

The house stands free of the beach...



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Tide's out, but when it's in, water comes all the way up to rocks under cantilevered living room. Beach is a ready source of firewood

facing into the weather

Raised up on concrete legs, the house shown on these pages and on the cover has a sculptured form that almost suggests a gull poised for flight. Its design was not an attempt to be unorthodox or unnecessarily eye-catching; it grew out of the owner's desires to enjoy the environment of beach and water with a maximum degree of privacy. It is essentially a house built atop a concrete platform where rooms look out over the beach and over the heads of passersby, whether on foot or in a boat.

The ground level contains terraces, barbecue, a guest room-changing room, bath, laundry, entry, and carport—everything required for enjoying the beach and water (see plan below). Guests can come and go and never have to go topside. A dumbwaiter connects the bedroom hall, near the kitchen, and the utility room; it's used both as a clothes carrier and for transporting barbecue fixings and dishes.

The upper level contains all the major living areas and bedrooms, and has the snug feel of a ship: a comfortable haven when storms whip up Puget Sound and water pounds the rocks beneath the cantilevered living room. Many of the large rocks were placed along the high tide line to keep wave-tossed logs from crashing into the concrete pilings. They also reduce the eroding action of the water on the shore.

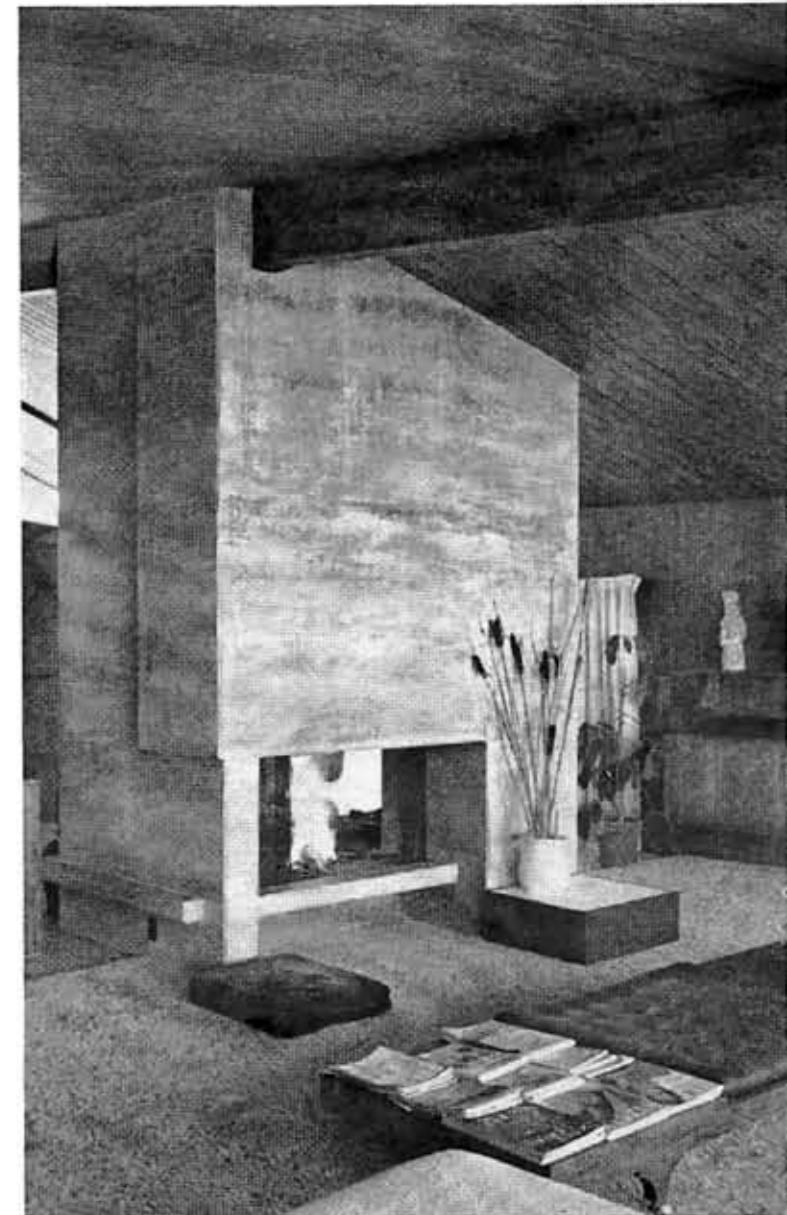
Above the concrete platform, the house is wood frame with wood paneling inside and stucco outside. Both the exterior walls and roof are thoroughly insulated against the weather. Heating is by electric cable embedded in the terrazzo floors or in plastered ceilings. All windows are double glazed.

One reason for the house's privacy is its location on the lot. As you can see in the plot plan on the next page, it sits so far forward on the lot that it juts over the high tide line. Because the house is lifted up on the reinforced concrete pilings and then



Outdoor barbecue fireplace is sheltered from the elements by house

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Two-way concrete fireplace serves both living and family rooms



Dashed line shows how far house extends beyond entry core