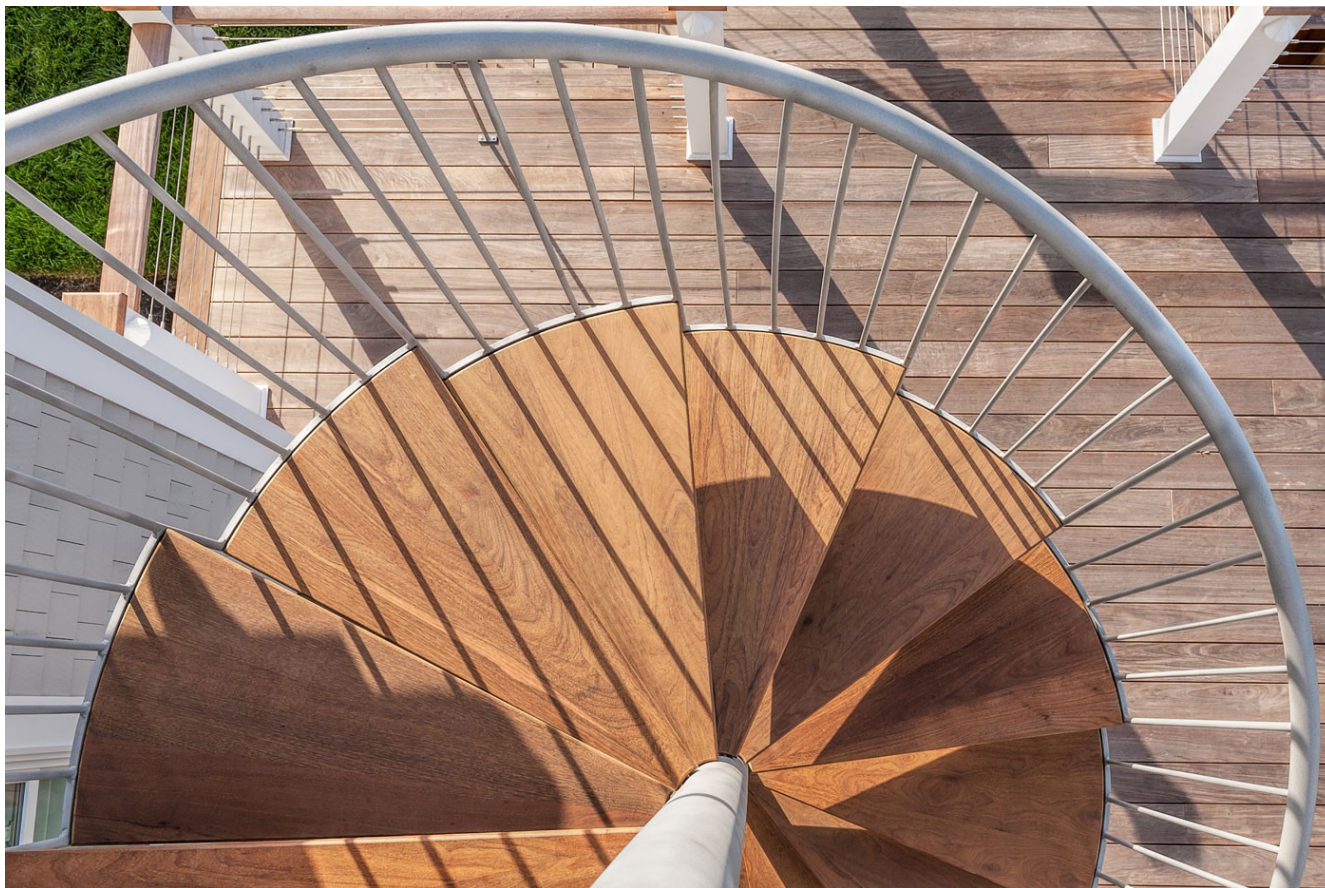
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Construction by Cape Dreams Building & Design; architecture by Steven Hayes; materials by Shepley; photo by Richard Gayle Photography

For waterfront homes and for those with a view, a multistory deck is the new must. “The deck is the place where everyone congregates come summer,” says President Paul van Steensel of Cape Dreams Building & Design, and architects are answering with tiered designs that give homeowners an array of options—some areas with full sun, others atop the roof, some

tailored for alfresco dining and still others for private moments (perhaps off the master bedroom)—but all with a view.



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The whole idea, shares van Steensel, is to capture those vistas from the second floor. Cape Dreams Building & Design has done quite a few multi-level decks recently, but the Brewster beauty shown here, he says, is among his firm's finest. The bayside home, designed by Architect Steven Hayes, nabbed Cape Dreams a Gold BRICC Award for excellence in construction, and we have to imagine the deck system played no small role. With materials provided by Shepley, this ipe wood deck features a fieldstone fireplace and cable railing so as not to obstruct the outlook.

To achieve its soaring and seamless look, Cape Dreams used blind fasteners to build the deck and fabricated custom radius railings for the spiral stair. Waterproofing multifloor decks is also key, says van Steensel (Cape Dreams uses LINE-X), as is going the extra mile on the ceilings underneath the top decks. Here they used V-Groove paneling complete with crown molding and recessed lighting.