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ABOVE: Omnipresent Cape Cod, by Click Imagery. OPPOSITE from left: On the shore, Marshall Photography. Sailboat favors, by Click Imagery.



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## YOUR CAPE COD WEDDING WEEKEND

Somewhere along the way of your life you may have been touched by Cape Cod: growing up on the Cape, summering with family or friends, or attending a friend's wedding. There must be something in the air, because the Cape attracts couples from far and wide who opt for full, fun-filled wedding weekends. Allison Wildes Liset of Elegant Engagements points out that, "Ninety-nine percent of my clients are from out of town, and they plan destination weddings with 3-4 events throughout the weekend." From mid-May to Columbus Day, the Cape boasts beautiful weddings, with receptions that can range from more causal, beachside affairs to formal events in an old whaling captain's home.

One appealing venue for many couples is the Lighthouse Inn. Thirty yards from the ocean, the Lighthouse Inn is a great place for your guests to enjoy a wedding weekend. Bill Sherman, food and beverage director of the Lighthouse Inn, says that, "Couples are taken by the old style Cape Cod feel with fantastic ocean views." Guests can stay in quintessential Cape, cedar-shingle cottages for the entire weekend, and the wedding party and/or families can rent two six-room houses. Sherman notes that couples often launch the weekend with whale watching, a fishing trip, or a golf outing. Liset adds that a spa day or even beachside mani/pedis are always a wonderful option for bridal parties on Friday afternoon.

Rehearsal dinners have evolved to reflect the norm of wedding weekends. If you don't invite all guests to the rehearsal dinner, you can plan a post-dinner get-together to welcome your family and friends. "What's good about inviting everyone to the rehearsal is taking pressure off the bride and groom to do a receiving line or greetings throughout the wedding reception." That way, you'll be sure to enjoy your special day as well!

Of course, "with the wedding as the highlight," says Sherman. After a ceremony with your feet in the sand or along the seawall, you can host an ocean-view affair for up to 220 seated or 250 for an elegant hors d'oeuvres reception. Sherman notes that "five hours goes by quickly." Don't fret, however, if you missed spending time with your close cousin from, say, Cincinnati. The beauty of a wedding weekend is that you also can pop by a Sunday morning breakfast to visit some more with your family and friends who made your wedding a spectacular weekend affair.

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DETAILS

Although your Cape Cod wedding weekend will be a personal experience, there likely will be a few details that transcend any event. The following added touches, as mentioned by Liset, are details with inherent Cape Cod flair:

- A clambake rehearsal dinner rounded out by lobsters, tiki torches, flip-flops, bare feet, and beer and wine
- A trolley ride to the ceremony
- A send-off line where guests wave sparklers to celebrate the excited couple
- An elegant seashell-themed reception
- Decorative cylinders with Cape cranberries and candles

Sherman notes the following details as ones with a Cape signature:

- A sand ceremony, wherein the bride and groom merge sand from individual containers into a symbolic shared container
- Sea glass collected by the bride and groom sprinkled on the tables
- Lighthouses or lanterns integrated into the centerpieces
- Sea rocks or shells collected from each guest and given to the couple during the ceremony as a symbol of their family's and friends' support and memories

AT RIGHT: Details from Cape Cod weddings,  
by Bello Photography.

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