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Kitchen of the Issue

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The unique kitchen in this waterfront home combines modern and rustic details artfully brought together by home designer, Bob Chatham of Bob Chatham Custom Home Designs, builder, Phillip Vlahos of Vlahos & Tuck Construction, and interior designer, Jo Ann Knowles.

The wall to wall, counter to ceiling, impact glass windows provide amazing views of the canal and Bayou St. John. What could be better than viewing Gulf Coast Wildlife and the sunset through a ten foot tall glass wall, while cooking dinner?

The thirteen foot high ceiling is rough sawn cedar with beams and the hardwood flooring is solid oak.

The centerpiece of the kitchen is a free-standing island with a handcrafted wood countertop. The kitchen walls are 1 x 6 painted shiplap.

Another unique feature in this kitchen is the built-in hutch, which has a refined, distressed finish and glass doors. This beautiful hutch is located next to a spacious walk-in pantry.

A designated area for the wet bar includes a sink, wine cooler, and ice maker. All the appliances are from Mobile Appliances and the cabinetry is from Brocks Cabinets South.

The combination of the wall of glass, open views to the living and dining area as well as easy access to the expansive porch create an enjoyable space for everyday living and entertaining.







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Bella Sea

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Creatively constructed on 3 waterfront lots (2.4 acres) for maximum privacy and maximum water views, Bella Sea, is located on prestigious gated Ono Island. It is a 6 bedroom, 5 and one half bath, 11,000 sq ft beauty. Your journey into this home begins with the oversized

double antique wooden doors, which open to the foyer and to the breathtaking Harbour views beyond the martini glass shaped infinity pool. A wrought iron staircase carries you to the main living area where you will delight at the Chef's kitchen complete with ultra custom cabinetry, Wolfe 6 burner cook top, Sub Zero fridge/freezer, Viking beverage drawers and ice maker. You will feel stately in this Old World meets contemporary designed living area with exposed Sinker Cypress beams, travertine floors and gas fireplace with a separate raised dining area.

The Master bedroom features a cozy sitting area as well as a delightful screened in porch for enjoying nature and the gentle harbor breezes.

A well thought out guest suite of 4 bedrooms is privately tucked away across the hall in the guest wing. An ad-

ditional bedroom is on the third level and has a stunning wall of windows. The guest wing also has its own sitting area.

Your first party gathering around the pool area will be a bucket list moment! Serve from the fully equipped stainless steel kitchen, as your guests enjoy the festive martini glass shaped infinity pool, fire pots, and lush waterfalls. Access your 1500 bottle wine cellar located on the main level. A boat ride anyone?.....its just steps away to your pier and any of 3 boat slips which can accommodate up to a 60 foot boat.

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Think you can't have it all? Think again..... and imagine !

Regatta Bay Retreat

by Morgan Cole



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square-foot of Regatta Bay home that Philip and Lauren Vlahos created, was every inch a labor of love. The home's vast interior is comprised of many white spaces, but without the monotony or sterility that can so easily result from a typical white-on-white design scheme. Instead, evoking an indescribable feeling of light meeting the open air with a clean openness that is both crisp and soft.

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Built in late 2016 by Debo-gory & Vlahos Construction, its masterful design perfectly reflects the style of this young family, whose aesthetic is a well-balanced mix of traditional elegance with a touch of modern. The open floor plan, twelve-foot white vaulted ceilings with rustic wood beams, and dark hardwoods, give this home a warm inviting feeling. This was a place the couple created to raise their growing family that would truly feel welcoming and cozy.

"When Philip and I designed the house, it was important for us that we achieved a look and feel that would provide our family and guests with the comfort of be-

ing able to relax and make themselves at home," Lauren said.

As a residential contractor and developer, Philip's expertise and involvement in the homebuilding process came into play the moment the plans for the home were put into place. This time, more so than any other project in his portfolio. This home was not just another project for him, it was a personal investment of time, head and heart, and the finished product was a direct reflection of what Philip and Lauren believed the word "home" would truly embodied.

The twelve-foot ceilings give the home a sense of limitlessness with floor-to-ceiling doors and windows providing an open airy feel from the natural sunlight flood-

ing into the home's main living spaces. The cloud-like whiteness is well contrasted with a mixture of unique textured stone, woodwork, and textiles. The seamless flow from the living, dining and kitchen areas, is grounded by accents of stunning raw wood features..

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Easily the dream space of any chef,

the kitchen is one of Philip's favorite areas in the house, equipped with top of the line appliances that inspire his culinary creativity. Gleaming white quartz countertops compliment the white custom wood cabinetry with double islands extend providing additional prep space and seating for the couple who love to entertain friends and family.





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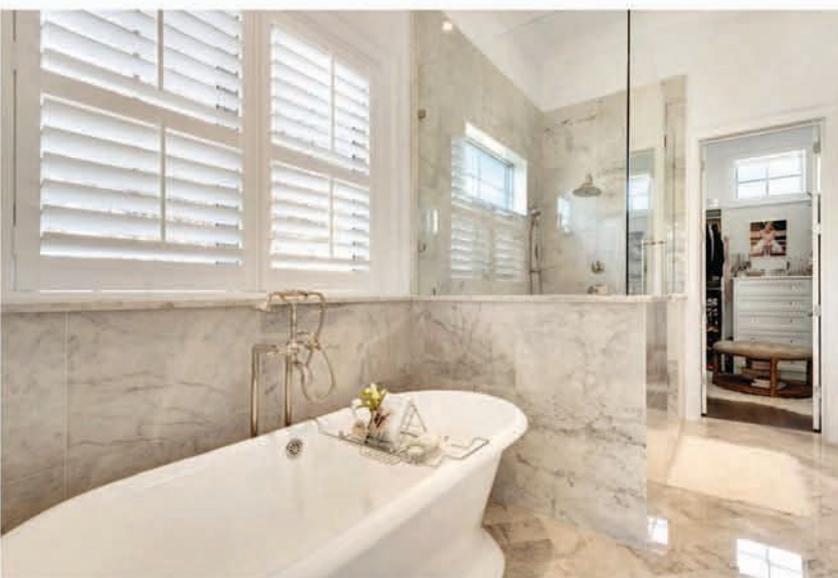
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“Our master bedroom is my serene place,” she says. “The décor and color palette give me a feeling of tranquility, creating a real place of escape that’s both serene and private.”



Much of the two-story home features wide plank oak flooring, just one of the many elements of finely crafted wood details throughout the home that provide such a rustic charm and warmth.

Each notable in their own way, from the antique wooden doors of the walk-in butler's pantry and the wine room to the herringbone pecky cypress ceiling and wood paneled walls of the foyer entry.

The architectural style is by no means cookie-cutter and is in no way mistakable for a stamped-out standard design plan. The home's exterior design portrays an architectural style evocative of Bermuda, with a white stucco façade, flat tile roof, raw wood accents, and copper gas lighting. Large cedar brackets, exposed rafter beams, and shed roofs over the garages are yet even more examples of such island sensibility.

Working together with designers Bob Chatham and Allyson Runnels, Lauren and Phillip were able to bring their home design and style to life; and now each of the home's rooms serve as a little piece of their own paradise.

"We designed this house with our specific family needs and desires in mind," explains Lauren. "As parents, we knew we wanted to choose a location that would afford us a family-friendly outdoor space with plenty of room for play and entertaining, as well as an interior space that provided our children with enough of their own space to learn and create," she continued.

As a stay-at-home mother of two young children, Lauren knew how important creating a dedicated play space would be, so the Vlahos home features playrooms and kid-friendly options aplenty.

Not to be forgotten, of course, is the space solely dedicated to the adult members of the family; and the master-suite is easily at the top of Lauren's favorite places at home. Coffered ceilings in the bedroom are inlaid in wood, drawing the eye upward and playing in harmonious accord with the natural oak flooring.

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Just steps away, the master bath is adorned with beautiful Italian marble and custom lighting fixtures providing a spa-like opulence which sets off the real showpiece of this space, the cast iron soaking tub.



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From the patterned turf leading up the drive to the backyard patio and every inch between, every aspect of the Vlahos home was selected with care and sourced with much purpose and intent. This home is soft and sleek and a respite of comfort and calm. And, for this young family, it's a place of tranquility, a place where they can relax, and a place they've created to enjoy making memories for years to come.



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