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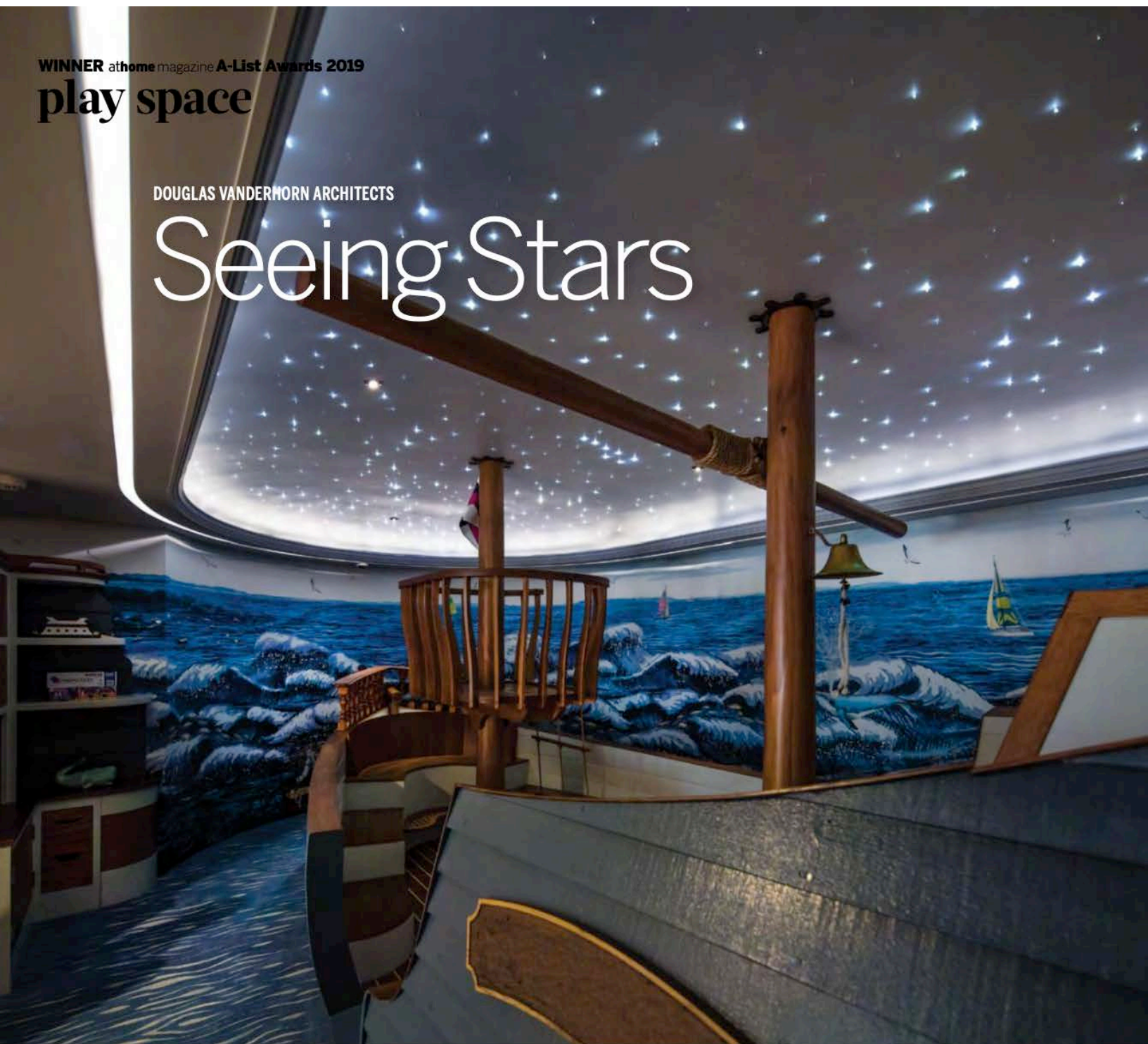
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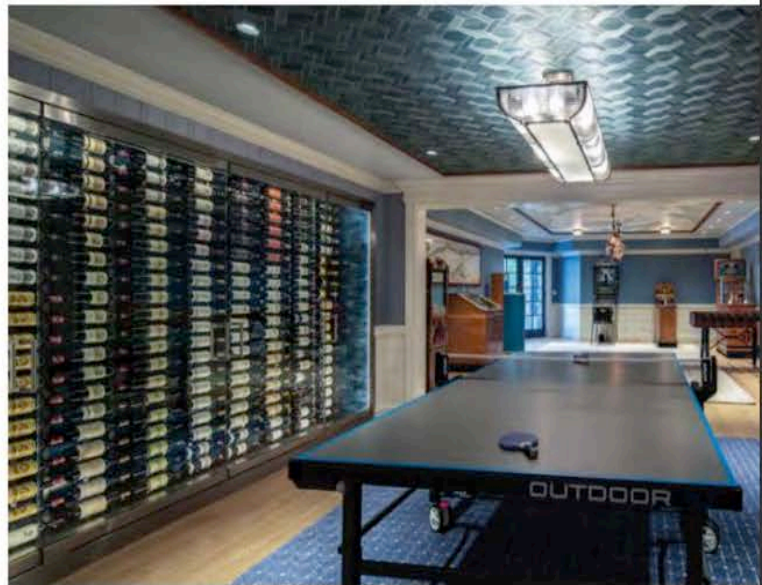
# Seeing Stars



**T**his lower-level play space of a new waterfront summer home caters to kids and adults alike. Emanating from a spacious hall featuring a sleek glass-enclosed wine wall as the backdrop for table tennis and the stairway from above, the rec room stretches out in two directions. Toward a walkout on one end is an arcade collection of antique and current games; on the other side, a stainless-steel bar top curls into the junction of ping-pong, TV lounge and children's play space, with arch-top French doors opening onto the pool terrace outside. Broad openings separate activity zones, and in the adult portion, cool wallpaper contrasts

with white trim and V-groove board wainscoting. Above the mechanical soffits, curved stained beams and narrow-groove boarding define the lengthy entertainment space, with its stone mantel and surround, large television and custom curved sofa.

A nautical theme is woven throughout, from pendant fixtures echoing naval lighting above the wet bar to the mock tall ship that brings a children's dream playroom to life. A mural of the sea takes young sailors in their four paneled bunks on a voyage that mimics the scenery they might see when sailing on the Sound, with the Manhattan skyline in the



**opposite:** A mock tall ship, "harborside" storage cabinets and "officers quarters" form a nautical dream world. The ceiling features LED strip soffit lighting and a fiber-optic constellation map in the curved vault. Dimmed lights reveal a twinkling night sky with the occasional shooting star. **top:** Four paneled bunks with stained mahogany rails and custom-built ship ladders enclose a free play area where the floor matches the teak-and-holly pattern of the boat. A nautical theme continues through the adult portion of the basement rec room. **above:** Pendant fixtures over the teak wet bar echo naval passageway lighting. From the table tennis and stair hall, with a glass-enclosed wine cellar backdrop, an antique collection of pinball, foosball, manikin bowling and the 1937 World Series game cabinets await near the southeast walkout.

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distance. The 8-and-under crew win the prize feature: the ship and the fiber-optic constellation ceiling under which she's anchored. The crew's nest, helm, bowsprit and railing are fun interactive details, and the salvaged antique ship wheel and nautical accessories add to the authenticity of this majestic playroom centerpiece. Cargo holds under the ship's upper decks double as toy storage and a play fort. The ship fabricator used 3D modeling techniques to simulate the final hull shape and create an intricate interlocking skeletal framework. The masterful result steals the show in this action-packed entertainment space.

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