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Sailing Away on the Crown of the Sea

The city of Corona del Mar and the Sailhouse by John Laing Homes are a match made in heaven.

By Melinda Sheckells

Ever there were a community that fit a neighborhood to a "T" it would be the unique partnering between the quaint town of Corona del Mar, Calif., and Sailhouse, a new Southern California development from John Laing Homes. One of the premier neighborhoods of Orange County, Corona del Mar — or crown of the sea — is a stone's throw from the island village of Balboa. A mini-tribute to Cape Cod, Balboa Island possesses

some of the most architecturally significant homes in the area, as well as some of the most exclusive waterfront addresses.

It's no surprise that Sailhouse is built in an architectural style that is as striking as the meticulous details found on Balboa Island. A West Indies-look, St. Augustine architecture takes its name from the oldest city in North America, St. Augustine, Fla. True to form and in the St. Augustine-style, the development is connected by a series of interlocking paseos that raise the idea of community to a whole new level. A walkable neighborhood allows residents to connect socially and take a morning stroll to nearby

coffeehouses and entertainment areas. The homes are individual statements of a common vision of excellence. It is this dedication to craftsmanship, product innovation and customer service that has made John Laing Homes one of the premier development organizations in the United States.

Design not only dictates the exterior way of life, but it also effects the interior personality of the home and the way future residents will live and play indoors. Models of the Sailhouse are divided into two sections. The first group, known as the Bungalows, are attached homes, intimate in size, ranging from 1,367 to 2,334 square feet.



▼ The interior spaces are connected by a dramatic set of squared-off archways, as shown here, making a fluid transition from the dining room to the living room.



The second set, the Cottages, appeal to the prospective buyer who demands a slightly larger, more established, detached residence. They range in size from 1,818 to 2,383 square feet.

East Coast style

The smallest of the homes in the Bungalow series is the Carriage House. Reminiscent of a New York City loft, the majority of its 1,367 square feet comprises a spectacular great room and open kitchen. The Carriage House is a two bedroom home, but is equally functional as a one bedroom with a den.

One of the dominant features of the Carriage House is the placement of the garage. The house is perched atop the garage in a design that breaks with West Coast convention. The first and second Bungalows are two story homes, both with garages occupying the first level, as well as considerable living spaces that include a dramatic set of rooms, interlocked through square archways.

Each residence comes equipped with a fully-stocked, elaborate gourmet kitchen, that includes a standard white KitchenAid built-in countertop, 36-inch, five-burner gas cooktop and Viking wall hood.

The second level of the Bungalows is comprised of spacious bedrooms and luxury bathrooms that offer the option of dual Kohler pedestal sinks — a beautiful feature that adds to the neo-Caribbean feel.

With smaller-scale homes, closet space can be questionable. However, at Sailhouse, closets are neither overlooked nor in short supply. The closets in both the Cottages and the Bungalows are spacious, with an adjustable melamine closet system available in secondary bedrooms. Petite wooden decks leading off the upstairs bedrooms are the perfect places to celebrate the good-life with a glass of bubbly and a romantic sunset.

The Cottage life

The Cottages, vertical in orientation, are situated on three floors. Each plan has a ground level garage and elaborate laundry room. Stairs lead to opulent first floor living areas, and second level sleeping and working quarters. The Third Cottage, the largest of the homes at Sailhouse, has three bedrooms, two and one-half baths and a two car garage. By no means overpowering, the homes are simple and relaxed, with interior living spaces, such as a connected kitchen and dining room, a large family room, library and living room. A porch and balcony accent the first level and second level respectively.

▼ The Sailhouse is designed in St. Augustine-style architecture, prevalent in the city from where it gets its name, St. Augustine, Fla.



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▼ The bedrooms feature spacious closets not normally found in smaller, more intimate homes. Each plan features porch and deck enclaves off almost every room in the home.



If the house fits...buy it

A builder in England for over 150 years, John Laing Homes began its American legacy in 1947. With more than 100,000 homes under its belt, John Laing's influence can be found in the most beautiful residential neighborhoods of California, Colorado, Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia and Utah. What puts this builder at the head of the class is careful research and many laborious hours spent figuring out what kind of residences should be built in a particular neighborhood, as well as what type of architectural style the homes should embody.

▼ The Bungalows bring a unique option to the Sailhouse — attached living. Shutters by Shademaker.

Another variable in the process is size, involving a thorough analysis of what the needs, expectations and desires are of local buyers. With the status of a national builder comes purchasing efficiencies that allow John Laing Homes to offer competitive prices.

Included in every John Laing home purchase is a "service after the sale" commitment that insures a happy and satisfying move-in experience. New homeowners are always invited to inspect their purchase with a customer care representative.

A builder that gives back

Standing by a commitment to philanthropic activity, key players from John Laing Homes are captaining a care center, to be known as Emmanuel House, that will shelter homeless people suffering from HIV/AIDS. Located in Santa Ana, Calif., the 14,335-square-foot shelter offers 21 beds to homeless men and women with the AIDS virus who have nowhere else to turn.

With roots dating back to a pristine cottage built in the English countryside in 1848, the John Laing Homes tradition is a legacy and testament to a style of building that endures and gives back, for years to come.

For more information on Sailhouse please visit www.johnlainghomes.com

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Prices starting from:

First Bungalow \$788,990 to \$808,990
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Carriage House \$648,990
First Cottage \$699,990
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