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DAVID NEWMAN

SHORE THING
Tyler Stone planted a kiss on Olivia Newhouse after their misty seaside ceremony in Newport, Rhode Island. "I suppose everyone wants blue skies," he says. "But when the fog rolled in, it was mystical—and so unique."

CELEBRATIONS
OLIVIA + TYLER



OLIVIA NEWHOUSE
& TYLER STONE

September 6, 2014, Newport, Rhode Island

Olivia Newhouse and Tyler Stone had a wedding venue picked out long before they set a date—and even before he got down on one knee in 2013 with an antique diamond ring that Olivia’s mother had worn for decades. “We’d already talked about getting married at my parents’ house in Newport,” explains the bride, who works at a digital marketing agency. Her family bought the Rhode Island property, called Seaweed, in 2008, shortly after she and Tyler, then both students at Georgetown, began dating. “We got to know the house and the town together, and it’s a very special place,” says Tyler, a software company director.

Post-engagement, the New York City dwellers set about planning their epic house party, which first meant hiring a band they had seen perform years earlier at a Christmas bash in Newport. “I got their card that night and told them, ‘I don’t know when I’m getting married, but if you’re still around then, I need you,’” Olivia says with a laugh. She also dug out a clipping of Jenny Packham’s “Rapunzel” dress that she had saved from a magazine and then

tracked it down, too. Other details were inspired by the location: a crest of the house graced invites, menus, and the reception’s throw pillows, and the signature drink was The Seaweed, a mojito-esque concoction that Tyler created. “Like a lot of homes in the area,” he says, “this place was designed for entertaining.”

And entertain they did. Following a civil ceremony, a sunset cocktail hour, and a dinner of lobster salad and rack of lamb, the 16-piece band had nearly all 200 guests on their feet. When the bandleader noticed that Olivia, who sang in an a cappella group in high school, knew all the words to “Sweet Child O’ Mine,” he pulled her up on stage for an impromptu duet.

Late in the evening, the newlyweds took a dance break to walk along the coast. “The moon was shining over the water, and we could hear faint music from the tent,” Olivia says. “It was the best feeling in the world, knowing all the people you love are there to support you.” But there was no need to linger. “We didn’t stand there too long,” she recalls. “We didn’t want to miss out!” —Sara Morrow

The groom, in Brooks Brothers, and the bride, in Jenny Packham, posed with their bridal party in front of her family’s home.

THIS PAGE AND OPPOSITE: DAVID NEWKIRK

Olivia gifted Tyler a silver shell pin, which he used to secure his thistle and dusty miller boutonniere.



ONE THING I LEARNED
“THERE WERE THREE THINGS THAT WERE REALLY IMPORTANT TO US: MUSIC, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND WRITING OUR OWN VOWS. FOCUSING ON THESE HELPED US RELAX A BIT ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE.” —Olivia



Stationer Alexa Pulitzer designed the engraved invitation suite; custom matchboxes were handed out with cigars at the reception.



“We kept going back to this old-world elegance,” Olivia says. “We wanted it to feel like you were at a coastal estate, regardless of place or time.”



An array of hors d'oeuvres—steak tartare, tomato confit, deviled quail eggs, goat-cheese-covered beets, and marinated salmon—made the rounds during the cocktail hour.



The reception lounge space was made comfier with pillows embroidered with the Seaweed logo.



The tiered pound cake was decorated with textured buttercream frosting, edible chocolate oyster shells, and hypericums.

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