

Hamptons of Pacific a resort playground

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The Hamptons in New York have long dominated as North America's top waterfront luxury living but, Andy Shaw, the Canadian developer of Marin -- a project consisting of 54 low-rise condominiums along the Semiahmoo Peninsula in Washington -- calls Marin, "The Hamptons of the Pacific, a resort playground for children and adults alike."

The Semiahmoo Peninsula, which is a two-mile split bounded by Semiahmoo Bay to the west and Drayton Harbour to the east, is both beautiful and conveniently located just a short drive from Vancouver and a direct flight from Calgary.

Marin offers a wide array of social and lifestyle opportunities and amenities including easy access to the famed Semiahmoo Resort and Spa, a full service marina, two golf courses and a club house.

Because Semiahmoo is known for its beauty Marin has been designed "to blend with the natural beauty of the area while offering unmatched luxury and sophistication," Mr. Shaw says. Vancouver architects, Ankenman Marchand designed the homes with cedar as the principle material and all parking is underground to protect the surroundings and for residents' convenience. "The peninsula is considered one of the most naturally beautiful and serene locations in Washington state," Mr. Shaw says.

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The interiors have been designed by Brenda Elliot of False Creek Design and will include Sub-Zero and Wolf kitchen appliances, a large master suite with limestone walls, built-in plasma TVs and freestanding soaker tubs with steam showers.

The 54 upscale residences will be up for sale in three phases beginning in the early new-year. Interested buyers are urged to register for pre-sales at <http://www.lifeatmarin.com/>.

Marin

Builder/Developer: Exxel Pacific/Shaw and Walker Developers Group LLP

Price: \$600,000 to \$2,000,000 (U.S.)

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