

Spacious penthouse duplex has sweeping water views

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Located on Commercial Street in a historic 1901 waterfront building that once housed the MBTA power station, Lincoln Wharf is a full service, 24-hour concierge building that was converted to 192 condominium units in 1987.

On the eighth floor is a stunning residence, a 3,500-square-foot double unit that is a duplex penthouse.

The current owners meticulously renovated their condominium in 2001, adding with fabulous finishes, vaulted ceilings and large decks and windows, taking advantage of the spectacular city and harbor views. Carmela Laurella of Otis & Ahearn, who has listed this home for \$1.875 million, proclaims, "They did more to this unit than anyone has ever done here. They did an incredible job."

The first steps into the unit are through a dramatic entryway in deep red. A coat closet makes guests feel welcome. Come up a maple staircase into the kitchen, the focal point of the place. It is filled with light streaming through windows, sliders and skylights, bouncing off the hardwood floors. Since both homeowners are cooks, they created a gourmet kitchen with cherry and glass cabinetry, a stainless-steel tiled backsplash with brilliantly colored glass accents and honed granite counter and breakfast bar. The appliances are top-of-the-line, including a Wolf ceramic cooktop, Firenze Zephyr range



Sweeping views of the North End and beyond, including the Leonard Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge, are among the vistas enjoyed from the decks of this penthouse, Unit 802-803, at Lincoln Wharf, 379 Commercial St.

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hood, double Dacor wall ovens, a double Sub-Zero refrigerator and wine chiller. A pantry across the room has separate storage for favorite bottles of wine. The kitchen lighting is unique, with bright yellow pendants above the counter and cobalt glass trim around the recessed lighting.

Around the corner is a formal dining room, which looks out onto an outside balcony. The blue-green wall in this room recalls the color of the water. On one wall of the dining room is an air conditioning unit. Although the building has central air, this unit has its own independent system with its own compressors for year-round comfort.

Behind the dining area is a double living room, half of it used for entertaining and half

ideal as a family room. Large windows provide illumination, and for evenings there is designer lighting built into the coffered ceilings on both sides. Fabulous storage built-ins highlight a full wall of each room, one partly marble and glass and the other in birds eye maple. Soft grays and greens on the painted walls extend the waterfront color palette. The family room extends into a sitting room with three closets.

This home is as functional as it is elegant. Off the living room, there is a beautiful powder room with a marble floor and green glass tiles on the walls. The faucets and the light fixtures shine in copper. On the other side of this half bath is a fabulous laundry room in marble and granite. Double Bosch Axxis washers and dryers are quiet and convenient, and an ironing board is built into the wall. The laundry area also has a stainless-steel farmhouse-style sink.

Come up another maple stairway to the bedroom level. "These are the only cathedral ceilings in Lincoln Wharf," says Laurella, in the skylit hall entering the master suite. The master bedroom is open and spacious. A wall opposite the bed sports a plasma TV and a built-in seating area. Sliders at the far end of the room lead to a long deck. Triple windows on the long wall frame views of the Old North Church and the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge. The luxurious master bath provides the same view from the Jacuzzi tub. A glass and marble shower, a bidet and a double vanity with his/her sinks are delightful indulgences. Two walk-in closets provide ample wardrobe and shoe storage.

Every bedroom in the home has a custom closet and an en suite bathroom. In the sumptuous, soft gold guest suite embroidered blue silk draperies surround relaxing views of the harbor. The room's opulent amber bath is enhanced by a round vanity, beaded sconces and a walk-in shower.

The charming bedroom next to it is currently configured for a child, although anyone would enjoy the light green color and the view from the deck. The adjacent gray marble bath has beautiful accent tiles in a deep green. The hallway between the bedrooms has additional closet space. There is even more storage room exclusive to the unit right next door. It has utility space and even a small workshop at one end.

This stylish contemporary penthouse has every amenity you could imagine and is as exuberant as it is elegant. The rooms have a wonderful flow, and the home is wired for sound.

Lincoln Wharf has a fitness center, a large bicycle storage room, a lending library and a room for social functions. It is a family-friendly building with an atrium courtyard and its own green lawn on the waterfront. "It has the only grassy backyard in the area," says Laurella.

DETAILS

Address: Lincoln Wharf, Unit 802-803, 379 Commercial St., Waterfront

BR/BA: Three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths

Age: 1901, 1987, 2001

Price: \$1.875 million

Size: 3,500-plus square feet

Taxes: \$16,968, excluding residential exemption

Condo fees: \$1,638 per month

Features of building: Former MBTA power station converted to condominiums in 1987 with full-service concierge staffing, a private fitness center and large bicycle storage room, and for outdoor space, a waterfront lawn.

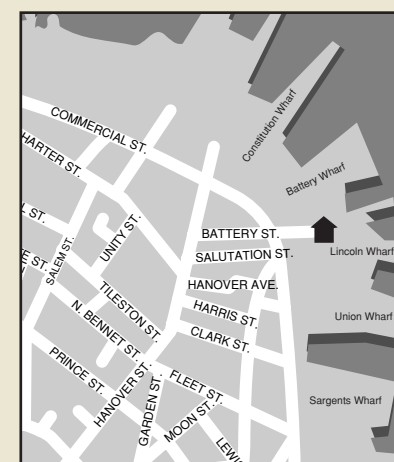
Features of unit: Elegant penthouse duplex with open floor plan and large windows and decks revealing spectacular city and harbor views; gourmet kitchen with deck access, dining room with sliders to balcony, hardwood floors, skylights, walk-in closets, many built-ins, bedrooms with luxurious en suite baths, granite and marble laundry room with double washers and dryers.

Close by: North End's restaurants and shops, Faneuil Hall and Quincy Marketplace, Financial District, City Hall Plaza, Government Center, Boston Harbor, Access to MBTA Green, Blue, and Orange lines; easy access to Logan Airport, Storrow Drive, the Mass. Turnpike and Route 93.

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The living room is simply enormous, as the owners combined two spaces. One area is used for entertaining while the other half serves as a family room, which extends into a sitting room.



The master bedroom suite has glass sliders that open onto a long deck. Opposite the bed is a built-in seating area, above which is a plasma TV.