



New England Wedding Images

## The Sullivan House



## Charlene & Dennis Puebla

Amid a colorful garden courtyard in a villa nestled in the Tuscan countryside, Charlene Carr agreed to become Dennis Puebla's wife. Both Connecticut natives, Charlene and Dennis opted for an offshore wedding weekend on Block Island, the cozy coastal community just 11 miles from Newport (and incidentally, not far from Montauk, New York). "It is small, quaint and a beautiful island," says Charlene, who decided to plan the wedding around a nautical beach theme.

Accessible by ferry via Point Judith (year-round) and Fort Adams in Newport (seasonally), New London, Connecticut (seasonally), and by air, Block Island and Charlene and Dennis welcomed everyone as they descended on the island for the summer nuptials. Following their afternoon ceremony at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, the bridal party – 28 in total – and 100 guests migrated to The Sullivan House. Perched atop a hill with an impressive panorama of the island and seemingly endless water views of the Great Salt Pond and the Atlantic Ocean, the historic Sullivan House has welcomed the couple for vacations throughout the years, so Charlene and Dennis felt right at home welcoming well-traveled family and friends. Many guests stayed in several rental houses on the grounds making for a convenient, stress-free weekend. All of the homes on the spirited compound were decorated

with tulle and pew bows with periwinkle flowers, adding to the celebratory seaside ambience.

Upon entering the softly illuminated reception tent, “the table seating was hand written with the guests’ names on a sand dollar with a scroll tied with raffia,” says the bride. “The scroll had the unique legend of the sand dollar on it.” Each place setting had a starfish and sea grass on an ivory linen napkin layered over periwinkle table linens, while the centerpieces, tall, glass vases filled with white soft sand, sand dollars, starfish and seashells with a periwinkle candle in the center were surrounded by a ring of seashells.

The bride and groom’s sweetheart table featured a 15-inch real sand castle to coordinate with the wedding favors. Even the groom, junior ushers and groomsmen donned classic nautical attire, including khaki pants, crisp pink shirts, navy sport jackets and Vineyard Vines periwinkle crab and starfish ties. But the stunning seaside décor and Block Island’s natural beauty could not rival the emotion of the day. “It was special having our friends and family witness the admiration, love and friendship that we have for each other,” say the newlyweds. “We are looking forward to being a family and sharing the rest of our lives together.” 🍷 –AM

## the details



**Bridal Gown and Bridesmaids’ Dresses:** Alena’s Bridal, Fairfield, CT **Rings:** Charles Sulli and Sons, New York City  
**Rehearsal Dinner:** The Sullivan House, Block Island **Rehearsal Dinner Entertainment:** Island Breeze from Always Entertaining, New York City **Flowers:** Block Island Wedding Flowers by Claire McQueeney, Block Island **Hair, Make-Up and Nails:** Mark’s BeachComber Hair Design, Block Island **Caterer, Cake, Tent, Chair, Table, Dance Floor, Rest Room and Generator Rentals:** Block Island Gourmet, Block Island **Bridal Party Transportation:** Interstate Navigation Company  
**Photographer and Videographer:** New England Wedding Images, Westport, MA **Wedding Night Stay:** The Sullivan House, Block Island **Guest Accommodations:** The Sullivan House, The Blue Dory and The National Hotel, Block Island  
**Post-Wedding Party:** McGovern’s Yellow Kittens, Block Island