



HOUSE IN GLEN COVE, LONG ISLAND, NY

Architects: Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, Inc.

Location: Glen Cove, NY

Completion: 1985



This big house, for a large and active family, is located on a peninsula jutting into Long Island Sound with dramatic views of Long Island Sound to the east and the New York City skyline to the west. The siting and plan are designed to take maximum advantage of these views.

The house is anchored by two dense cores containing the stairs, fireplaces, cabinets and storage. The major living spaces are on the second floor. The broad roof overhang forms a sheltered porch that wraps around the living level. A grand living room at the peninsula end of the house offers a 270-degree panoramic view of Long Island Sound. This room has a domed ceiling, eyebrow dormers and a massive fireplace.



The ground floor contains the entry, a three-car garage, maid's room, a game room, and a lap pool with exercise and bathroom area. The upstairs bedroom level is crammed with complex spaces like that of a yacht. Children's and guest rooms are located over the family room. The master bedroom suite is open to views of the east and west and has a balcony overlooking the living room.



The house has a bold and simple form that sits proudly on the lawn. Its concrete base recalls the massive stone rip-rip protecting the peninsula. The base is punctuated by small windows on the east, for morning light in the lap pool, and on the west and north by a protected entry arcade. The exterior is clad with silver grey cedar shingles on the lower roof and walls. The upper lead-coated copper roof unites the circular and rectilinear parts of the house.





