

39 Ocean Boulevard, Southern Shores, North Carolina 27949

Circa 1952 original construction with subsequent renovations and additions over time

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The house at 39 Ocean Boulevard in Southern Shores was originally designed in 1952 for Moonlight Enterprises, Inc. At the time, it was at the end of the paved road running North from Kitty Hawk in the Outer Banks. Currently, the neighborhood is more built up with houses filled in on both sides. The town district is residential and many of the new homes are quite a bit larger and taller than this home. The lot is opposite the ocean and the residence sits back from the road. The primary entrance and parking is to the South off Skyline Road.

The home sits low to the ground and is distinguished by its vertical weathered wood T111 siding and pressure treated stand-off shutters. Unlike other extant flat top cottages, this house is unpainted. Paint chip evidence indicates it may have once been a sea green color on the trim, roof eaves and shutters. The current windows are white double hung units with muntins. The white exterior doors are inswing with screened outswing storm doors.

Currently, it would likely not conform with flood zone regulations but at the time it was built, the shoreline was quite a bit farther out from the home. The exterior has a low horizontal feel with a flat (or nearly flat) roof. The middle section of the roof line is a bit raised and corresponds in plan to the living areas within the home. The eave line is deep and the rafters are exposed below. Architecturally, it is similar in construction and design to the Flat Top modernist homes in the area from the 1950's with the jewel toned colors have been removed.

The front façade (East Elevation) faces the street and is non-descript with a long flat appearance and large shutters over living room windows. The South elevation of the structure is one of the most active side with projecting bedroom wings each with their own double window. The West façade features a courtyard entrance with flanking bedroom wings. Finally, the North façade is the simplest and with the smallest amount of fenestration.