

Our slice of paradise could not have been possible without the partnership with Salty Dog Construction Company, and more specifically, Tom Lumsden. I have been visiting the Middle Peninsula of Virginia since childhood; my grandparents retired there in the 1950s. However, the familiarity with the area did not provide a lot of guidance or confidence when attempting to design and build our home. Additionally, we were attempting to manage the project long-distance from our Maryland residence.

We met with Tom and began the design and permitting phase which we had been painstakingly trying to do ourselves. Communication was the key to the success of our project. Phone calls, emails and texts were always answered in a timely manner to help address the multiple questions of how best to build a home to meet all the needs of our family of 5 and meet the restrictions of local and federal regulations when building near a river. When the foundation was poured, my husband joined Tom on site to review the next phase of construction and our dream home really started to take shape. Tom would regularly photograph the progress on the building site to be sure we had a visual of all the internal systems of the construction. Prior to each key decision point, we would meet with Tom and his crew on site, if possible, or by phone to review all the factors that affect the final outcome—a place where we can come with our children to play, relax and be with family.

We have enjoyed our first of many family holidays in our new home. As a result of our close partnership with Tom and his dedication to our project, we now have a house that is solidly constructed with the considerations and design features we had been planning for years.

Happy customers,

David & Emily Serway