



**above:** Thoughtfully oriented, the home's design takes full advantage of its Byram Shore setting.  
**opposite page:** Grand open spaces are framed by a steel superstructure and elevated with premium materials—slate roofing, bronze windows, VeroMetal finishes and dynamic windows and doors—that connect interior and exterior environments with clean, modern lines.

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**T**he clients purchased this waterfront property more than 13 years ago, envisioning a long-awaited passion project that would celebrate both family life and entertaining. Their brief called for a modern colonial reimagined: one that honors classical forms without succumbing to the rigid symmetry of a traditional Georgian. Cardello Architects delivered a residence that balances sophistication with subtle surprises—like a turret structure that injects character and contemporary energy—while remaining grounded in tradition.

The site presented distinct challenges. A steep slope and rear-lot placement abutting

association-owned land demanded careful orientation to preserve views, privacy and water access. The material palette—gray stone, slate, bronze-framed windows and natural wood—reflects a commitment to texture and depth. The cooler tones of the stone depart from conventional East Coast warmth, lending the home a tailored, modern sensibility. Structurally, a steel skeleton supports horizontal and lateral loads, a necessity on the sloped site. Inside, polished concrete floors in the wine room, floating glass cabinetry and open layouts reinforce a marriage of contemporary craftsmanship with high-end materials, framing uninterrupted

sightlines to the water.

Every element is intentional, from axial alignments that highlight views of Calf Island to restrained detailing that tempers the home's scale. Spaces feel intimate despite the substantial footprint, and the architecture exudes quiet confidence, assertive without ostentation.

A standout feature is the automated rooftop bar, concealed within a faux chimney. This modern reinterpretation of a widow's walk offers magical, unobstructed views, where the owners enjoy sunsets and the gentle coastal breeze—a perfect vantage for reflection, entertaining and living fully by the water.

