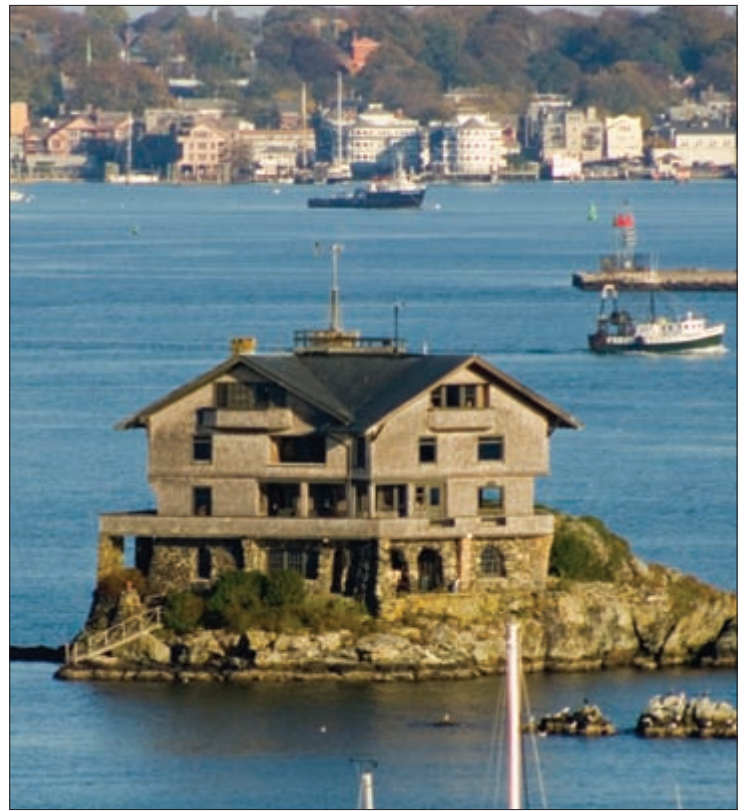


Clingstone

Sooner or later visitors will ask about that “house on the rocks.” A tour of Narragansett Bay will most likely pass by the house known as “Clingstone” on Dumpling Island. Island is a generous term for the rough gray stones that rise above the water’s surface in between Jamestown and Newport. Atop the rocks, Clingstone, an aptly named shingle-style 103-year-old summer cottage, makes its precarious and unusual home. J.S. Lovering Wharton built the home in spite after the government forced him off his land in order to expand Fort Wetherill.

It is important to note that the property and house are closed to the public. Today, Clingstone remains a private residence. It is an example of sustainable living. A wind turbine sits atop the roof and generates electricity for the household. Rainwater is collected, filtered and heated by solar panels. Clingstone boasts the latest generation of composting toilets.

An unusual spectacle of grandeur, “Clingstone” surveys Narragansett Bay from its rocky pedestal. ▲



Clingstone, or “the house on the rocks” as the locals call it, overlooks the East Passage of the Narragansett Bay.



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