

ON LOCATION ISLAND LIVING

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Ask anyone who has spent time living the island life, and they will probably agree that it invites a deep connection to place, where the art of creating home becomes a reflection of nature, community and craft. Fairbank Construction Company, led by owner Tad Fairbank, has embraced this ethos since relocating to Bainbridge Island in 1982. With a focus on architecturally designed custom homes, the firm brings decades of expertise and local knowledge to every build across the Pacific Northwest's islands and coastlines. "We're intentional about the projects we take on," Fairbank says. "We want the homes and buildings we create to be tasteful and reflect the character of the island." Whether inventing new ways to achieve complex goals on water-based sites or integrating smart systems into modern residences, the firm's work reflects both the complexity and beauty of island construction. "Each site tells its own story," Fairbank adds. "No two homes are the same, just like no two shorelines."

Navigating Challenges

When building by the water, unique demands require innovation and dedication. "This environment definitely comes with its challenges, both logistical and environmental," Fairbank shares. "We put a lot of focus on the building envelope, exterior materials and how the home is oriented on the site to handle things like salt air, moisture, wind and seasonal storms." For more remote projects, the team has even had to use floats and boats to bring materials in. "One time, we even coordinated with the Coast Guard, which included having life jackets on site, securing materials to prevent them from falling into the water and preparing formal rescue plans."

All About The Island

From docks and boathouses to rainwater collection systems and outdoor showers, Fairbank and team build homes with the island lifestyle in mind. These custom elements reflect both the environment and the unique rhythms of island life.

Top Perched above Port Madison on Bainbridge Island, this home masterfully blends old-world timber framing with state-of-the-art features throughout. **Center** Handcrafted detailing meets high-performance systems in this self-reliant retreat, where radiant heat, smart electronics, solar panels and a 40kW generator offer uninterrupted comfort and peace of mind. **Bottom** Overlooking the Olympics from a bluff on Bainbridge Island's west side, this modern farmhouse, designed by Dana Webber, is a family haven.

Photography Top + Center by Mike Seidl; Bottom by Aaron Leitz



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When we began back in 1978, we had one passion: to apply the highest levels of thought and craftsmanship to constructing the finest examples of residential architecture. And, our passion remains the same today. We'd like to thank our many satisfied Puget Sound area clients for inviting us to build their dreams.

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