



MARYHELEN CHOSE A GREEN, GOLD, AND CREAM COLOR PALETTE, A CLASSIC AND ELEGANT COMBINATION THAT PERFECTLY COMPLEMENTED THEIR NAUTICAL-STYLE CELEBRATION.



College sweethearts MaryHelen and Kurt Gustafson have always felt a special connection with the ocean. MaryHelen spent summers on the Cape as a child and later worked for a time as a lifeguard. Kurt grew up in Rhode Island and always held a fondness for the sea. After meeting in college and falling in love, MaryHelen and Kurt spent five years in a long-distance relationship while MaryHelen studied physical therapy in Boston and Kurt moved home to Rhode Island to work for the family business. Though they were apart often, the distance strengthened their relationship. Often, when Kurt visited MaryHelen, she was busy studying, but neither minded. Simply being together was enough.

Kurt and his father enjoyed restoring old wooden boats together and had spent three years building one particular boat from nothing more than a hull skeleton. Excited for its maiden voyage, MaryHelen traveled to Kurt's family's home in the summer of 2008. Kurt was nervous all morning, and MaryHelen assumed it had to do with watching all of his hard work come to fruition. "Once the boat was running, Kurt and I took her for a ride and tied up to his parent's mooring so they could see the boat from the shore," says MaryHelen. She had turned to wave to Kurt's parents on the shore, having no idea that his nervousness had been about more than just the boat's first voyage. When she turned back to him, he was down on one knee in the middle of the boat, holding his grandmother's antique diamond ring and asking her to be his wife. "When I finally composed myself, said yes, and stood up to look for his parents, my mother was standing on the beach," she says. After asking for her permission to propose, Kurt had arranged for her mother to be there, not wanting her to miss such a special moment.

MaryHelen and Kurt knew they wanted to be married on Cape Cod. There was no other place that they felt so connected to, and both wanted to marry near the water. With a classic and nautical-style wedding in mind, the couple made sure to include the infamous boat in the wedding, and Kurt's father lent the bride and groom his 1960 Colony Park Wagon and 1964 AMC Rambler convertible, ensuring the wedding party traveled in style. Neither had any idea that at the end of the evening, Kurt's father would give them the keys to the convertible as his gift to the bride and groom.

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Mary Helen and Kurt
Saturday, October 10, 2009
Roasted Butternut Squash
Baby Leaf Greens topped with Sp...
Served as
Wedded Table
A Little Personal Touch with Blue...





nautical-style celebration. The intimate ceremony was held at Our Lady of Victory Parish, a church where MaryHelen's mother worked. Much to her surprise, MaryHelen was unable to contain her joy as she read her vows to Kurt, bursting into tears at the altar. Recalling when they originally met during their very first week of college, she couldn't help but remember that the journey to their wedding day had been an amazing one.

Guests arrived at a gorgeous reception at the Hyannisport Club ready to celebrate. Each table was distinguished with a different nautical term for ship parts, and the place cards were anchor themed as well. Instead of champagne, the bride and groom offered guests a signature cocktail called the North End Kiss, a drink MaryHelen had discovered during her time in Boston.

Guests toasted the bride and groom at the reception as the golden light of the Hyannis sunset shone through the windows. It was one of the few Saturdays that fall that hadn't been burdened by rain, and MaryHelen and Kurt felt truly blessed — for more than just the weather!



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MARYHELEN & KURT'S ADVICE

No. **1** steal a moment away at some point during the reception, it will give you a much needed break from all the excitement & you'll remember it as a special, quiet moment between you & your new spouse.

No. **2** incorporate as many personal elements as possible. not only will it make your wedding unique & fun for your guests, but it'll make it that much more memorable.