



**Home of the Week**  
**A Kennedy Hyannisport Haven**  
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Max Kennedy's waterfront residence, near the family compound, is on the market for just under \$6 million.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "I always go to Hyannisport to be revived, to know again the power of the sea, and the Master who rules over it and all of us."

More than merely a vacation spot, the Cape Cod hamlet of Hyannisport (aka Hyannis Port) offers squawking seagulls, sandy beaches and a very rich history.

Around 1602, Captain Bartholomew Gosnold, the first of the Old World explorers, laid eyes on the area now known as Hyannis. English settlers followed suit, incorporating the greater Town of Barnstable in 1639.

By 1830, the seaport village of Hyannis contained four schoolhouses, a few stores and a tavern. Some ten years later, the area, which had long been home to farmers, housed more than 200 shipmasters as well. And on July 8, 1854, the first railroad car reached Hyannis, prompting major changes--including increased tourism and trade.

But it was the area's noteworthy 20th-century residents--among them, JFK himself--that put the New England village on the map. Though his family had had a presence in Hyannisport, an enclave of houses adjacent to Hyannis, since 1925, it wasn't until he took the White House that the world took notice.

During that time, Kennedy purchased an adjacent home for his own family; it was later dubbed the "summer White House." A host of relatives also bought nearby properties, forming what has been called the Kennedy Compound. For just that reason, the area has been a major tourist attraction. Despite a ban of tour buses in the quaint village of Hyannisport, wide-eyed visitors come in droves every summer, desperate to catch a glimpse of the presidential pad.

Just around the corner is a six-bedroom house that has belonged to another Kennedy since 1998. Matthew Maxwell Kennedy, son of the late senator and presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy, is asking just under \$6 million for the home he and his wife, Vicki, purchased for \$1.5 million some eight years ago. After devoting much work to the home--including the addition of a pool and dock--the couple, who have since moved to Los Angeles, no longer have time to enjoy the Cape Cod getaway.

The residence, which was built in 1929, rests on 1.4 acres of Hyannisport's bluff terrain. In addition to panoramic water views, the house boasts 3,000-plus square feet of living space.

The master suite features cathedral ceilings, a fireplace and a private deck. The bath area includes a step-in steam shower, a soaking tub and a marble-topped vanity.

The living room has built-in bookshelves and offers broad, breathtaking views through a bank of windows. The dining room has hardwood floors, as well as ceiling speakers and a top-notch view.

The kitchen comes equipped with marble countertops, a porcelain apron sink and high-end appliances--among them, a Viking Professional gas stove and a Kenmore Elite dishwasher.

The home also has four and a half bathrooms, a reading alcove, a breakfast room and a sauna in the basement.

Step outside to enjoy the home's waterfront location, which overlooks the Hyannis Harbor and Nantucket Sound. The new owner--and guests--can enjoy the property's 155-foot pier, close to 300 feet of beach and a blue stone pool with a Jacuzzi.

The house is listed with Paul Grover of Kinlin Grover Real Estate in Osterville, Mass.

### **Forbes Fact**

Though JFK and his politically active family put Hyannis on the map, the Cape Cod village had served as a getaway for two presidents before him. Presidents Ulysses S. Grant and Grover Cleveland were known to visit long before JFK.