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Cool in the Summer!



WHO Skye Bruce, 35, a real estate agent, and her husband, David, 44, an executive at a printing company, from Richmond, Va.

WHAT 4-bedroom house

WHERE Tenants Harbor, Me.

Skye: I grew up spending summers in Maine at my grandparents' house in this same little fishing village where we bought our house last year. Summers in Virginia are hot and humid. In Maine there is no humidity and there are nice breezes coming off the water all day. Getting dressed while on vacation here means layering. Even August can be cool, and you definitely need a sweater at night. And though I might put on jeans in the morning and change into shorts in the afternoon, I'm sure to leave the jeans out because I know that I'm going to need them again come sundown.

David: A lot of the summer nights are actually cool enough to build a fire in the fireplace. This beach town is so different from what I grew up with. Summers for me meant Carolina beaches, but I have fallen in love with this place. We sit on our deck, look out at the water and watch the sailboats and the lobster boats come in and out of the harbor. Then we go down to the harbor and buy lobsters right off the boats.

Skye: When we were looking for a second home, something we could use and rent out, we looked at other beach areas, including Hilton Head in South Carolina. But when we saw this place, it was a no brainer. Our money went further, and a rocky beach was 300 yards from the house. The water, of course, is chilly. Even though I've spent practically every summer of my life in Maine, I've probably been in the water only three times. And one of those times was after a boat capsized.

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