

HOUSE OF THE YEAR

Lakefront Retreat In New York's Adirondacks

In second place, a golf entrepreneur's home in Lake Placid features views of Mirror Lake; listed for \$9.2 million



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JOHN AND SANDRA TAYLOR were frequent visitors to Lake Placid, N.Y., before deciding to build a vacation home there.

They wanted a timeless aesthetic, so "that you can't tell if it was built yesterday or 100 years ago," Mr. Taylor said last year in an interview with *The Wall Street Journal*.

The 11,000-square-foot, three-story home was featured as a House of the Day in August and came in second in the House of the Year voting. It received 67.32% of the picks in competition with other homes. It is still on the market, with an asking price of \$9.2 million.

The couple spent two years on its construction, hiring Andrew Chary as the architect and Ann Stillman O'Leary as interior designer. Artisans were brought in to custom-design the home's parquet floors and iron staircase railings.

"Sandra and I had some of the most fun couple years of our life building this house," Mr. Taylor said.

Mr. Taylor is manager of the Taylor Made Group, a supplier to the recreational marine industry, and boating is an element of the property.

Gardens and walkways lead down a hill to a dock with an enclosed boat house. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame views of Mirror Lake, adjacent to Lake Placid. A glass elevator also offers waterfront views.

The Taylors, who spend summer



BUILT FOR BOATERS The Taylors spent two years building their 11,000-square-foot, three-story home to have wide water views.

at the house and winters in Florida, decided to sell in favor of a smaller home.

Dominic J. S. Longcroft, the listing agent with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, says potential buy-

ers are looking at the property as a vacation home.

"We've seen a swing in interest

back to purchasing properties far away from big cities," Mr. Longcroft says.